

# Early Childhood Education Update



Office of Early Learning  
and School Readiness

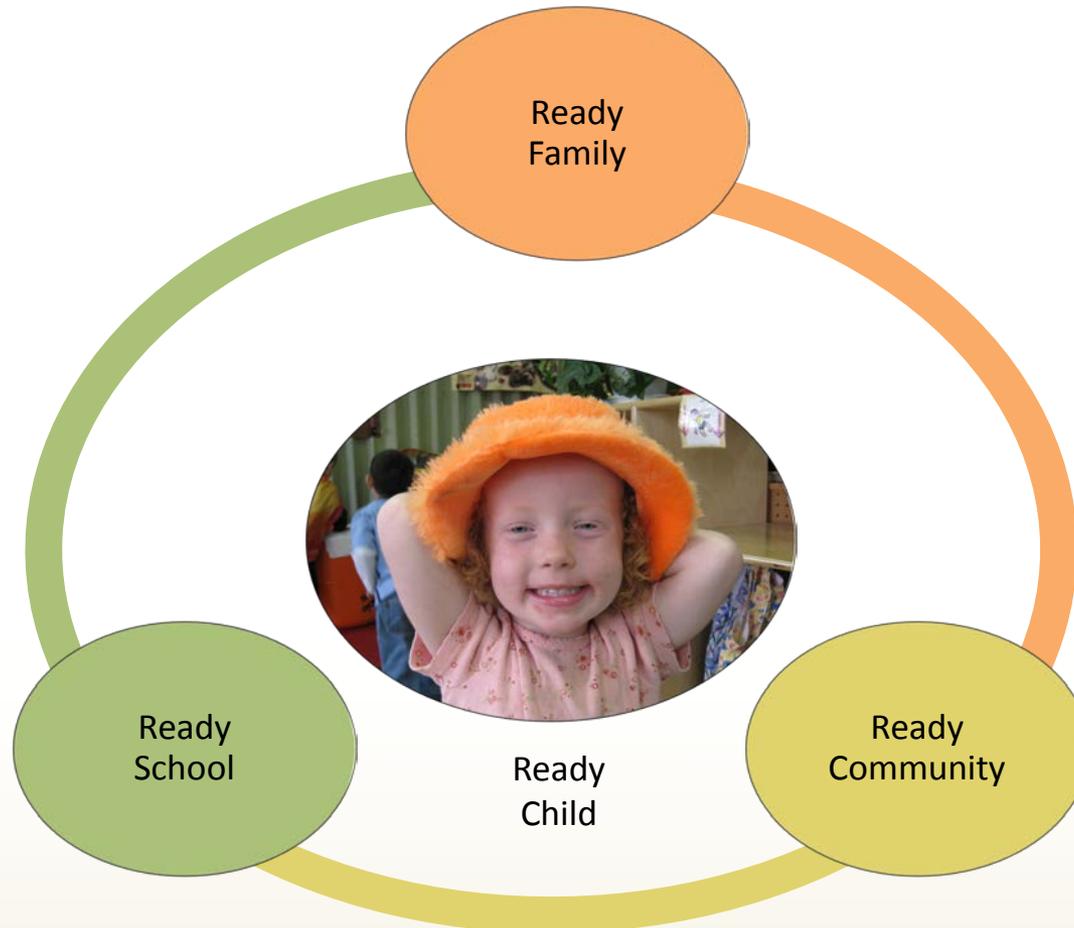
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# Agenda

- Context: System of Support
- Impact of the Colorado Preschool Program
- School Readiness within CAP4K
- Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge fund

# System of Support for the Ready Child



# What is “school readiness”?

## *State Board of Education Definition:*

- School Readiness describes both the preparedness of a child to engage in and benefit from learning experiences, and the ability of a school to meet the needs of all students enrolled in publicly funded preschool or kindergarten.
- School Readiness is enhanced when schools, families, and community service providers work collaboratively to ensure that every child is ready for higher levels of learning in academic content.

