

# Denver Preschool Program 2016-2017 School Year

Denver City Council

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# DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

## VISION

Every child in Denver enters kindergarten ready to reach their full potential.

## MISSION

Denver Preschool Program helps Denver fulfill its commitment to its youngest learners. We champion, fund and increase access to quality preschool across our community.



# DENVER'S COMMITMENT



- Universal access – all Denver families with a 4-year-old
- 251 participating preschool sites including public and community-based centers
- In 2016-2017, more than \$12 million in tuition support was distributed to families
- 4,709 students received tuition credit dollars during the program year
- Scaled to family income and size, length of school day and quality rating of school
- During the 2016-2017 school year, the typical child received \$551 per month in tuition support

# ACCESS FOR ALL

Where every Denver 4-year-old has access to the benefits of quality preschool.

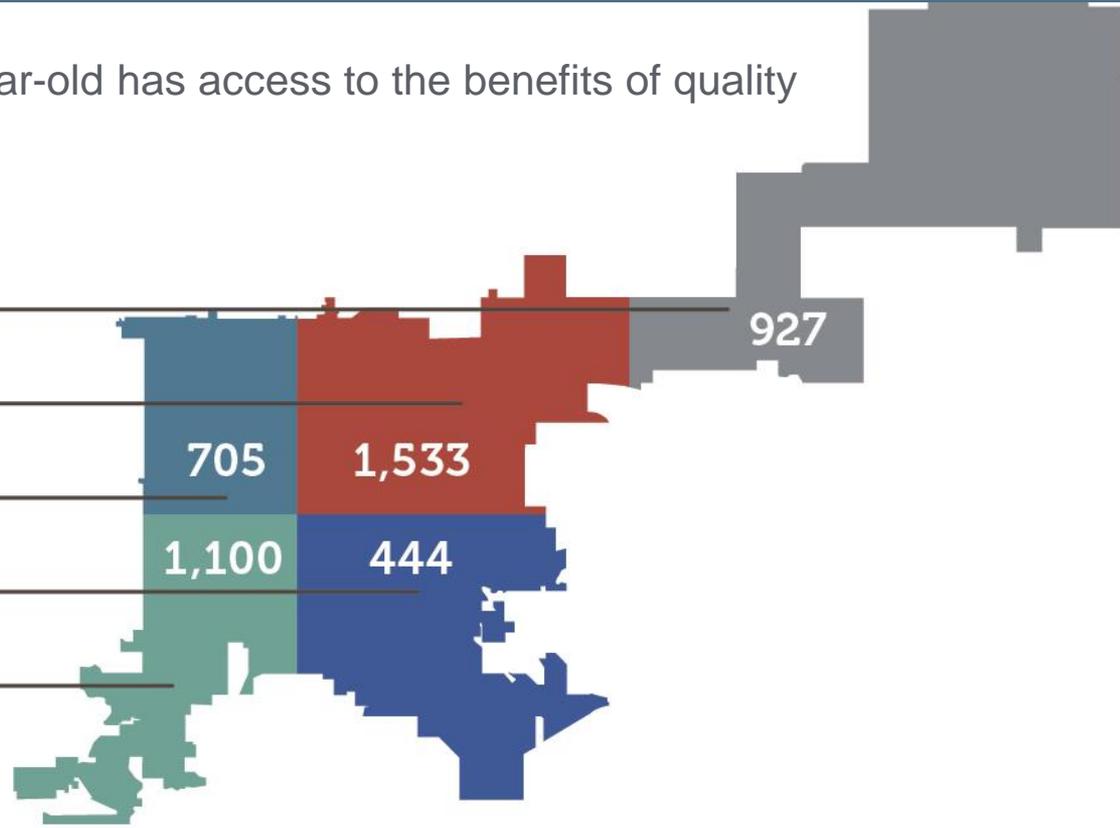
**FNE** 20%

**NE** 33%

**NW** 15%

**SE** 9%

**SW** 23%

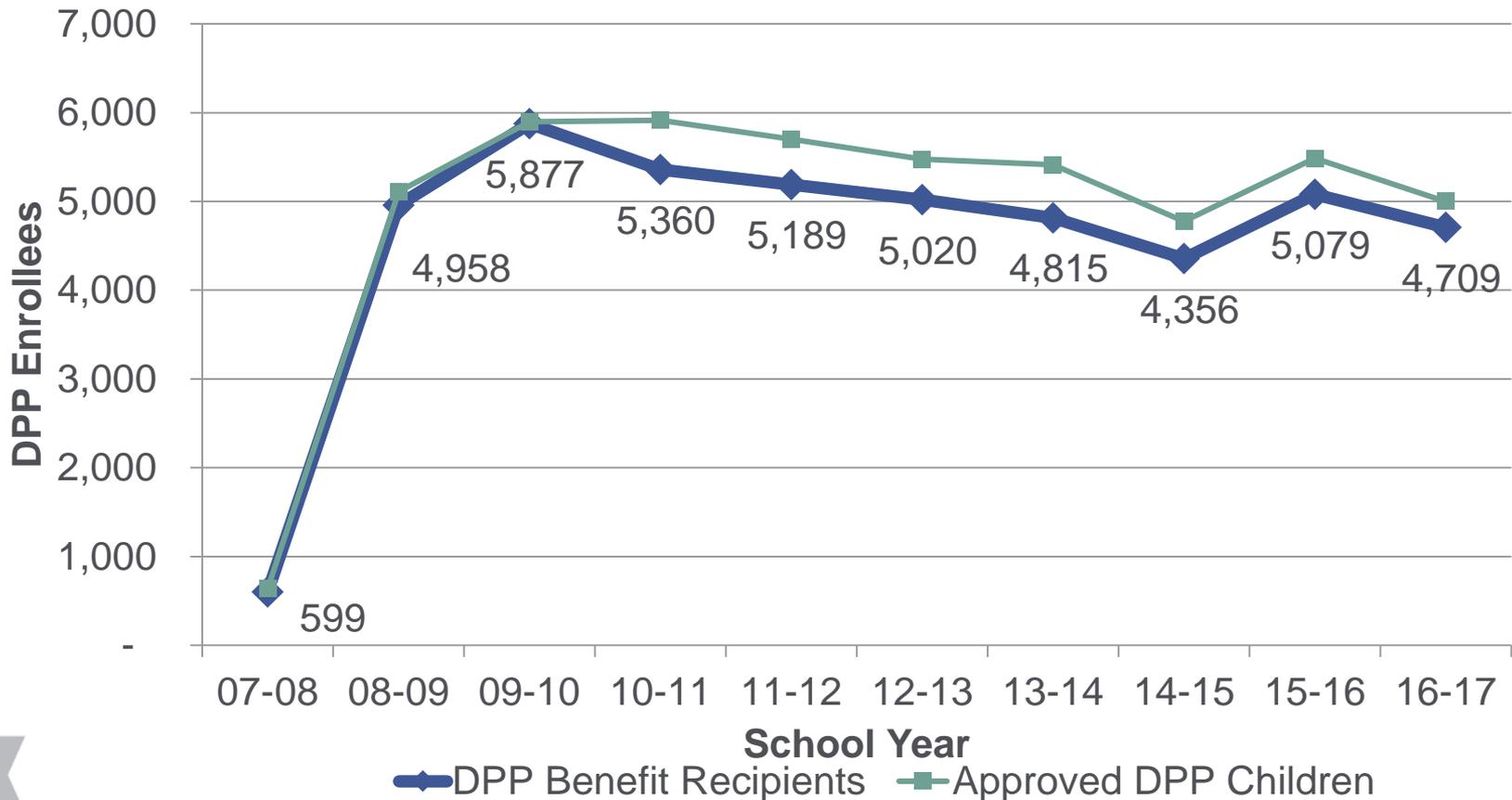


**TOTAL NUMBER  
OF CHILDREN**  
SERVED DURING 2016-17:

**4,709**

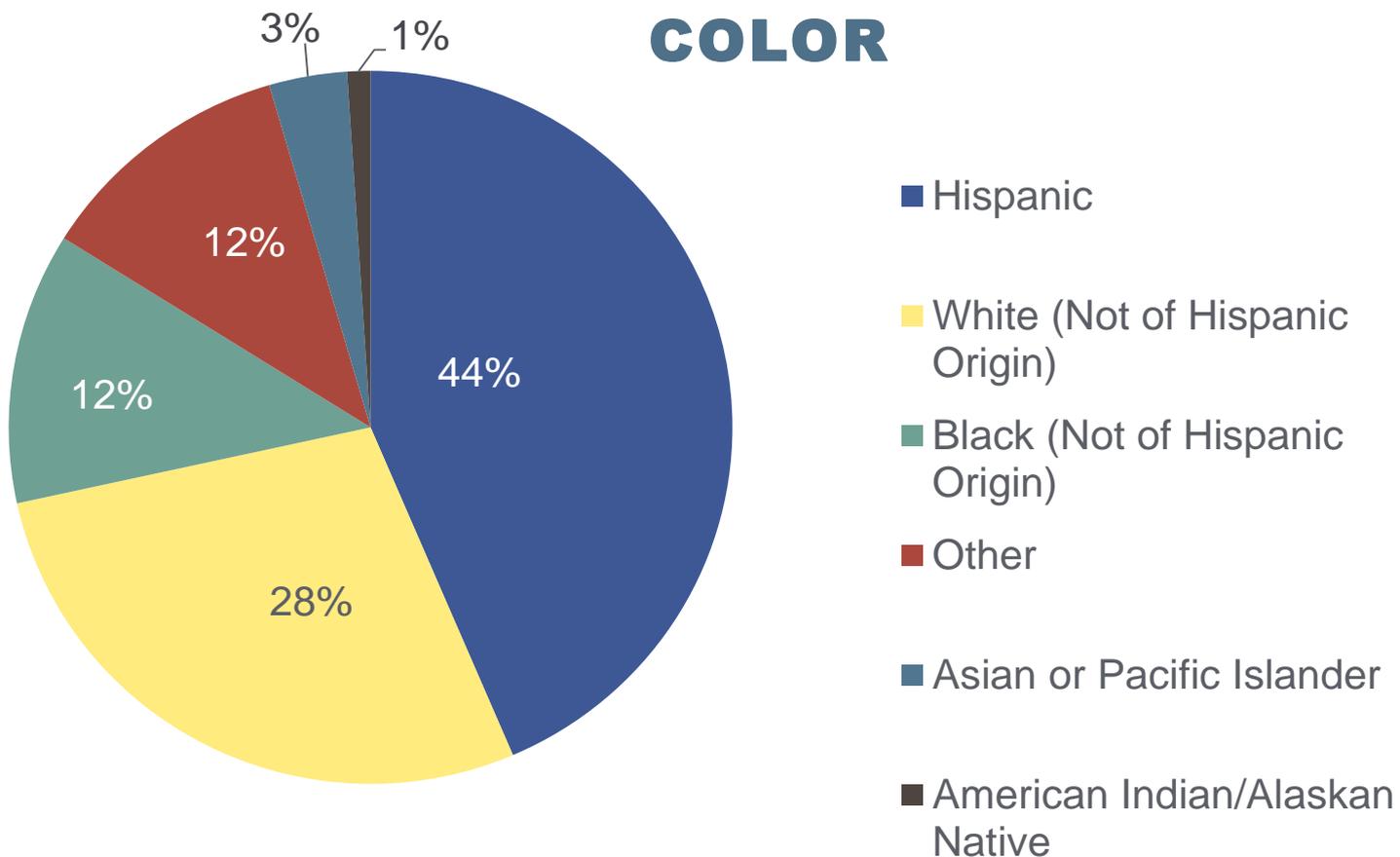
