



B.E.E.P.

Bayfield Early Education Program

2023/2024

Annual

Report

Executive Director Summary

Dear BEEP Family,

As I reflect upon another school year, I am encouraged by the steadfast commitment my teachers have to providing a quality early childhood education to our community. The roots of BEEP run deep and our community continues to invite us into their families. The honor continues to be ours.

This last year we offered UPK, a state managed tuition assistance program to our BEEP families. UPK allows BEEP to be a more affordable option. This allowed more students access to BEEP. This year we served 108 students in 5 classrooms. BEEP has 18 employees and partners with several community agencies.

As we look ahead to the future, our goal will be to exceed the standard by focusing on the needs of our community. Our community is growing and so should BEEP. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that the future holds.

With regard,

April Stewart

BEEP Executive Director

BEEP Mission: To provide a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment that promotes individual growth, inspires curiosity and helps develop positive social skills that help all children to be successful in life.

BEEP Vision: A warm, friendly place where children can create, explore, imagine and learn.

Colorado Shines Rating

BEEP Continues to be rated a Level 4 facility with re-rating coming up in 2025.



2023/2024 Accomplishments and Highlights

- Maintained enrollment in 5th classroom
- Offered UPK to families
- Storytime with Library
- Pine River Shares Bags
- Teacher's nominated for Teacher of the Year by Early Childhood Council
- Full enrollment
- Supported BMS Life Skills Coffee Cart
- Free Lions Eye Testing
- Durango Kids Dental Visit
- Participated in Community Block Parties
- Raised community awareness for Child Abuse prevention Month
- Visit from Governor Polis

Colorado Universal Preschool Provider



About UPK

All children in Colorado can register for up to 15 hours per week of free, high-quality preschool in their year before kindergarten through Colorado's Universal Pre-K (UPK) Program.

Families may qualify for more free hours based on a number of qualifying factors, per available funding.

- Depending on the provider, families have the option of paying for additional hours if desired.
- 3 Year Olds should contact their school district for preschool services.
- Preschool aged children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) may also register.

BEEP had a successful first year offering UPK to Bayfield families. The administrative side of UPK continues to improve and we look forward to improvements in the years to come.



Curriculum Corner

Conscious Discipline:

Conscious Discipline is the social emotional curriculum that has been implemented at BEEP for the last several years. It is a trauma informed, evidence based, social emotional curriculum for all ages. Conscious Discipline empowers us to be conscious of brain-body states in ourselves and children. It then provides us with the practical skills we need to manage our thoughts, feeling and actions. As a center, we focus on our School family which is rooted in this curriculum and built on a healthy family model- the goal of which is for all members to find success and connection.

Montessori Methodology:

Our classrooms are set up to support the Montessori way which allows children to find motivation from their natural interests and activities rather than formal teaching methods. A Montessori classroom places an emphasis on hands-on learning and developing real-world skills. It emphasizes independence and it views children as naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a sufficiently supportive and well-prepared learning environment.

Learning Without Tears:

BEEP has chosen this supplemental curriculum to ease students into their literacy journeys with this intentionally designed curriculum. Students build pre-writing and emergent writing skills developmentally through engaging, hands-on, play-based activities. The curriculum provides active, joyful ways to learn grip, pre-writing, and social-emotional skills as they progress from scribbling, coloring, and drawing shapes to tracing and

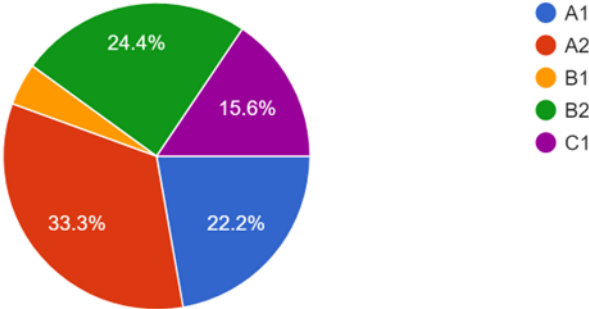
copying capital and lowercase letters and numbers. The teachers have also created a scope and sequence that incorporates sign language and Spanish to meet the needs of all students at BEEP.

