

# CHILD NURSERY CENTERS AT A GLANCE

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## MISSION

The Colorado Springs Child Nursery Centers, Inc. provides comprehensive, high quality early care and education to all children.

## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Child Nursery Centers (CNC) a not-for-profit, 501(C)(3), organization, was founded in 1897 by fourteen visionary women **to care for children from less fortunate families**. Over the last century, CNC has grown from one center serving 50 children to **five centers serving almost 400 children daily from limited income and working families in the Pikes Peak region**. Our largest center, the Historic Day Nursery, was built with funds donated by one of our founders, Alice Bemis Taylor, and is listed in the **National Register of Historic Places**. Centers are open Monday-Friday from 6:30 AM until 6:00 PM. A **sliding fee scale** based on family income and size is used to determine a family's tuition. Over one-third of CNC families participate in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program which provides **financial assistance to families living at or below 185% of poverty**. In 2000, CNC created the **Home Network**, a partnership with twenty independently licensed home child care providers, to offer the same high quality services for children who thrive in a more intimate setting and for families who have non-traditional work schedules (night and weekend care is offered), CNC also operates **Court Care**, a free drop-in facility for children whose families have court related business.

## POPULATION (2007 STATISTICS)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:** 601    **AVERAGE DAILY ENROLLMENT:** 325

**FAMILY STATUS:** Single Parent 69%                      Two Parent 31%

**ETHNICITY:** Caucasian 49% • African American 25% • Hispanic 23% • Asian 2% • Native American 1%

## LOCATIONS AND AGES SERVED

**Antlers Place:** 18months to 6 years; **Day Nursery:** 2 ½ to 14 years; **Sand Creek:** 2 ½ to 7

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**South Chelton:** 6 weeks to 5 years; **Meadows Park:** 24 months to 13 years;

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

**CURRICULUM** – The Storybook Journey, a **literature based curriculum**, is a whole child approach to education focusing on a child's social, emotional, and cognitive growth with a **focus on early literacy** and school readiness. Child Outcomes are measured using the Work Sampling System which helps CNC improve curriculum, assess child development, and report to families.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM** - provides **two nutritious meals and a snack daily**. Two thirds of our children qualify for free or reduced lunches under the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**MEDICAL PROGRAM** – health care professionals provide **on-site medical support** for children and families including a Get Well Center for children who are mildly ill. In addition, medical staff provides classroom health education and staff training in CPR and First Aid.

**FAMILY SUPPORT** - A good quality early childhood program is a partnership with **families** and includes support through parent and center advisory committees, family nights to enrich the parenting experience, and home visits designed to enhance the child's experience.

#### **COLLABORATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Community Partnership for Child Development/Head Start, Department of Human Services, Alliance For Kids, Harrison School District Two, School District 11, City of Colorado Springs.