# ACCESS FOR ALL

## DPP APPROVED STUDENTS AND BENEFIT RECIPIENTS BY SCHOOL YEAR



# ACCESS FOR ALL

## NEARLY 75 PERCENT CHILDREN OF COLOR



# TUITION CREDIT SCALE

- The scale is designed so that the families with the greatest financial need who have a child attending a preschool of the highest quality will receive the most tuition support

## 2017 TUITION CREDIT TASK FORCE

- The Tuition Credit Task Force was charged with developing and exploring options that strengthen the impact of the DPP's Tuition Credit scale

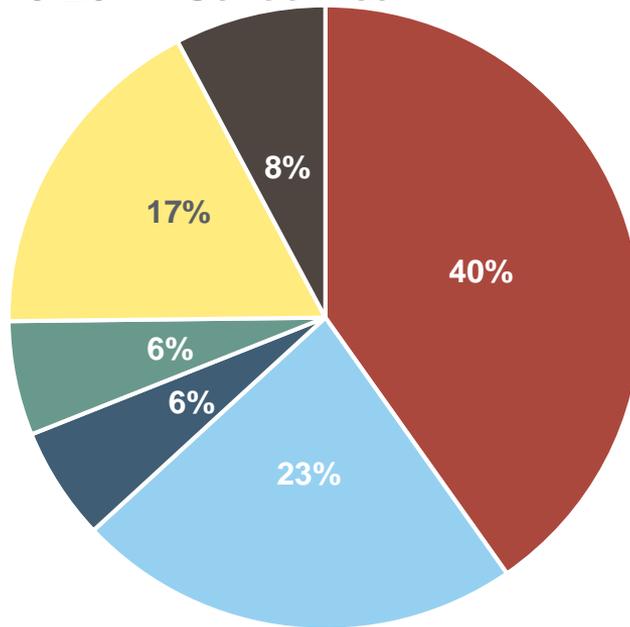
## LOOKING FORWARD

- 2018-2019 base tuition credit is \$691/month, this is an increase of \$74/mo. or 10.7%
- Compression between Tier 1 and Tier 3 reimbursement, 15% difference between \$24,600 and \$73,800 annual income
- Adjustments to how quality is calculated reflects cost of care

# INCOME TIER DISTRIBUTION

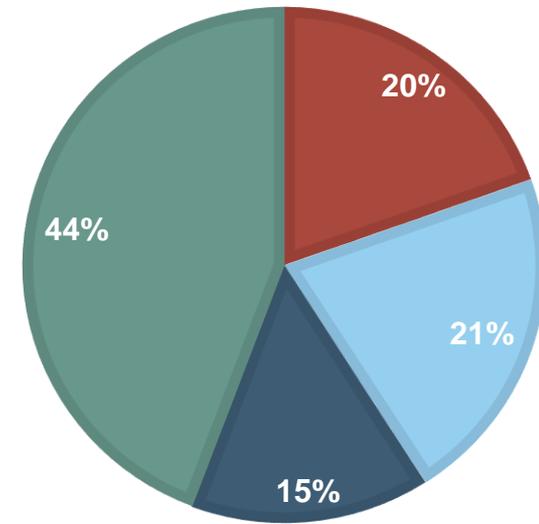
DPP funds for quality preschool are available for all Denver families. **63% of DPP families have the greatest economic need.**

Benefit Recipients - Economic Tier  
2016-2017 School Year



■ Tier 1 ■ Tier 2 ■ Tier 3 ■ Tier 4 ■ Tier 5 ■ Opt Out

Children Under the Age  
of 6 in Denver (2014)



■ < 100%FPL  
■ 100% FPL -185% FPL  
■ 185%FPL -300%FPL  
■ > 300% FPL

# HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMS

Where pursuing excellence in all aspects of DPP's work increases positive outcomes for children

## Investing in high quality programs:

- Leadership, Management and Administration Supports
- Developmentally-Appropriate Curriculum and Authentic Child Assessment Tools
- Directors' Professional Learning Community
- Classroom Materials
- Program Achievement Awards
- \$20 for 20 Program



# HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS

## Investing in high quality teachers:

- Child Development Associate™ Scholarship
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® College Scholarships
- Teacher and Director Achievement Awards
- DPP's Preschool Forum
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Coaching on Positive Teacher-Child Interactions



# MEASURING HIGH QUALITY

Research shows that high quality preschool produces lasting, positive impacts for children. DPP measures the quality of programs in two ways:

## **Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)**

- Colorado's Statewide QRIS
  - Workforce Qualifications and Professional Development
  - Family Partnerships
  - Leadership, Management and Administration
  - Learning Environment
  - Child Health

## **Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®)**

- Observation Assessing Teacher-Child Interactions
  - Emotional Support
  - Classroom Organization
  - Instructional Support



# INTENTIONAL INCLUSIVITY

Where DPP overcomes barriers to ensure equitable opportunity for all children to participate in ECE.

