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TO: Colorado Preschool Program Coordinators
FROM: Colorado Preschool Program Staff
DATE: September 1, 2011
RE: Colorado Preschool Program Fall Update

Welcome to a new school year! Once again, we are providing a Colorado Preschool Program update letter we hope will be helpful as you begin your new year. If you have any questions about this information or we can help you in anyway, please feel free to contact us.

Your official allocation for the Colorado Preschool Program is on the CDE website:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/application.htm>

If you anticipate not being able to use all of your slots, please let Lori know. Already, other districts are reporting CPP eligible children they will not be able to serve because they do not have enough slots.

If CPP slots are returned, we may be able to temporarily reallocate slots during the count period. If you need additional slots please let Lori know. Also if your district is serving more CPP-eligible children than their slot allocation, this should be noted in the October count. To do this in the ADE October pupil count, code those children as 89 (Not eligible, CPP Allotment Met) under the Public School Finance Funding Status. This then informs me where I can temporarily allocate slots after October 1 or November 1.

Also posted on the CDE website is a directory of the CPP coordinators (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/download/Resources/DistrictCoordinatorDirectory.pdf>). If you have any changes in CPP coordinators or their contact information, please let Michelle know.

Legislative Update:

- SB11-230, School Finance Act: Fortunately, each school district's permanent allocation remained unchanged from the 2010-2011 school year. Because Colorado Preschool Program funding is determined by the School Finance Formula, funding per CPP child was reduced for the 2011-12 school year as it was for the K-12 population.

2011 October Count

- Use of School Codes for Early Childhood Programs in the October Count:

We are asking school districts to identify in the October count submission the schools in which children are being served.

If you have added additional programs since the last October count, will you let us know right away? We will need the following information to generate a school code for your new schools:

- Name of Program
- Contact Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- CDHS License Number
- Grade Range Served
- Type of Program (Head Start, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit, Private Non-Profit)

Serving one child with two "slots" to fund a full day of preschool:

As I e-mailed you on August 17, the CPP Act (22-28-104 (4) (a)) allows all school districts to apply to CDE for authorization to serve a single child in preschool using two "slots" to fund a full-day program. The statute specifies that only 5% of the preschool children that CPP is authorized to serve may be funded in this way.

If a school district determines that a child has a significant need for full-day services and there is no other funding available (Child Care Assistance Program, tuition, private grants or scholarships, etc.) then that district may use the attached form to apply to CDE for the flexibility to serve a child/children in a full-day program. Each child that is approved to be served in a full-day preschool program will use 2 CPP preschool "slots" out of the school district's total preschool allocation. Under no circumstances will a school district be allowed to exceed their preschool allocation, and CDE will not authorize more than 1,008 children to be served using double slots.

A form for requesting the flexibility to serve children in a full-day program using two CPP slots is attached. Your request will be evaluated based on the need of the children you wish to serve in a full-day program, the quality of the full-day services you will provide, other resources explored in alternate funding options and your plan to track the effectiveness of full-day programming.

We will begin allocating full-day preschool slots Wednesday, September 7. Please submit your requests as soon as possible. Authorization to serve children in a full-day preschool program using two slots will be provided to you by either e-mail or fax.

Save the Dates for "CPP 101" Training:

This training is designed for those individuals who are new to their positions and would like to have an overview of the Colorado Preschool Program Program. *We also*

will welcome any coordinators, council members, or community members who would like an update on the program.

At these trainings, we will be reviewing the requirements of the Colorado Preschool Program and providing resources that may be helpful to you in administering CPP in your community. Three face to face trainings have been scheduled:

- When:** **Monday, September 12, 2011**
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Where:** Pueblo School District Board Room,
315 W. 11th St., Pueblo, CO 81003
- Presenters:** Lori Goodwin Bowers and Michelle Boyer
- Registration:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5VKTTJY>
- When:** **Friday, September 16, 2011**
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where:** Head Start/CPP Modular, Ft. Morgan School District
Sherman Early Childhood Center
300 Sherman St., Ft. Morgan, CO 80701
- Presenters:** Lori Goodwin Bowers and Kathy Miller
- Registration:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7K3YQ3J>
- When:** **Wednesday, September 21, 2011**
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where:** Educational Services Building, Montrose School District
930B Colorado Ave, Montrose, CO 81401
- Presenters:** Lori Goodwin Bowers and Mary Jo DePriest
- Registration:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F8TFGHB>

If you are interested in this information but are unable to attend any of these meetings, please let your regional consultant know.

2012 CPP Legislative Report:

We have begun working on the 2012 CPP Legislative Report. Many of you have provided valuable information concerning the effectiveness of your program. A number of you also promised to send CDE additional information later. *We would appreciate receiving that information as soon as you can get it to us.* **Also, it would be very helpful if you could send us digital pictures of children or children's drawings that could be included in the Report.** Please let us know if you need a photograph permission form.

Resources:

- This summer and fall CPP/Results Matter staff have provided assessment training and *Observation: the Heart of Authentic Assessment (Module 1)* training across the state. If you are interested in attending or hosting a training, please contact your regional consultant.

- Kelly and Kathy have been working on an alternate course of study to meet the Administration and Nutrition course requirements for CDHS large center director qualifications. This is only applicable to individuals who are working in public school settings. Currently CDHS is reviewing the training outline and we will keep you posted on the training's completion and delivery.
- Nick has been working on an online crosswalk between the P-12 Academic Standards, the assessment systems and the Head Start Framework. It should be available in the next week.
- We are working on a major reorganization of the CPP Handbook so it will be more user friendly. There has been a delay in the completion but it should also be available in the next week or so.

Finally...

If you have any questions or if we can help you in anyway please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with you this year.

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