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Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program 2008 Legislative Report is Available Now

The Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program (CPKP) today published a 12-page report to the state legislature, providing an overview of the statewide effort to boost school readiness for four- and five-year-olds.

In the 2007-2008 school year, the program served 16,360 at-risk children—13,906 in preschool and 2,454 in full-day kindergarten. In all, 171 of the state's 178 school districts participate in the program.

The report provides details on the population of students being served, the risk factors used to establish eligibility for the program and information about the kinds of agencies that serve as providers. The report also provides detail about how the CPKP legislation ensures collaboration between school districts and local public and private child care providers.

The report includes two case studies that demonstrate the long-lasting academic gains that are possible for children who participate in high-quality preschool programs.

When addressing the full-day kindergarten component of the program, the report states, "data indicates it is not the length of the day alone that contributes to children's success in kindergarten, but the quality of the program is also key to children's achievement levels."

The entire report is available on the CDE Web site at the following link:
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprevention/pi_colo_preschool.htm

Hard copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Lori Goodwin Bowers, 303-866-6783.

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