**FNE** 11.55%

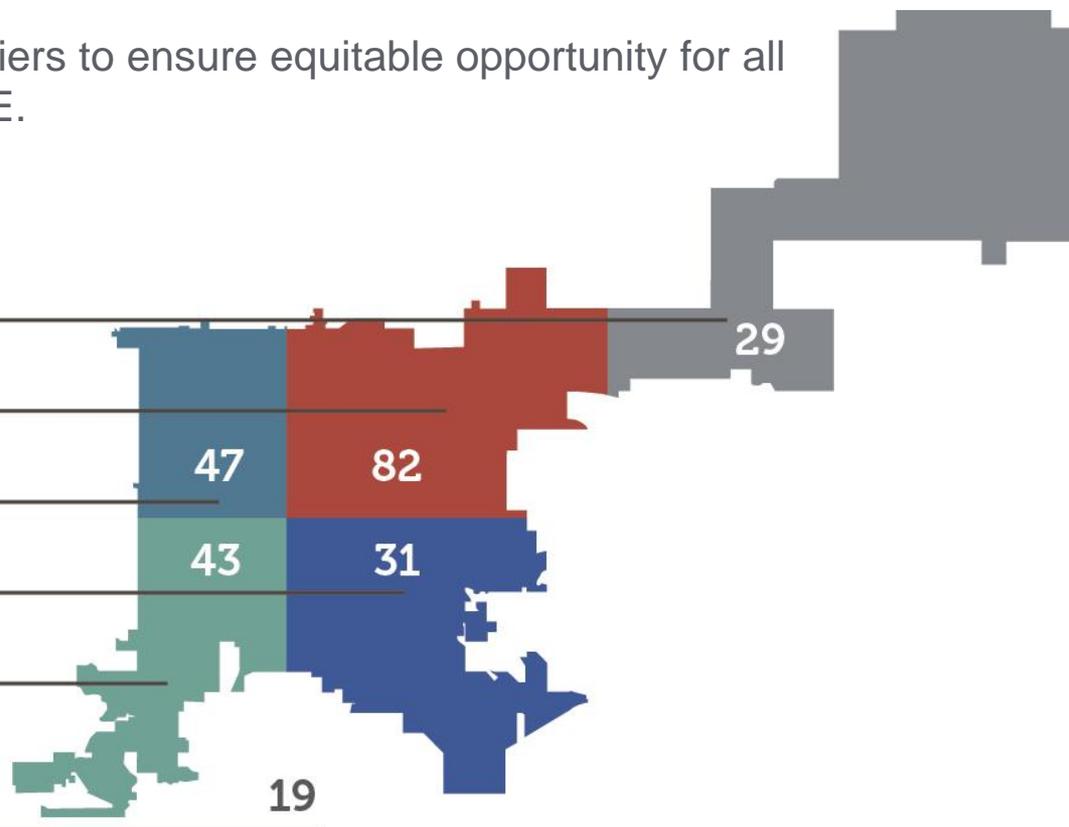
**NE** 32.67%

**NW** 18.73%

**SE** 12.35%

**SW** 17.13%

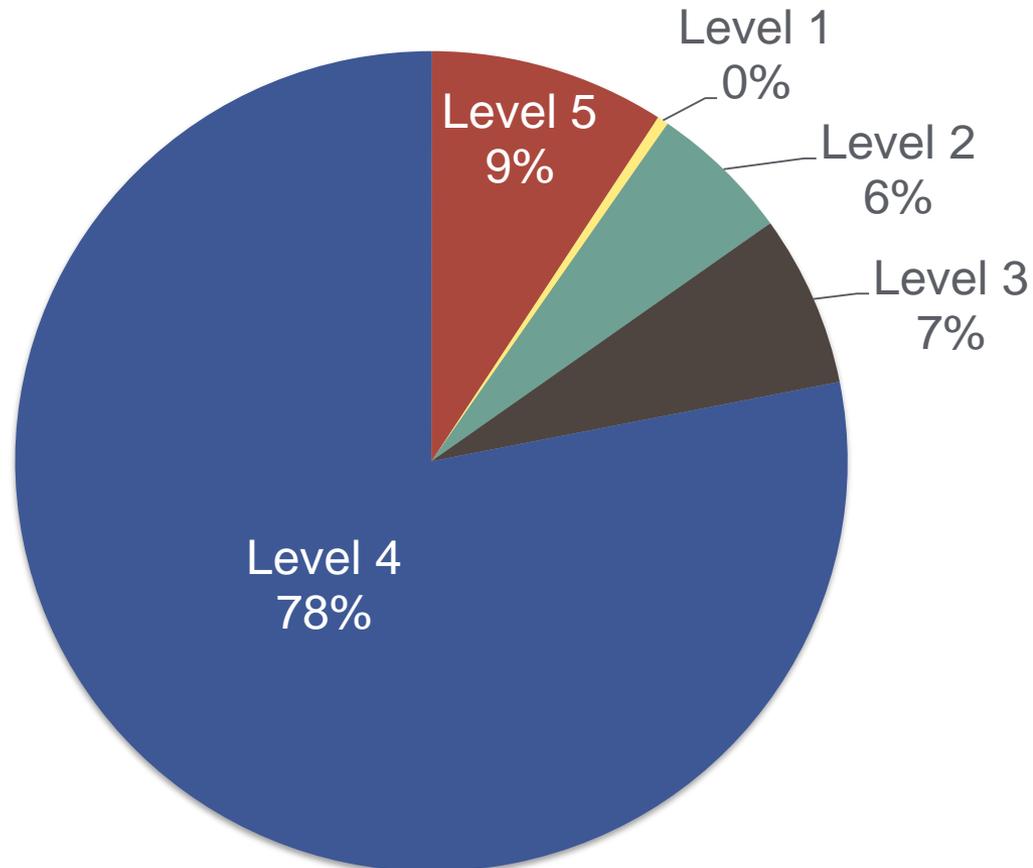
**OUT OF COUNTY** 7.57%



**TOTAL NUMBER** **251**  
OF PROGRAMS (2016-17):

# INTENTIONAL INCLUSIVITY

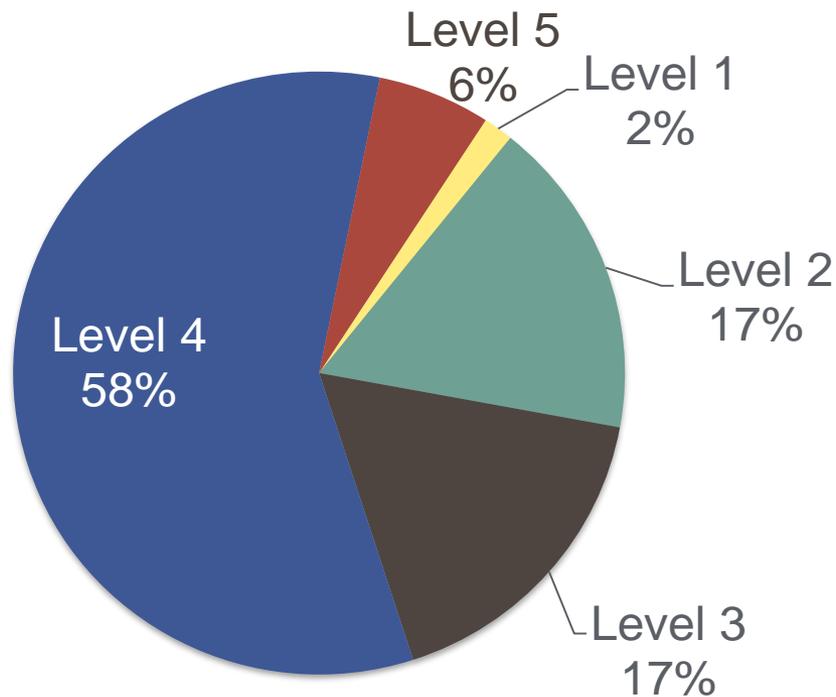
**87%** of DPP Kids in Levels 4 or 5



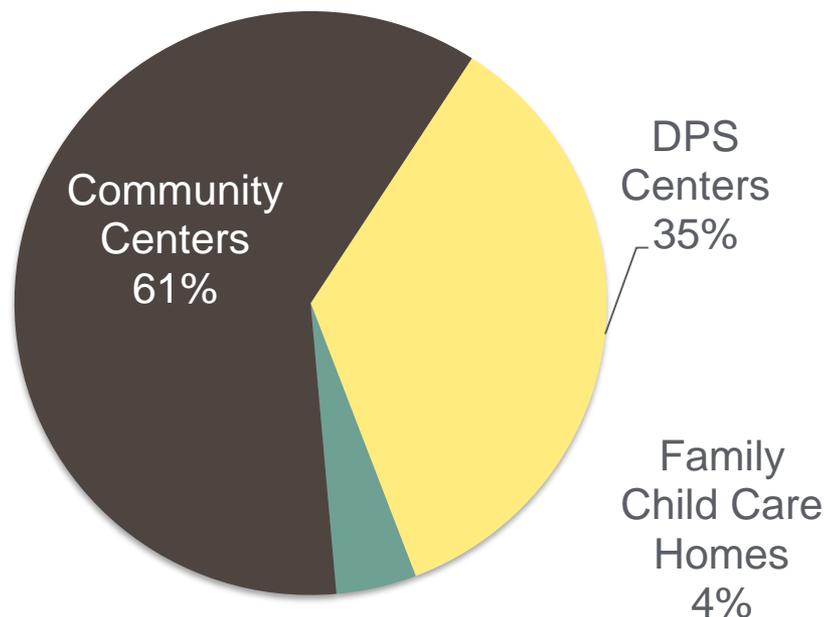
# INTENTIONAL INCLUSIVITY

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

**64%** of DPP Schools Levels 4 or 5



### Program by Type



# INFORMED CHOICE

Where parents and caregivers are well-informed about ECE options and can make the best choice for their child.

## Communications Goals

- Reach families who can benefit from DPP's services
- Communicate and champion the advantages of quality preschool education
- Strengthen relationships with preschool providers
- Validate DPP as a successful model in early childhood education
- Leverage insights to refine communications, including data from DPP's evaluation, QI and partners



# INFORMED CHOICE

## OUTREACH EFFORTS

- DPP's annual Preschool Showcase
- The expansion of "mini-Showcases"
- One Book 4 Colorado
- 10-Year Celebration
- DPP Kids Council
- Grassroots Outreach



# DPP'S KIDS COUNCIL



# LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Where DPP champions early childhood education, ensuring the community realizes the benefits of its investment in young children.

