

## COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND RESILIENCE FOR CARE AND LEARNING EQUITY (CIRCLE) GRANTS

Nearly 200 organizations across 52 counties – including 106 early care and education providers, 19 early childhood councils, and 63 statewide and local nonprofit organizations – have been awarded \$21.5 million in one-year CIRCLE grants (7/1/22-6/30/23) for projects to advance innovation, promote equity, and address tough childcare challenges that have been worsened by the pandemic, including:

- Pilot innovative approaches to make childcare more affordable
- Plan for and address gaps in infant and toddler care
- Boost the ECE workforce by supporting new training, recruitment, and retention efforts
- Strengthen ECE providers’ business practices by expanding support systems and technical assistance
- Promote children’s health, social-emotional development, and learning, especially children with special needs and dual language learners, through expanded training and specialized support

### Organization Breakdown:

- 206 grants to 199 unique grantees:
  - 108 grants to ECE providers (106 grantees including 12 school districts)
  - 63 grants to state and local not-for-profits organizations (61 grantees)
  - 4 grants to local governmental entities
  - 20 grants to local early childhood councils (19 grantees)
  - 10 grants to institutions of higher education (8 grantees)

### Project Geographic Focus Breakdown:

- Rural & Frontier: 57 projects (28%)
- Non-Denver Urban: 31 projects (15%)
- Denver Metro: 86 projects (42%)
- Statewide: 32 projects (15%)

Organization	Geographic Area of Project Focus	Award
A Plus Learning Center	Arapahoe	\$ 75,000
A Precious Child, Inc.	Adams; Arapahoe; Boulder; Denver; Douglas; Jefferson; Weld	\$ 15,000
ABC House Bilingual Preschool	Arapahoe	\$ 20,000
Ability Connection	Arapahoe	\$ 150,000
Academy 360	Denver	\$ 194,250
African Chamber of Commerce Colorado	Adams; Arapahoe; Boulder; Denver; Douglas; El Paso; Jefferson; Morgan; Weld	\$ 25,000
Akron Balanced Child Development Center	Washington	\$ 125,000
Anchor Center for Blind Children	Adams; Arapahoe; Boulder; Clear Creek; Denver; Douglas; Elbert; Gilpin; Jefferson; Park	\$ 102,926
Arapahoe County Community College	Arapahoe	\$ 135,574
Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council	Arapahoe	\$ 33,908
Armenians of Colorado, Inc.	Arapahoe	\$ 25,000
Aspen Academy	Arapahoe	\$ 14,567

Aspire Medical Services and Education	Archuleta	\$ 12,000
Assuring Better Child Health & Development	Statewide	\$ 228,920
Auraria Early Learning Center	Denver	\$ 250,000
Aurora Housing Authority	Arapahoe	\$ 132,943
Aurora Public Schools	Arapahoe	\$ 200,000
Bal Swan Children's Center	Adams	\$ 102,004
Bethany Busy Bee Preschool	Arapahoe	\$ 64,200
Black Parents United Foundation	Arapahoe	\$ 25,000
BMH-BJ Preschool	Denver	\$ 70,000
Boulder Jewish Community Center	Boulder; Denver	\$ 150,000
Boulder Journey School	Boulder	\$ 24,500
Bright Beginnings dba Bright by Text	Statewide	\$ 100,000
Bright Futures	Delta; Gunnison; Hinsdale; Montrose; Ouray; San Miguel	\$ 50,000
Busy Bee Preschool	Chaffee	\$ 65,000
Caring Kids Preschool	Garfield	\$ 200,000
Catholic Charities ECE Program at Garfield	Denver	\$ 10,000
Chaffee County Childcare Initiative	Chaffee	\$ 150,000
Chaffee County Early Childhood Council	Chaffee	\$ 28,181
Charlotte's Childcare	Adams	\$ 15,000
Childcare Fun for Kids!	Adams	\$ 19,557
Child Health & Development Lab - University of Denver	Statewide	\$ 170,987
Children's Rocky Mountain Preschool	Garfield	\$ 25,000
Clayton Early Learning	Statewide	\$ 100,000
Clayton Early Learning	Alamosa; Conejos; Costilla; Dolores; Eagle; El Paso; Garfield; La Plata; Lake; Logan; Montezuma; Morgan; Pitkin; Pueblo; Rio Grande; Summit; Teller; Weld	\$ 250,000
Clayton Early Learning, Trustee, George W. Clayton Trust	Denver	\$ 113,073
Clear Creek School District RE-1	Clear Creek	\$ 200,000
CoAIMH	Statewide	\$ 100,000
Collaboration between Denver's Early Childhood Council, the Early Childhood	Adams; Denver; El Paso	\$ 300,000