COR Advantage:

The COR Advantage assessment, developed by HighScope Educational Research Foundation, is a whole-child assessment built on 36 items that are proven by research to best prepare children for school success. With the fewest items of any early childhood assessment and powered by Kaymbu’s user-friendly technology, COR Advantage saves teachers time, allowing them to focus on what matters most.

BEEP Family Survey Results

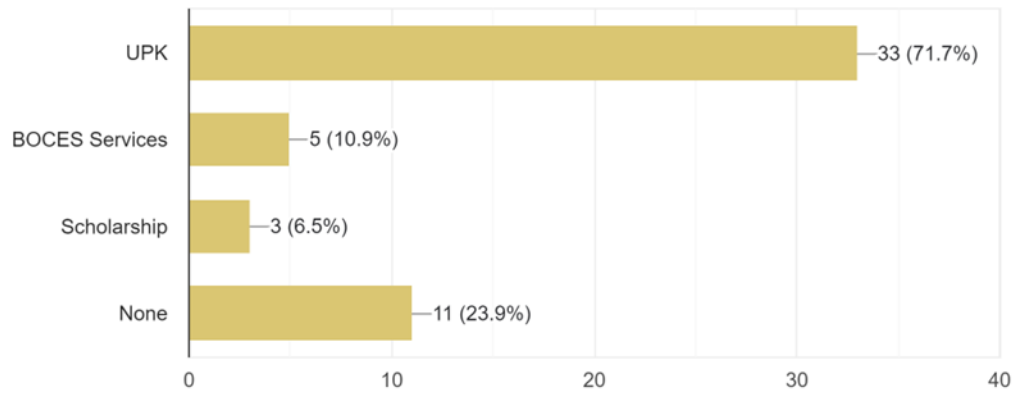
My child's classroom is
45 responses



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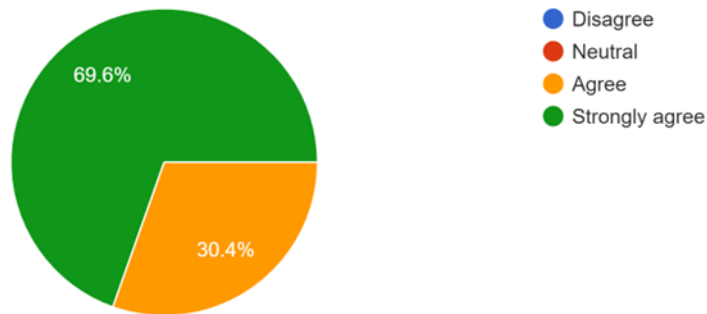
This year my child received

46 responses



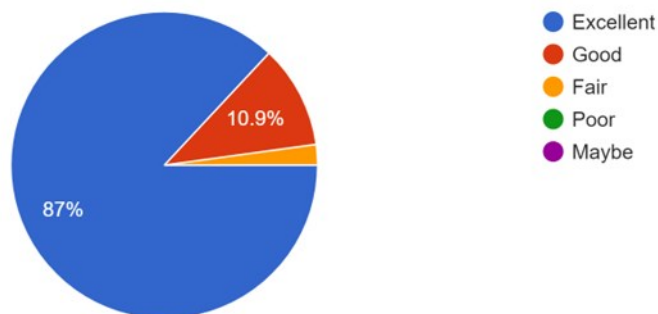
Our mission at BEEP is: To provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment that promotes individual growth, inspires intellectual curiosity a...ul future. Is BEEP meeting the mission expectation?

46 responses



In general, how would you rate the preschool program at BEEP?