## OPERATIONS EVALUATION

- To what extent do DPP's services result in children's access to quality preschool?
  - DPP's service implementation
  - Perceived effectiveness by families and providers
  - Resulting knowledge and behavior changes
  - Impact on access to quality preschool and provider quality

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Target outreach to:
  - Parents who opt-out of providing their income on the DPP application
  - Hispanic, Spanish-speaking parents from Southwest Denver
- Assess whether sites' capacity would support increased marketing for summer preschool programs

# LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

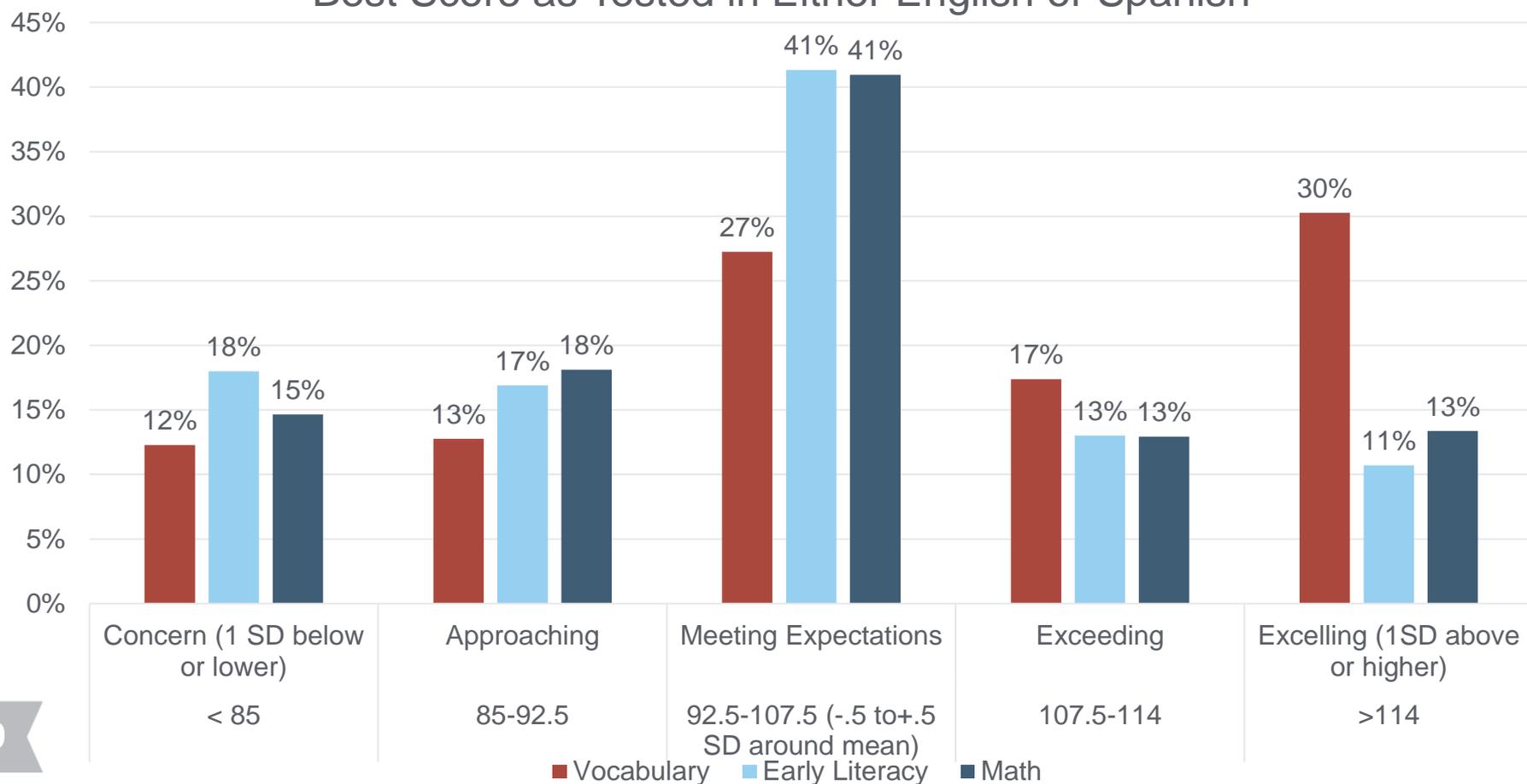
## KINDERGARTEN READINESS EVALUATION

- Measurement of pre-academics such as vocabulary, early literacy, and early math
- Measurement of social-emotional development and executive function
- Examination of both progress (growth) during the pre-kindergarten year, and proficiency status in the spring before kindergarten



