



BOULDER COUNTY
Child Care Assistance Program

Quality and dependable child care has important benefits for children, parents, and society as a whole. And research shows the earlier we invest in our kids, the greater the long-term benefits. For too many Boulder County families, however, child care is too expensive. Fortunately, they can turn to the Boulder County Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), which makes quality child care more affordable and is administered alongside Boulder County Housing & Human Services' other self-sufficiency supporting programs. Across all service areas, we are striving to build an even brighter future for Boulder County.

QUICK FACTS

CHILDREN IN BOULDER COUNTY UNDER 12 YEARS OLD

More than 5,500 are living in poverty **41,642**



AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF PRESCHOOL-AGE CARE IN BOULDER COUNTY



\$13,210 That's 41% of median income for Boulder County single mothers

AVERAGE % OF BUDGET ACCOUNTED FOR BY HOUSING & CHILD CARE

For Colorado families with young children **50%**



CURRENT NUMBER OF BOULDER COUNTY KIDS IN CCAP



1309 47% of licensed providers in Boulder County accept CCAP

CCAP MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE

2	\$2,949	4	\$4,472
3	\$3,711	5	\$5,233
6	\$5,994		



COUNTYWIDE AVERAGE ANNUAL CCAP BENEFIT PER CHILD



\$3,375

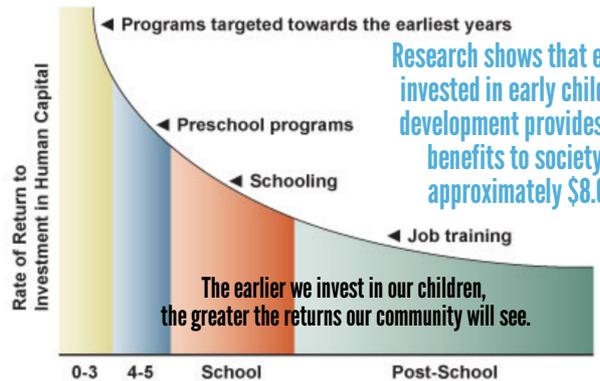
BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

CHILD CARE & PARENTAL EMPLOYMENT

"High quality early [child] care and education enables parents to increase their employment and earnings knowing their children are being well cared-for during the hours they are at work."

White House Council of Economic Advisers

RETURN ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENTS



PRESCHOOL & FUTURE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

- BENEFITS**
- Improved cognitive development
 - Improved performance on achievement tests
 - Better classroom and personal behavior
 - Fewer special education placements
 - Higher high school graduation rates

AT-RISK CHILDREN WHO DON'T RECEIVE A HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ARE:

- 25%** more likely to drop out of school
- 60%** more likely to never attend college
- 70%** more likely to be arrested for a violent crime
- 40%** more likely to become a teen parent

\$29 million

In 2014, Boulder County CCAP direct expenditures totaled \$3.4M. Total returns to society on 2014 spending alone can be expected to exceed \$29M over the lifespan of the children served.

10% per year

"The rate of return for investments in quality early childhood development for disadvantaged children is 7-10% per year through better outcomes in education, health, sociability, economic productivity, and reduced crime." Economist and Nobel laureate James Heckman

SOURCES

- U.S. Census 5 year estimates
- Ounce of Prevention Fund
- National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers University (2008)
- Qualistar Colorado (2014)
- White House Council of Economic Advisers (2014)
- Colorado Center on Law and Policy's 2015 Self-Sufficiency Standard
- The Heckman Equation Project



BOULDER COUNTY
HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES



Hope for the future, help when you need it.