# Enhancing School Readiness: Colorado's P - 3 Vision

- Early Childhood Leadership Commission
- Early Learning Challenge Fund
- Interagency Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding: CDHS and CDE
- Colorado Preschool Program and Results Matter
- School readiness initiative within CAP4K

# CDE Early Childhood Initiatives

## Office of Early Learning and School Readiness

- Colorado Preschool Program
- Early Childhood Professional Development
- Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care Initiatives
- Results Matter
- School Readiness

## Exceptional Student Services

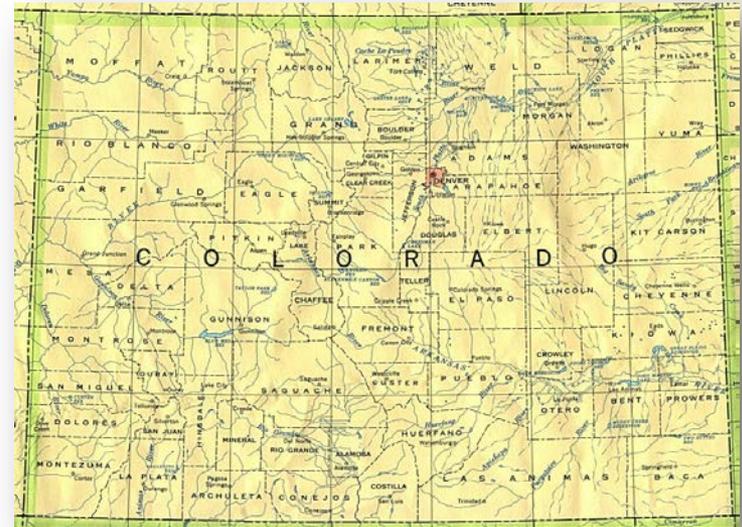
- Child Find and Special Education Preschool

# Colorado Preschool Program

Long Lasting Results for Colorado's Youngest Learners

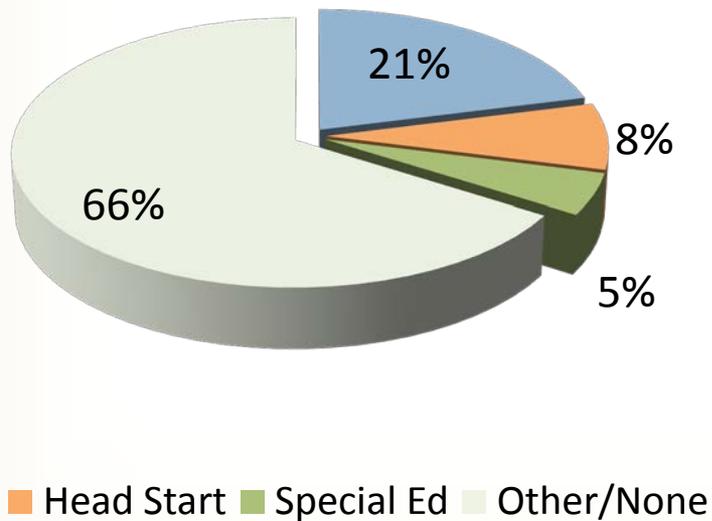
# CPP At-a-Glance

- 20,160 at-risk children
- 171 of 179 school districts
- Settings:
  - 68% school district
  - 23% private community settings
  - 9% Head Start
- Race/Ethnicity:
  - 54% Hispanic or Latino
  - 33% White
  - 8% Black or African American