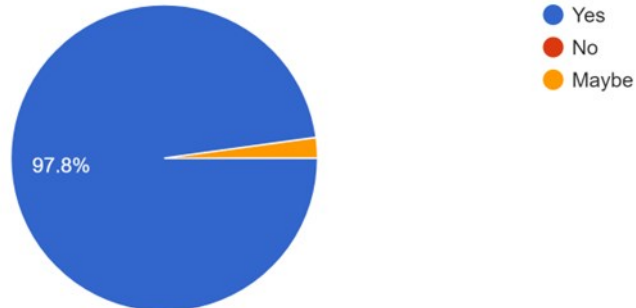
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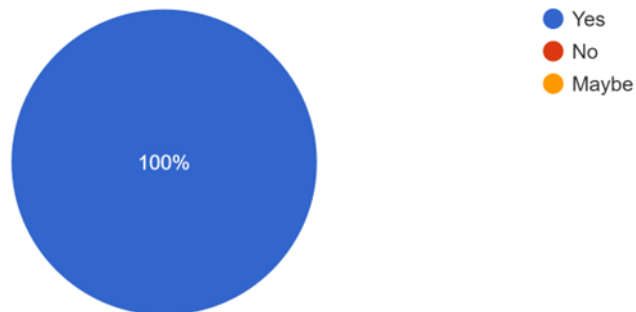
Would you recommend BEEP to another family?

46 responses



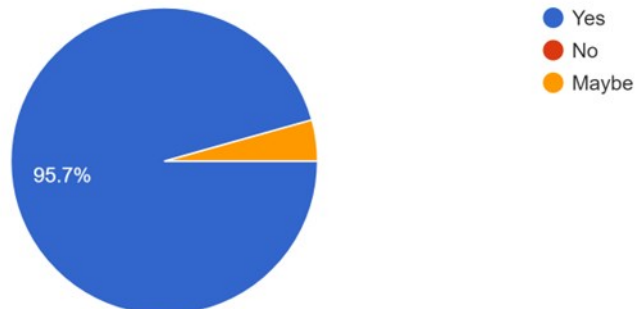
Are the facilities (classrooms and playground), equipment and activities age and developmentally appropriate for your preschooler?

46 responses



Is the staff sensitive to your child's needs?

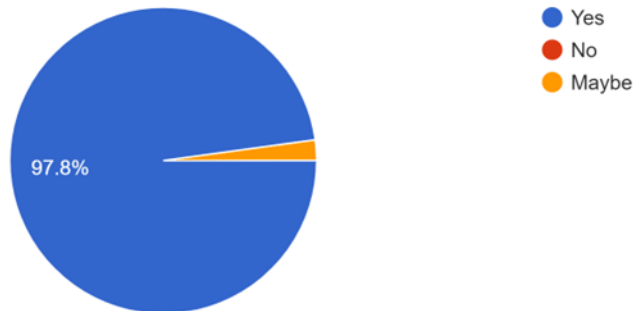
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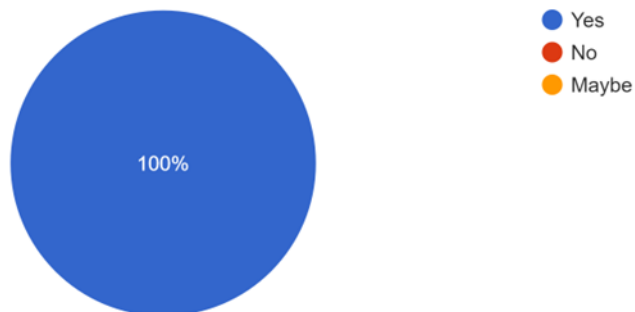
Do you feel comfortable sharing your ideas and concerns with the staff members regarding your child?

46 responses



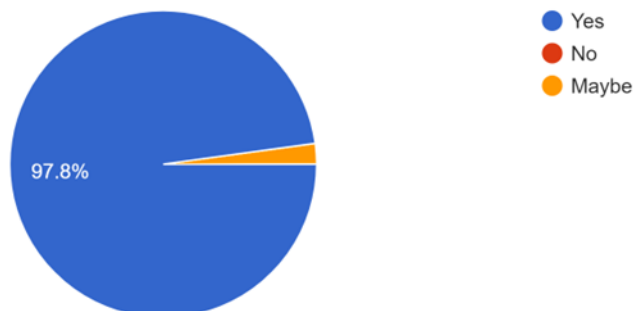
Do you believe your child has benefited as a result of being in this program?

