

DURANGO EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Annual Board Report Fiscal Year Sept 2019 – August 2020

Mission (adopted May 2019): *Nurturing child development in partnership with families of diverse backgrounds.*

General

Our Team:

Executive Director: Becca Trefry

Assistant Director: Stephanie Milner

Purple Room ECE Teachers: Renee Rodriquez, Seratha Largie

Purple Room Early Childhood Assistant Teacher: K'Leigh Farnsworth

Blue Room Early Childhood Teacher – Bobbie Sue Garlinghouse

Green Room ECE Teacher – Dolly Ledvina

Orange Room ECE Teacher – Misty Travieso

Sun Room ECE Teachers – Brittney Cunningham, Alyssa Montoya

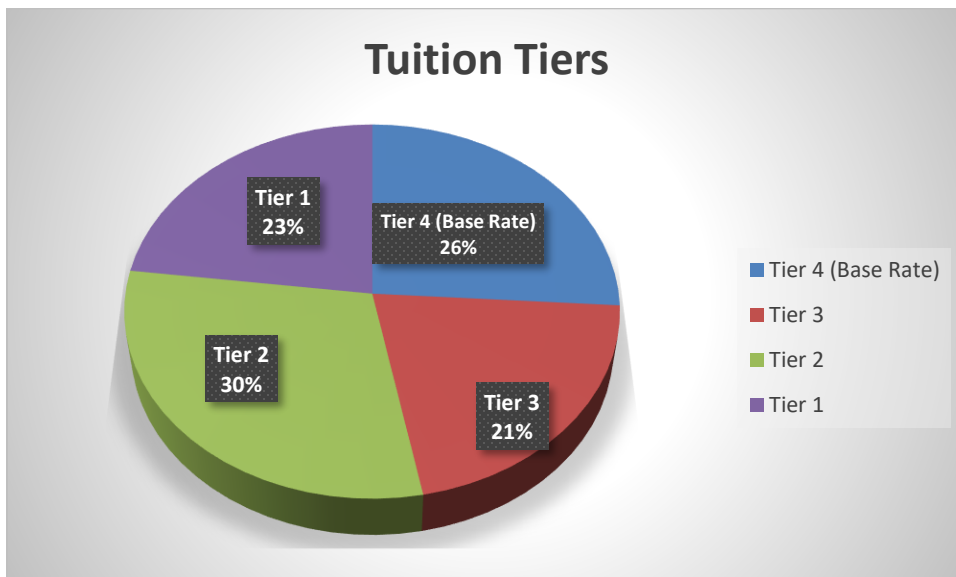
Rainbow Room ECE Teacher – Callie Rickerman

Regular Substitute – Sydney Anderson

We had an 82% retention rate in 2019/2020. 9 of our 11 staff members (returned for the 2020/2021 school year).

School Year Enrollment

We finished the school year with a total of 66 students. Of our Tier 1 students, 20% received Colorado Preschool Program funding and 15% received Colorado Childcare Preschool Program funding.



Goals achieved this year:

1. Year-round school was implemented, though DELC had to pivot with the COVID19 pandemic.
2. Implemented Teaching Strategies Gold as our school-wide developmental assessment tool for all students.
3. Became a member of the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County
4. Completed a new strategic plan for the school years spanning 2020-2023
5. Began work on developing a DELC curriculum framework with Dr. Michael Barla of the University of Colorado
6. Maintained consistent, quality and effective service through the COVID-19 pandemic
7. Partnered with Cooking Matters to provide 2 separate pilot program family nutrition trainings
8. Becca received a scholarship to participated in the Community Resource Center's Non-profit Leadership Program
9. Restructured our tuition assistance program with 22% of our enrollment being low-income families

FINANCES (September 1st 2019 through August 31st 2020)

Thank you to all of our donors, funders, and partners for subsidizing our tiered tuition schedule – our ability to fulfill our mission depends on your support. Our 2019.2020 grantors included Bank of the San Juans, Ballantine Family Foundation, the Buell Foundation, and the Anschutz Family. We received additional support specific to COVID19 relief efforts from the Buell Foundation and CERF (managed by the Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado) as well as the ECHO Grant to redesign our outdoor spaces in 2020.2021. Overall, DELC provided \$37,510 in tuition assistance to families in 2019.2020.

DELC received a Payroll Protection Program Loan from the Bank of San Juans and was able to continue paying all 11 staff their full salary and wages during our COVID19 closure mid-March 2020 through mid-June 2020 while crediting tuition to families.