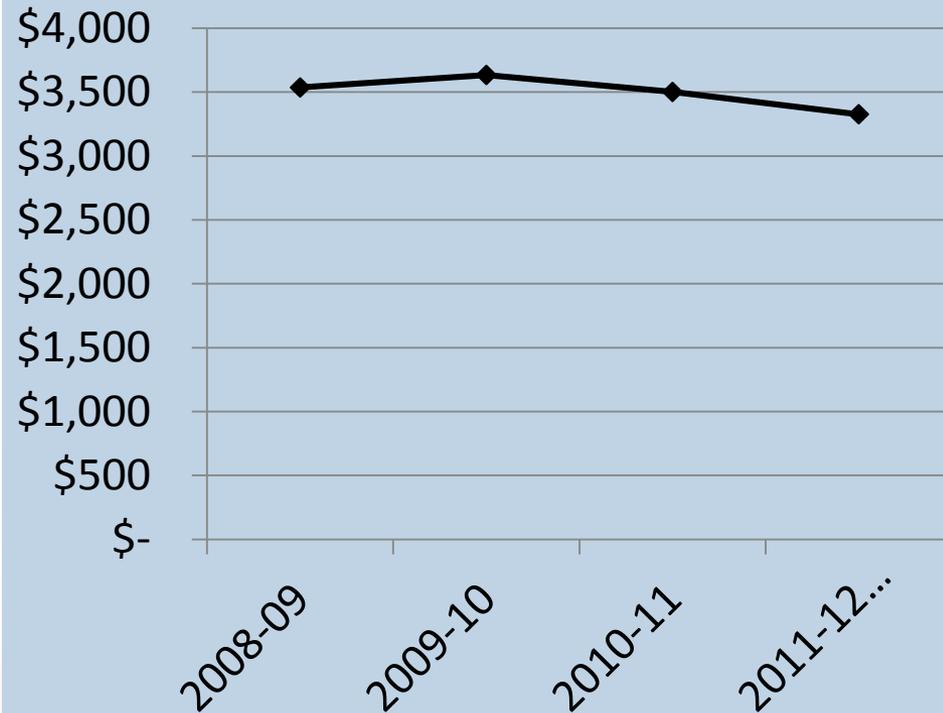
# Access to Preschool in Colorado

## 4 Year Olds

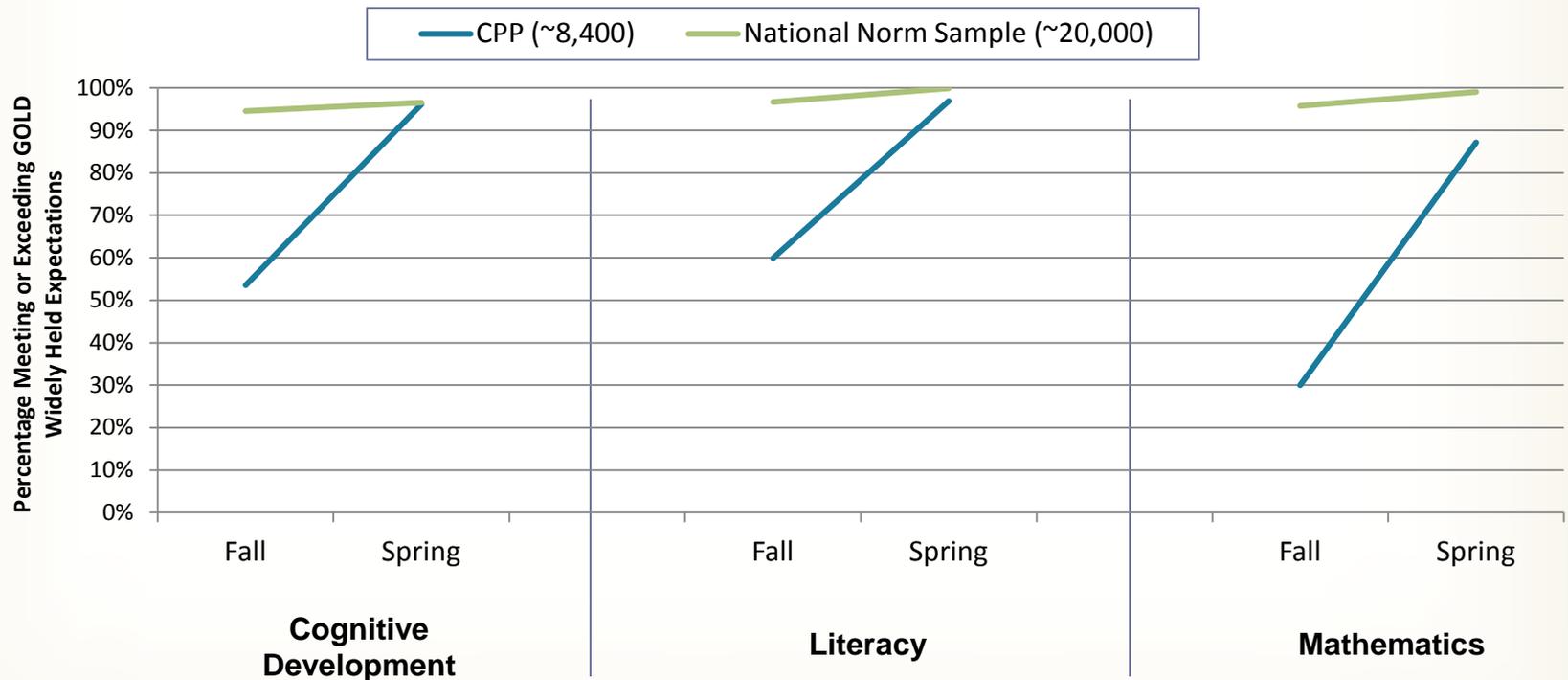


**Colorado Ranks 