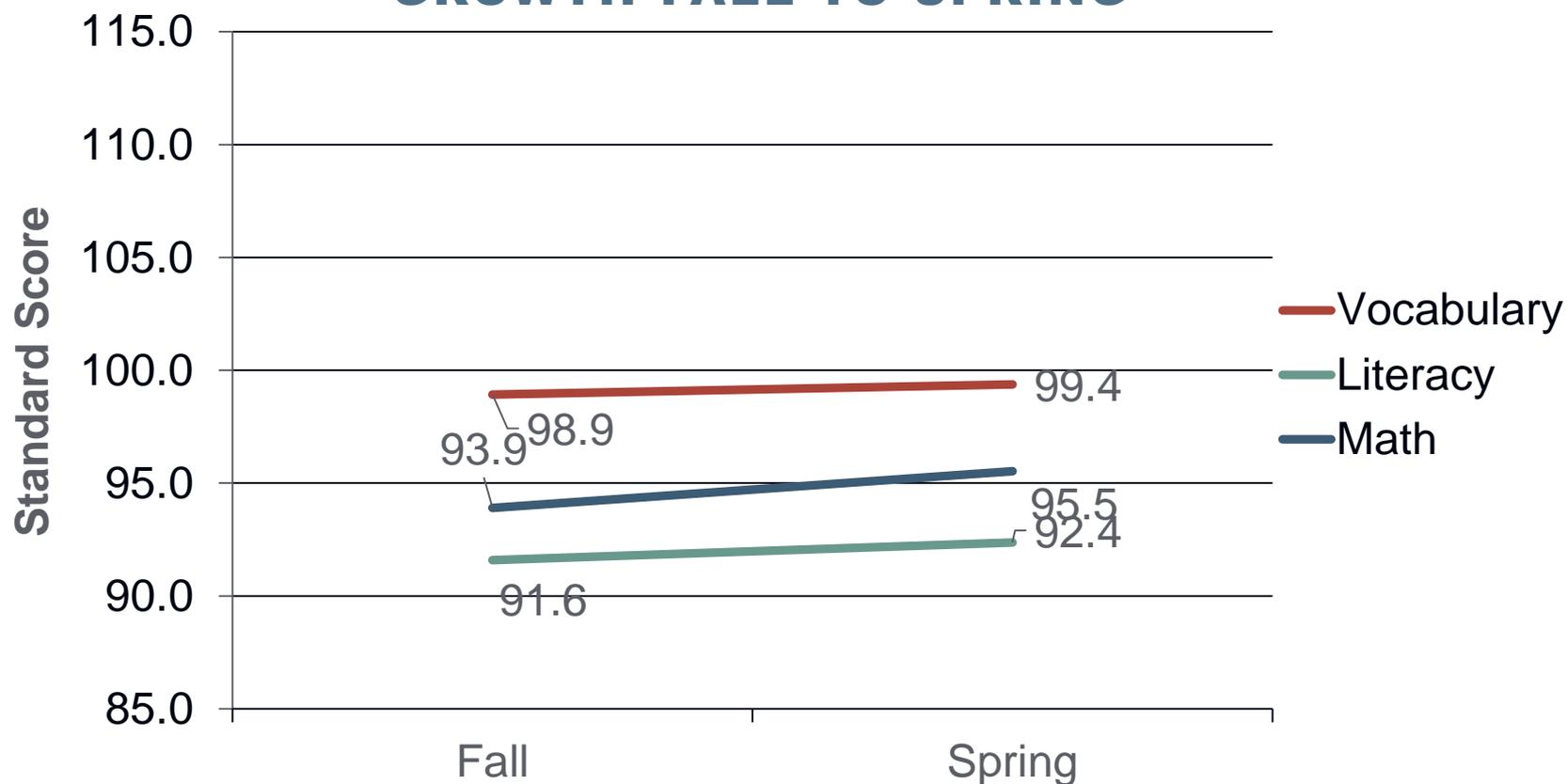
# LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Proportion by Proficiency Level (Spring 2017)  
Best Score as Tested in Either English or Spanish



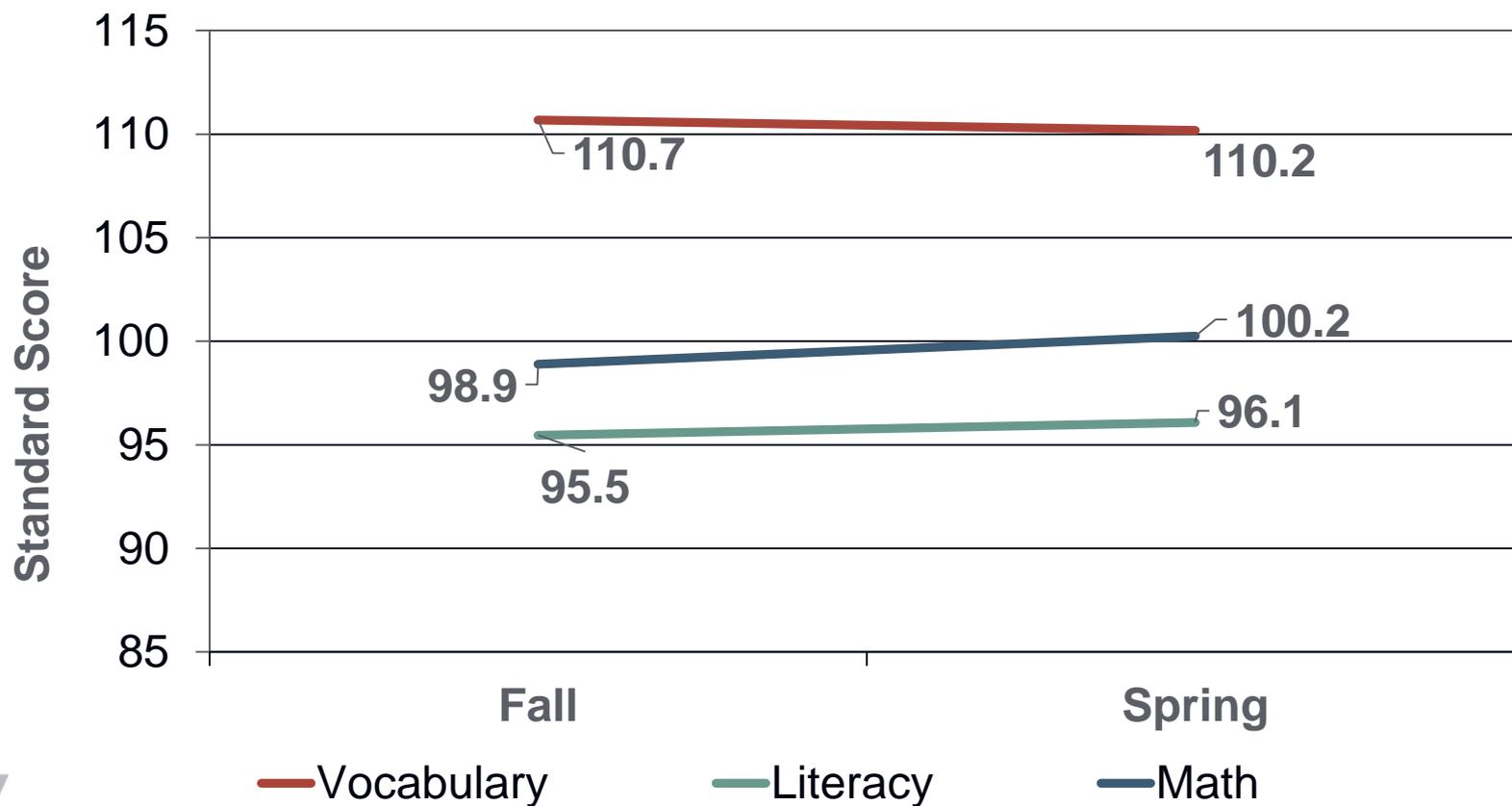
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## ALL CHILDREN ASSESSED IN ENGLISH GROWTH FALL TO SPRING