46 responses



Do the Parent Handbook and other correspondence from the school provide adequate information about the program?

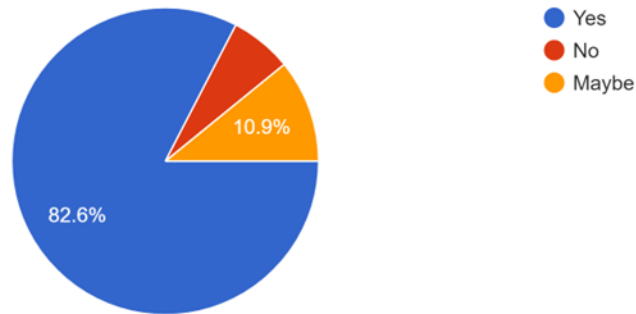
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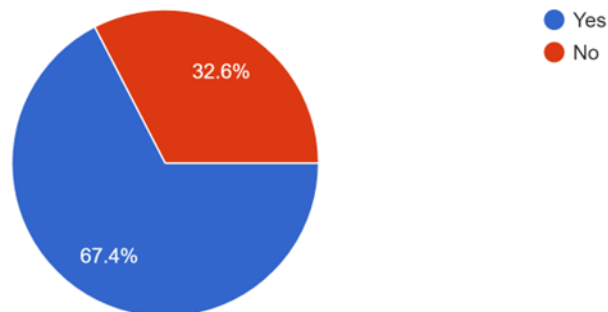
As a parent, do you feel informed about the curriculums implemented in the classroom such as: Learning without Tears, Conscious Discipline and Montessori method?

46 responses



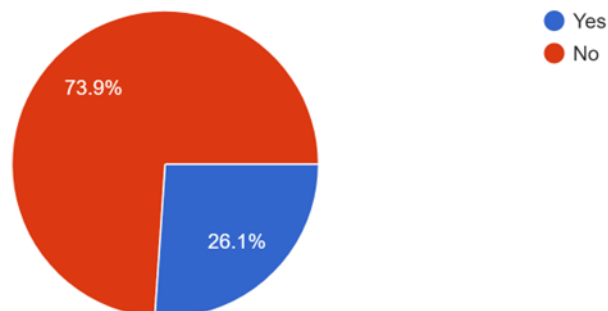
Do you use the BEEP website?

46 responses



Do you check in on the BEEP Facebook page?

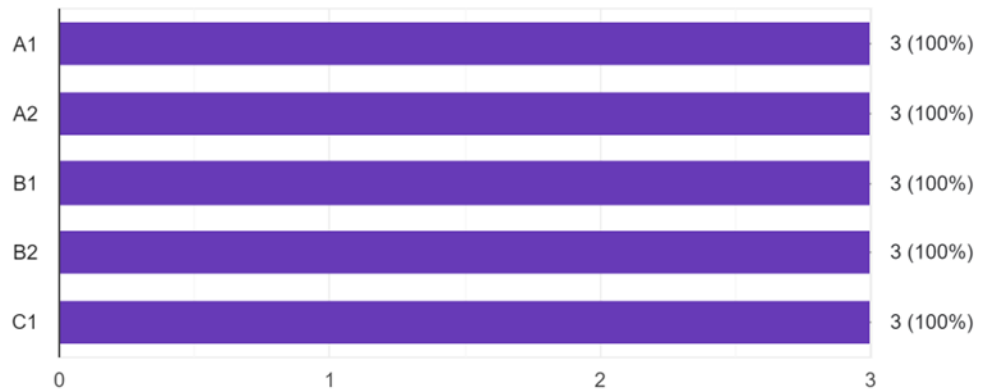
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BEEP Service Provider Survey Results