Partnership of Adams County, and Joint Initiatives for Youth & Families		
Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children	Statewide	\$ 20,000
Colorado Association of Family Childcare	Statewide	\$ 75,000
Colorado Center on Law and Policy	Statewide	\$ 55,000
Colorado Mountain College	Eagle; Grand; Jackson; Lake; Garfield; Pitkin; Summit; Routt	\$ 63,000
Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind	El Paso	\$ 141,530
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition	Denver	\$ 200,000
Community Partnership For Child Development	El Paso	\$ 100,000
Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center	La Plata	\$125,000
Custer County Childcare Center	Custer	\$ 100,000
Denver Preschool Program	Denver	\$ 225,000
Denver Public Schools	Denver	\$ 150,000
Denver's Early Childhood Council	Denver	\$ 182,985
Developmental FX: The Developmental & Fragile X Resource Centre	Statewide	\$ 50,000
Discovery Kids Learning Center	Mesa	\$ 45,000
Douglas County School District	Douglas	\$ 35,000
Durango Early Learning Center	La Plata	\$ 10,322
Eagle Valley Childcare Association	Eagle	\$ 69,080
Eagle View Learning Center	Mesa	\$ 99,936
Early Childhood Center @ CSU	Larimer	\$ 104,060
Early Childhood Council for Yuma, Washington and Kit Cason Counties	Yuma	\$ 80,000
Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance	Statewide	\$ 105,241
Early Childhood Council of La Plata County	La Plata	\$ 44,220
Early Childhood Council of Larimer County	Larimer	\$ 225,000
Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley	Alamosa; Conejos; Costilla; Mineral; Rio Grande; Saguache	\$ 225,000

Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado	Statewide	\$ 150,000
Early Childhood Network	Eagle; Garfield	\$ 100,000
Early Childhood Options	Summit	\$ 215,000
Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County	Adams	\$ 104,230
Early Connections Learning Centers	El Paso	\$ 175,000
Early Learning Ventures	Adams; Arapahoe; Garfield; Mesa; Morgan; Pueblo	\$ 73,000
Early Learning Ventures	Statewide	\$ 70,700
ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council	Fremont	\$ 131,992
Edgewater Collective	Jefferson	\$ 134,605
Edith Teter Preschool	Park	\$ 116,916
Elbert County Early Childhood Council	Elbert	\$ 23,166
Ellicott Preschool	El Paso	\$ 84,525
Empowering Communities Globally	Adams; Arapahoe; Denver	\$ 150,000
Energize Colorado	Statewide	\$ 45,250
Family Resource Center Association	Statewide	\$ 125,000
Family Star Montessori	Denver	\$ 200,000
Family Voices Colorado	Statewide	\$ 48,857
Firefly Autism	Jefferson	\$ 75,000
Firefly Comunidad, LLC	Lake	\$ 75,000
Focus Points Family Resource Center	Denver	\$ 200,000
Fort Lewis College Campbell Child and Family Center	La Plata	\$ 144,000
Fraser Valley Elementary Preschool	Grand	\$ 20,178
Futures Early Learning Center	Mesa	\$ 10,000
Ganeinu Preschool	Denver	\$ 75,000
Garfield Public Health	Garfield	\$ 90,000
Golden Mountain Montessori	El Paso	\$ 15,000
Grand Beginnings	Grand; Jackson	\$ 24,000
Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council	Gunnison	\$ 125,000
Haven House of Montrose, Inc	Montrose	\$ 97,783
HEA Preschool	Denver	\$ 70,000
Healthy Childcare Colorado	Statewide	\$ 61,798
Healthy Childcare Colorado	Statewide	\$ 100,000
HeartSong Montessori	Mesa	\$ 75,000

