



Today, Denver's smallest citizens are focused on learning their numbers and the importance of sharing, but tomorrow these same people will be business owners, teachers and public leaders. Denver Preschool Program makes possible the vision of a brighter tomorrow by offering all Denver families with 4-year-old children help with the cost of tuition and information on how to choose a quality preschool.

TOMORROW **STARTS NOW**

GIVING ALL CHILDREN **A SOLID START**

Tuition support is scaled to family income and quality of the school selected. Families with lower incomes who choose higher quality programs receive more tuition support. During the 2013-2014 school year the average full-day tuition credit

was \$322 per month for a student attending a full day program. More than two-thirds of approved children live in families earning less than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (under \$43,568 for a family of four).

<p>SINCE</p> <p>2007</p>	<p>\$55,000,000</p> <p> IN TUITION SUPPORT</p>	<p> 31,816</p> <p>DENVER'S 4 YEAR-OLDS KINDERGARTEN READY</p>
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FUNDING **QUALITY PRESCHOOL**

High quality programs are the key to giving children a solid start. In 2013, DPP invested nearly \$1.26 million to measure and improve the quality of Denver's preschool programs. We rate all classrooms for quality and fund quality improvement activities that include coaching for teachers, professional development opportunities including college coursework, and classroom learning materials.

250+

licensed preschools

PUBLIC, HOME, FAITH & COMMUNITY BASED

570+

classrooms

OVER \$8,000,000
invested since 2007



All rated for quality

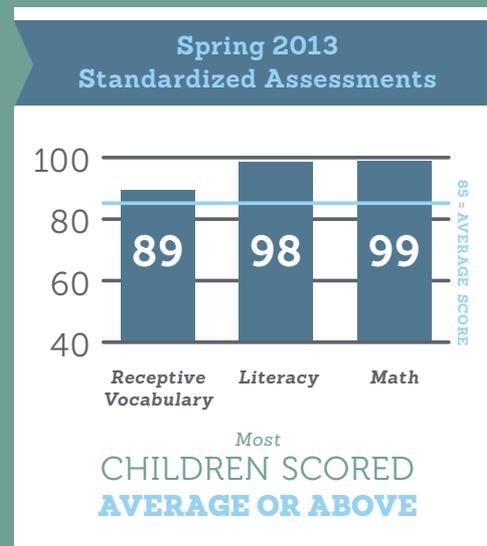
ALL

classrooms benefit

PRESCHOOL **PROGRESS**

Every fall and spring the Denver Preschool Program assesses a sample of children to measure how they progress through the school year. And every year these studies show the progress most children make. Their vocabulary expands. They know more about the alphabet, words and books. They grasp basic math concepts such as counting and measuring.

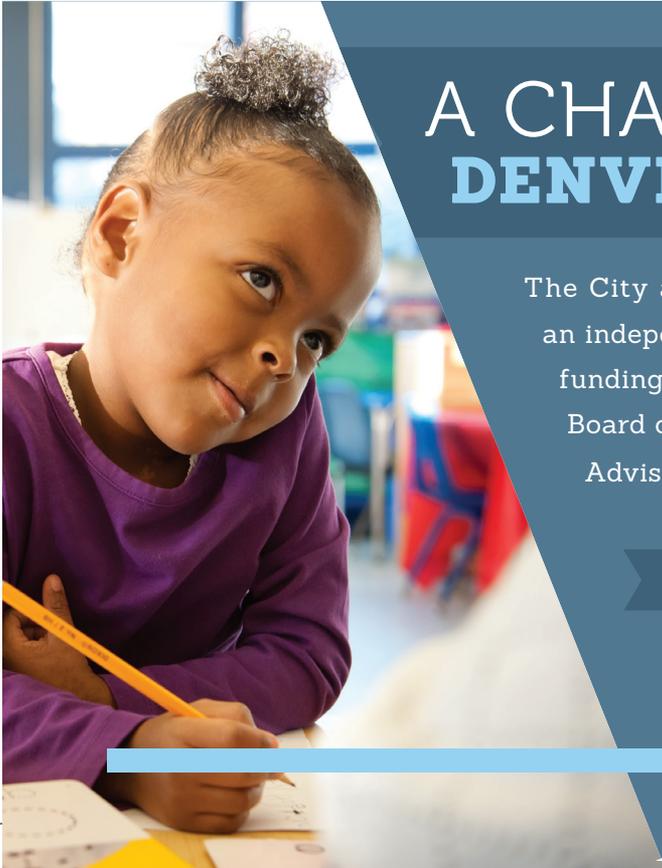
Not only are children better prepared academically, most rate high for factors important to lifelong success such as initiative and self-control. Teachers and parents both report behavioral concerns for fewer than 10 percent of children.



THE RESULTS

Follow-up studies confirm that children with Denver Preschool Program experience show better literacy and math skills than their peers in public school. These gains continue through third grade, even when the profile of Denver Preschool Program graduates puts them at greater risk of school failure.

Last year, DPP's first cohort of preschoolers took the third-grade TCAP, Colorado's standardized reading test. Results show that 64 percent of third-graders that participated in DPP posted advanced or proficient reading scores compared to 58 percent of non-DPP students.



A CHAMPION FOR **DENVER'S CHILDREN**

The City and County of Denver created the Denver Preschool Program, an independent non-profit organization, in 2006 when Denver voters approved funding preschool with sales taxes. Denver's mayor appoints a seven-member Board of Directors that governs Denver Preschool Program, as well as an Advisory Board that represents educational and community concerns.

For more information, visit **DPP.ORG**

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