Request for Information (RFI): Denver Preschool Program
Coaching/Trainings/Peer Mentorship Support

Overview

Denver Preschool Program's (DPP) vision is that every Denver child has equitable access to a strong foundation to thrive in kindergarten and beyond. We are powered by our Mission to transform the future of young children and their families by strengthening and funding the early childhood experience. Thanks to the City and County of Denver voters, DPP, funded by a city sales tax, was founded in 2006, reauthorized and expanded in 2014, and funded permanently in 2023.

DPP is dedicated to ensuring all of Denver's children have access to quality preschool education, which is crucial for their academic, social, and emotional development. All four-year-olds and many three-year-olds in Denver qualify for financial support from Denver Preschool Program. Since 2007, DPP has provided nearly $272 million in tuition support to help more than 83,000 Denver children attend the preschool of their family's choice. DPP currently partners with approximately 270 licensed preschools in Denver (inclusive of district preschools, child care centers and family child care homes) that support DPP children and families.

To further our mission, we are committed to supporting DPP-contracted preschool providers with coaching, trainings and/or peer mentorship. To inform and shape this project, DPP has created this Request for Information (RFI). We are seeking information and quotes from qualified contractors and partners to:

1. **Understand and establish the market rate for the proposed scope of work.** We aim to gather detailed financial information to ensure our budget aligns with industry standards and practices.

2. **Refine the proposed scope of work:** Through this process, DPP will leverage insights to enhance or adjust our project parameters to better meet our organizational goals and objectives.

3. **Create a pool of qualified contractors/partners:** Should DPP decide to move forward with this Project after reviewing RFI responses, this RFI process will help us identify a select group of potential partners who will be invited to participate in a Request for Proposals (RFP) planned to be issued later in November 2026.

Project Scope:

DPP has created this Request for Information (RFI) to receive information and quotes from independent contractors and/or nonprofit/for-profit organizations to complete monthly coaching, trainings and/or peer mentorship for early childhood educators at DPP-participating sites from January through December 2027. We seek to learn:

- **Topics of expertise**, such as ECERS, teaching approaches (Montessori, play/project-based learning, Reggio Emilia, etc.), social-emotional learning (Pyramid Model, Conscious Discipline, etc.), family engagement, ASQ-3/ASQ-SE, CLASS observations, UPK Quality Service Standards Colorado Shines/QRIS, etc. (please specify). Additional topics of early childhood expertise will also be considered.
- Proposed **monthly hours availability**, including available times per day
- Availability for in-person, virtual or both **types of support**
- Hourly **rate** for coaching, training and/or peer mentorship services
- **Language(s)** services would be supported in

Requirements:

Minimum requirements include having a Colorado Early Childhood Coaching Credential and/or Trainer Credential, ability to complete electronic coaching/training/peer mentorship log records, and mandatory reporting training.
More information about the credentials can be found here (at least one of these is required):
https://www.coloradoshinespdis.com/s/Coach-Credential
https://www.coloradoshinespdis.com/s/about-the-trainer-credential

DPP is looking for expertise in one or more of the following areas (please specify):

- Colorado Shines QRIS indicators
- Positive teacher-child interactions
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum implementation
- Childhood assessment
- Colorado's Early Learning and Development Guidelines
- Two-generation program support and family engagement
- Health and safety
- Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) creation and support
- Professional Development Plan creation and support – at both the teacher and program level
- Supporting the diverse population of DPP students and providers in a culturally and linguistically competent manner and respecting the various cultures, curricula, and provider settings that exist throughout the Denver Preschool Program network
- Implicit bias and racial competency
- Peer mentorship of preschool teachers/assistant teachers
- Peer mentorship of early childhood program directors/assistant directors

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Submission Requirements:

Interested parties are requested to submit the following information:

1. **Profile**: Provide name, address, website, and primary contact information, including the name, title, and email address of the individual who would serve as the primary contact.
2. **Credential Copy:** Responses must include an uploaded copy of Colorado Early Childhood Coaching Credential and/or Trainer Credential
3. **Project Approach**: Explain your project approach, style, methods and availability
4. **Experience**: Include a brief description and history of your organization (if applicable), or a resume for independent contractors
5. **Schedule:** Outline a proposed schedule for work between January and December 2027
6. **Costs:** Please include an estimated cost for all work

How to Submit:

Please complete this Google Form with your response.

Submission Deadline:

All responses must be received by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 9, 2026

Next Steps After the Submission Deadline:

Upon review of the submissions, selected contractors/organizations could be invited to participate in a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process should DPP elect to move forward with this project. The RFP will provide a more detailed project brief. Please note that DPP's issuing of this RFI does not obligate DPP to move forward with issuing the planned RFP, nor does it obligate DPP to move forward with any new and/or expanded partnerships.

Questions and Clarifications:

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this RFI, please contact diana@dpp.org. We look forward to your response and to the opportunity to work together to enhance the Denver Preschool Program's support to providers.

Additionally, DPP will be offering two optional virtual question and answer opportunities related to this RFI:

- Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 12:00-12:30 p.m.
  - Click here to join the meeting
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
  - Click here to join the meeting