



General Questions:

Who is CPCD...giving children a head start?

CPCD is a private non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1987. Our mission is to prepare young children for success in school and in life by providing excellent comprehensive early childhood services in partnership with diverse families and the community. Throughout El Paso County, CPCD is serving 1,500 children birth to age 5 and their families in 30+ centers and 60+ classrooms. We are the recipient of the Head Start and Early Head Start grant in El Paso County.

What are the hours of operation for the PPSC center?

CPCD will offer care for 7 hours on Monday through Thursday and 4 hours on Fridays. The hours on Monday through Thursday will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. These are also the Head Start and Early Head Start hours. We will be offering one hour of "late care" from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. by reservation only and will "cap" the number of infants and toddlers in late care at 8 and the number of preschool children in late care at 15 on any given day. There will be no late care available on Friday. The "late care" classrooms will be conducted under childcare licensing regulations rather than Head Start regulations. There may be a minimal charge for the late care depending upon the financial/enrollment status of the family.

How many children will be served in the center in the Fall 2022 semester?

CPCD will open two infant/toddler classrooms (serving a total of 16 children birth to age 3) and one pre-school classroom (serving a total of 20 children ages 3 and 4) in August of 2022. CPCD is prepared to open a second preschool classroom if or when there is demand for those services.

When will the classrooms be open?

The preschool classroom (ages 3 to 5) will open on 8/15 and the Early Head Start classrooms will open on 8/26.

Will the center be open when PPSC is closed?

The center will be closed for one week during the Thanksgiving week, two weeks over the winter holiday season, one week at spring break and when the college is closed for inclement weather and specific holidays. For the 2022 Fall and 2023 Spring and Summer sessions, families will not be charged for the weeks that the center is closed nor for holidays or inclement weather closures. See below for specific situations in which families may be charged for absences.

What is the teacher to child ratios in each of the classrooms?

In the EHS (Infant and Toddler classrooms), 8 children (birth to age 3) are assigned to each classroom with a Lead Teacher and two teacher assistants. CPCD uses a primary caregiver model in which a staff member is assigned to each family as their primary caregiver.

In the Head Start (preschool) classroom, a maximum of 20 children (3 and 4 years old) are assigned to the classroom with a Lead Teacher and two teacher assistants.

Parents and volunteers are encouraged to be in the classroom as well as practicum students from PPSC's early education program.

What other supports are provided to my child and my family?

CPCD has a nurse, a behavioral health consultant and therapists for children with special needs assigned to work alongside the teaching staff to support children's learning and development. CPCD will also assign a Family Advocate to the classrooms who will support families in developing and meeting goals and will connect families to resources in the community. CPCD offers a variety of parent workshops that will open to all families enrolled in the center. Family Advocates will be available for non-Head Start and non-EHS families on an as-needed basis.

How do families enroll in the program?

Any family who is interested in enrolling in a CPCD classroom (including "community" slots) must enroll either in person at CPCD or online at www.cpcdheadstart.org. Please be sure to note that the family is enrolling for placement at the PPSC center.

How do families apply for CCAP?

To determine eligibility and apply for the CCAP program, families should go to Colorado Peak at https://peak--coloradopeak.force.com/peak/s/peak-landing-page?language=en_US. Families can also apply for other benefits at the same time. If a family already has a CCAP account, they can go directly to the CCAP site and log in using their identification number. CPCD expects ALL families to determine their eligibility for CCAP and apply if they are eligible. This is a funding source for the center to allow CPCD to hire and retain high-quality staff to care for children and in most cases will significantly reduce the fee that the parent is expected to pay.

For PPSC students who enrolled in the CDC in either Spring or Summer semester and are also enrolled for the Fall semester:

Note: To be considered for priority placement in the center, PPSC students MUST be enrolled for the Fall Semester by August 4.

If my child is eligible for Head Start or Early Head Start, what will the cost be for care and what are the attendance requirements?

All families are asked to determine their eligibility for CCAP and if eligible, to enroll. However, the family will not be charged for the parent co-pay, if any. CPCD expects children to attend Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the half-day on Friday being optional (8:00 a.m. to Noon).

What is the cost of care if my family is not Head Start/EHS eligible?

All families are asked to determine their eligibility for CCAP and if eligible, to enroll. If the family is eligible for CCAP, PPSC will provide a scholarship to the PPSC student in an amount equal to the co-pay that has been assigned to the family. In turn, the family will use that scholarship to pay their co-pay to CPCD. PPSC students are eligible for the scholarship on a semester basis based on their enrollment in the college and are only available for the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters. If the family is not eligible for CCAP, PPSC will provide a scholarship to the PPSC student in an amount equal to the cost of care (based on the age of the child or children). In turn, the family will use that scholarship to pay CPCD for the care of their children. PPSC students are eligible for the scholarship on a semester basis based on their enrollment in the college and are only available for the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.

What are the attendance requirements for children who are not HS or EHS-eligible?

CPCD expects that children will attend Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Fridays being optional. Other schedules MAY be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For PPSC students who were NOT enrolled in the CDC previously and for non-PPSC students who want to enroll in the center:

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What is the cost of care if my family is not Head Start/EHS eligible?

All families are asked to determine their eligibility for CCAP and if eligible, to enroll. If the family is eligible for CCAP, families will be expected to pay their co-pay on a timely basis (exact expectations for payment will be made known to families at the start of school as a part of Orientation). Additionally, families will be allowed four absences per month without charge (not counting Fridays); after those four absences, families will be charged a daily fee for missed days; that daily fee will be assigned at Orientation. If the family is not eligible for CCAP, families will be charged a weekly rate that is based on their family's income and the age of their child (sliding scale fee). In this model, there are no required number of days that a family must attend but the family's schedule must be made known to their child's teacher the week prior. There is no daily rate available.