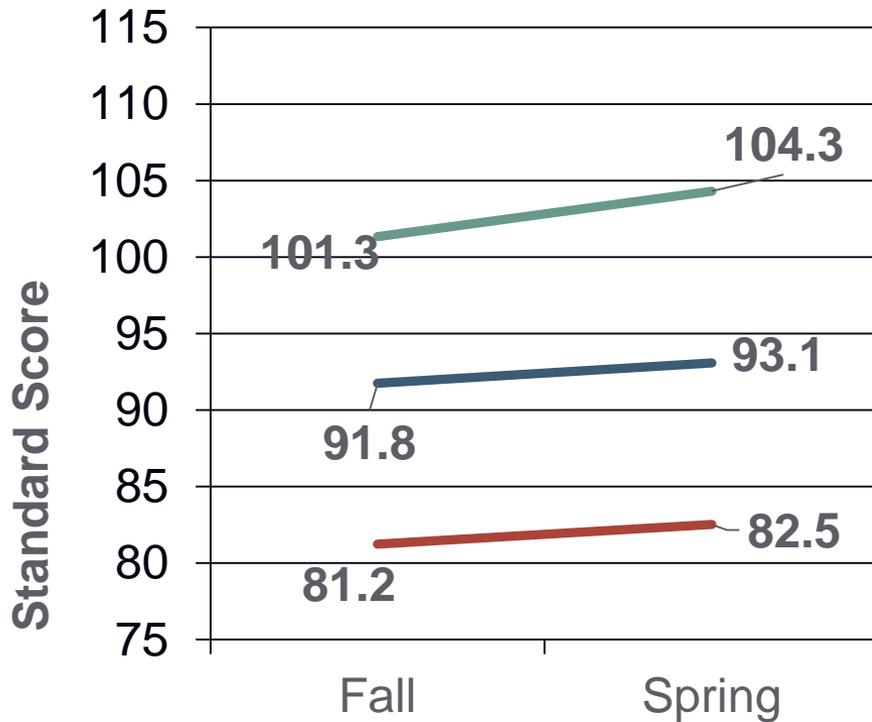
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## ENGLISH-ONLY SPEAKING CHILDREN ASSESSED IN ENGLISH GROWTH FALL TO SPRING

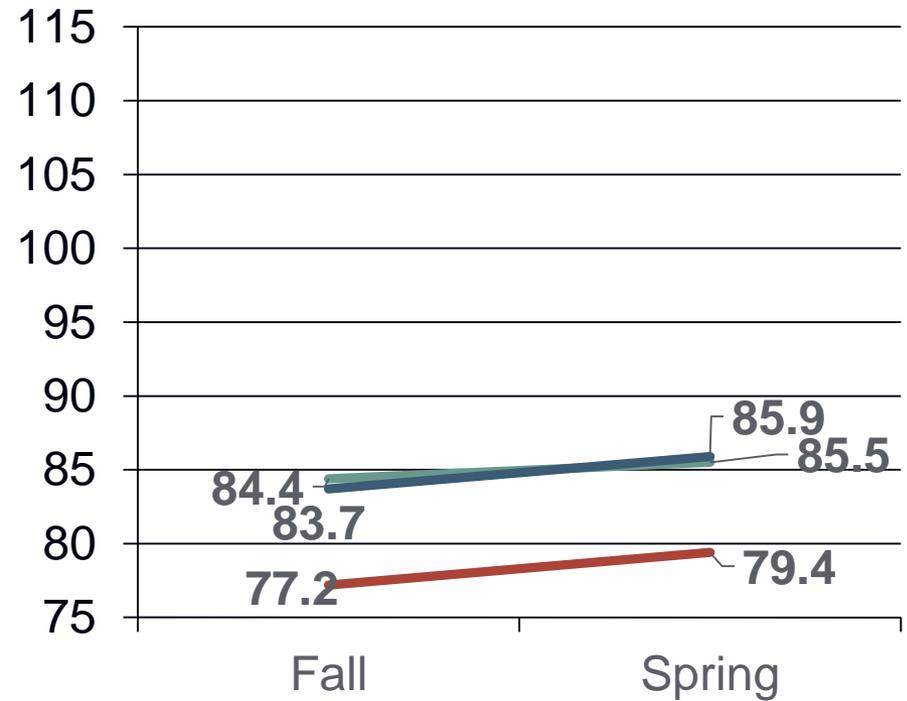


# LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

## DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS (CHILDREN ASSESSED IN SPANISH) GROWTH FALL TO SPRING



- Spanish Vocabulary
- Literacy in Spanish
- Math in Spanish



- English Vocabulary
- Literacy in English
- Math In English

# QUESTIONS

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