36<sup>th</sup> in State Spending on Preschool**

## Average Funding per CPP Slot



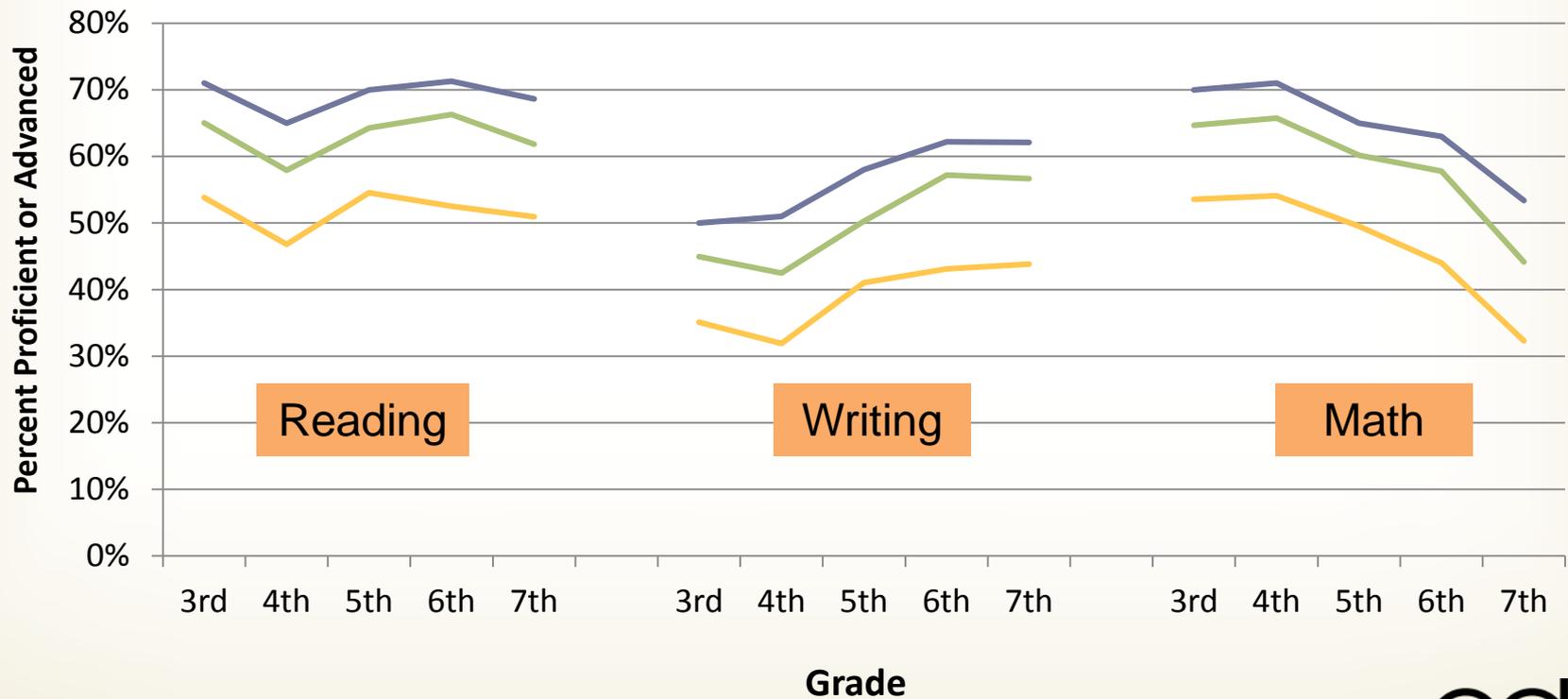
# Growth Data for Kindergarten-Bound CPP