Heidi's Childcare Center	El Paso	\$ 50,000
Impact Charitable	Alamosa; Conejos; Costilla; Denver; Eagle; Garfield; Gunnison; Mineral; Pitkin; Rio Grande; Saguache	\$ 263,339
International School of Denver	Denver	\$ 75,000
IREE	Statewide	\$ 100,000
Jefferson County Head Start	Jefferson	\$ 228,875
Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families	El Paso	\$ 225,000
Kids in Need of Dentistry	Adams; Arapahoe; Denver; Douglas; Jefferson; Weld	\$ 100,000
LENA	Statewide	\$ 200,000
Lincoln Elementary	Denver	\$ 125,000
Little Einsteins Academy	Denver	\$ 60,000
Little Explorers Daycare	El Paso	\$ 10,000
Little Mavericks Learning Center	Mesa	\$ 200,000
Little Spark Early Learning Center	Denver	\$ 22,144
Little Sprouts Learning Center	Grand	\$ 20,500
Littleton Preparatory Charter School Pre-K Program	Arapahoe	\$ 23,000
Longs Peak Learning Center, Co.	Boulder; Larimer; Weld	\$ 50,000
Lutheran Social Services of Colorado	Adams, Arapahoe, El Paso, Denver, Larimer, Weld	\$ 200,000
MANAUS	Garfield	\$ 150,000
Mancos Early Learning Center	Montezuma	\$ 15,000
Mancos Valley Dragonfly School	Montezuma	\$ 75,000
Mapleton Public Schools	Adams	\$ 74,984
Maslow Academy of Applied Learning	Montrose	\$ 100,000
Mental Health Partners	Boulder	\$ 13,920
Mile High Early Learning	Adams; Arapahoe; Denver; Jefferson	\$ 225,000
Mile High United Way Inc.	Adams; Arapahoe; Boulder; Denver; Douglas; Jefferson	\$ 150,000
Montelores Early Childhood Council	Montezuma	\$ 125,224
Montessori Academy	Boulder	\$ 150,000
Montessori Children's House of Denver	Denver	\$ 85,000
Montessori Collective	Denver	\$ 83,913
Montessori Intergenerational Learning Communities DBA: Early Childhood Service Corps	Statewide	\$ 125,000

Moving Mountains	Montezuma	\$ 25,000
Ms. J's Day Care	El Paso	\$ 125,000
MSU Denver Office of Education Solutions	Statewide	\$ 150,000
MVSD Early Learning Center	Rio Grande	\$ 75,000
National Wildlife Federation	Statewide	\$ 254,844
North Routt Community Charter School	Routt	\$ 22,651
Parent Possible	Statewide	\$ 100,000
Park Hill Children's Center	Denver	\$ 12,200
Parker United Methodist Church Preschool	Douglas	\$ 75,000
Poudre School District Early Childhood	Larimer	\$ 175,000
Programa Familiar de Lenguaje	Denver	\$ 35,000
Public Education & Business Coalition	Adams; Alamosa; Arapahoe; Conejos; Costilla; Denver; Eagle; Garfield; Huerfano; La Plata; Montezuma; Pitkin; Rio Grande; Saguache	\$ 250,000
Pueblo Early Childhood Council and Children First at Pueblo Community College	Pueblo	\$ 229,900
Radian, Inc.	Denver	\$ 60,323
Raising A Reader Aspen to Parachute	Garfield	\$ 89,098
RCE Preschool	Elbert	\$ 75,000
Renaissance Children's Center/Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Adams; Arapahoe; Denver; Jefferson	\$ 36,459
Resilient Communities Resilient Futures	Denver Metro	\$ 86,001
Roaring Fork Schools Early Childhood Programs	Garfield	\$ 150,000
Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center	Fremont	\$ 50,000
Rocky Mountain Deaf School	Jefferson	\$ 150,000
Rocky Mountain Prep	Denver	\$ 150,000
Rocky Mountain Preschool	Arapahoe	\$ 85,000
Rocky Mountain Public Media	Statewide	\$ 300,000
San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center	Alamosa	\$ 70,000
Second Family Childcare	Denver	\$ 125,000
Sewall Child Development Center	Denver	\$ 225,000
Silverton Family Learning Center	San Juan	\$ 22,500