# Lasting Effects of CPP

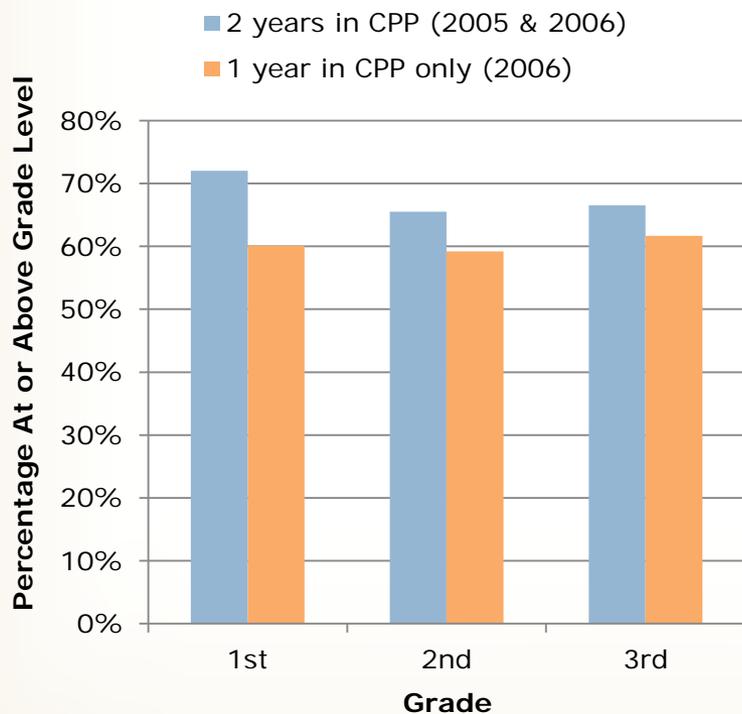
## CSAP/TCAP Grades 3-7 Outcomes

At-Risk, Non-CPP\*    CPP (2003-04)    State Average\*\*

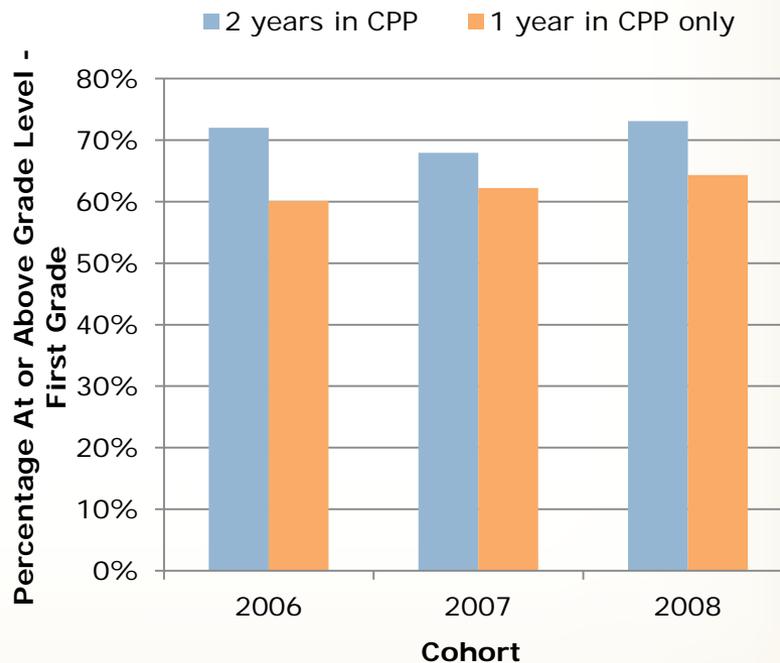


# Lasting Effects of CPP

### Literacy Outcomes: Single Cohort



### 1st Grade Literacy Outcomes: Multiple Cohorts



# CAP4K School Readiness

# CAP4K Timeline

- **2008:** CAP4K passes; school readiness and postsecondary workforce readiness defined by the State Board of Education
- **2009:** Standards revision process conducted
- **2010:** Assessment attributes defined, including those for school readiness
- **2011-2013:** Transition process to new standards and assessments
- **2013-14:** School readiness plans and assessment to be initiated

# Intent of School Readiness Assessment

School readiness assessments:

- should provide high quality, useful information to teachers and families that informs instruction and intervention.
- are intended to guide the development of Individual School Readiness Plans for each student.

**School readiness assessment information WILL NOT be used to deny a student admission or progression to kindergarten or first grade.**

# State Board Decision December 2012



- CDE will:
  - Offer districts a menu of school readiness assessments
  - Approve Teaching Strategies GOLD as the first school readiness assessment tool for the menu
  - Pending positive technical reports and final review, approve additional school readiness assessment tools for the menu

# Race to the Top: Early Learning Challenge Fund

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## Early Learning Challenge Fund

- Colorado awarded \$29.9 million over 4 years (2013-2017)
- Colorado Department of Human Services - lead agency
- Colorado Department of Education is the lead agency for:
  - Expansion of Results Matter
  - School Readiness Assessment