Small Business Majority	Adams; Arapahoe; Chaffee; Denver; Douglas; El Paso; Gunnison; Jefferson; La Plata; Larimer; Mesa; Pueblo; San Juan; Weld	\$ 75,000
Smart Learning Academy	Arapahoe	\$ 21,191
Southern Colorado Developmental Disabilities Services	Las Animas	\$ 25,026
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning	Denver Metro	\$ 200,000
Springboard Childcare Inc.	Arapahoe	\$ 75,000
St. Vrain Valley Schools	Boulder	\$ 250,000
STARS Early Learning Preschool @ Brighton	Adams	\$ 24,288
STARS Kid Care	Jefferson	\$ 71,219
Steamboat Springs School District	Routt	\$ 112,191
Stepping Stones Learning Center of Littleton	Jefferson	\$ 75,000
Stratton Area Foundation	Kit Carson	\$ 108,156
Sunset Academy	Boulder	\$ 75,000
Sunshine Childcare Center at NE	Logan	\$ 100,000
TEACH	Statewide	\$ 268,812
Teach For America-Colorado	Statewide	\$ 160,000
Temple Sinai Preschool	Denver	\$ 71,024
The Acorn School for Early Childhood Development	Boulder	\$ 35,250
The Center - Lake County School District R1	Lake	\$ 150,000
The Children's World School	Jefferson	\$ 150,000
The City of Burlington	Kit Carson	\$ 100,000
The Dragon's Wagon	Phillips	\$ 15,500
The Efshar Project	Boulder; Denver; Douglas; Jefferson	\$ 200,000
The Family Center/La Familia	Larimer	\$ 135,266
The Goddard School of Erie	Weld	\$ 30,000
The Goddard School of Littleton	Jefferson	\$ 10,000
The Jewish Life Center	Denver	\$ 150,000
The Little Village	Arapahoe	\$ 125,000
The Montessori Institute	Rural counties and communities	\$ 50,000
The Village for Early Childhood Education	Arapahoe	\$ 150,000
Thrive Community Building	Denver Metro Area	\$ 50,000
TLC Learning Center	Boulder	\$ 35,000
Town of Breckenridge	Summit	\$ 100,000

Triad Early Childcare Council (fiscal sponsor: Red Rocks Community College)	Jefferson; Gilpin; Clear Creek	\$ 48,961
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	El Paso	\$ 100,000
University of Colorado Denver	Statewide	\$ 300,000
University of Colorado Harris Program	Statewide	\$ 74,947
University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education	Statewide	\$ 227,277
University of Denver, CHAD Lab	Statewide	\$ 100,510
University of Northern Colorado	Statewide	\$ 77,863
Valley Settlement	Eagle; Garfield; Pitkin	\$ 255,000
Venture for Success Preparatory Learning Center	Denver	\$ 35,000
Warren Village	Denver	\$ 24,989
We Matter Learning	Weld	\$ 25,000
Westminster Public Schools	Adams	\$ 200,000
Wildflower Schools	Arapahoe; Mesa	\$ 50,000
Wonderland Nature School	Gunnison	\$ 150,000
WorkLife Partnership	Adams; Arapahoe; Boulder; Denver; Douglas; Jefferson	\$ 80,616
Yampah Mountain High School Nursery	Garfield	\$ 20,000
You be You Early Learning	Arapahoe	\$ 98,365
Young Tracks Preschool and Childcare Center	Routt	\$ 50,000
YWCA Boulder	Boulder	\$ 100,000