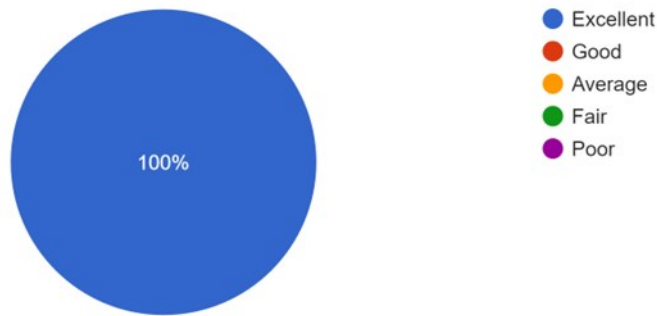
Which classrooms do you serve students in at BEEP

3 responses



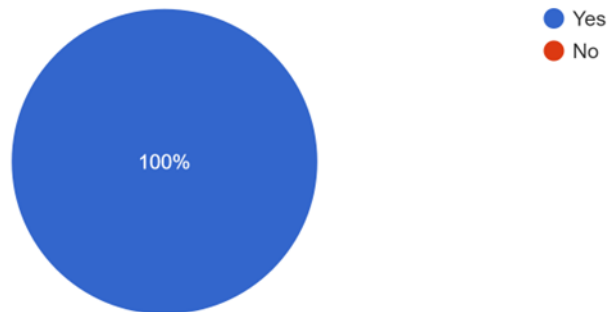
In general, how you rate BEEP's preschool program?

3 responses



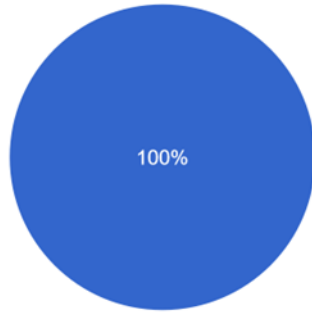
Are the facilities (classroom and playground), equipment and activities age and developmentally appropriate for preschoolers?

3 responses



As a service provider, do you feel welcome in all classrooms?

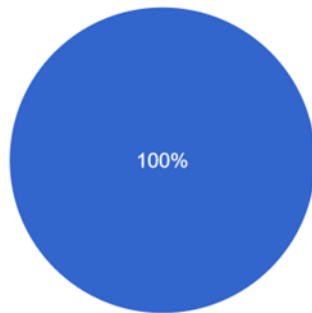
3 responses



- Yes
- No

As a service provider, do you feel supported by BEEP administration (Director and Admin assistant)?

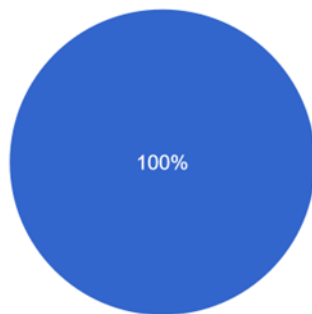
3 responses



- Yes
- No

As a service provider, do you feel that BEEP staff implements your recommendations?

3 responses



- Yes
- No



BEEP Family Survey Comments

Strengths

- ⇒ Teachers, School itself, changing curriculum, amount of outdoor play, happiness of our daughter when she comes home.
- ⇒ The staff have been outstanding and welcoming to our daughter and our family. They are nurturing, professional and have laid out such a great foundation for her future schooling experience.
- ⇒ The teachers are amazing! They are kind, caring, and greeted our child with smiling faces each morning. Because of these qualities, our shy child quickly warmed up to them and she will miss them dearly when she goes to Kindergarten next year.
- ⇒ The weekly newsletters were a very helpful communication tool that helped us (parents) know what was happening in the classroom. We appreciate that they came weekly, not monthly with the ever-changing nature of a preschool environment.
- ⇒ His teachers and other beep staff have been so kind and caring...above and beyond anything I could have expected. He loves going to school and everyone was so helpful with his transition to being dropped off. I love that the classroom has different themes and also the structure that it gives to his day.
- ⇒ The professionalism and attention to my child's needs have been above and beyond what is required and my daughter has benefited greatly.

Areas of Growth

- ⇒ This is really silly- but maybe just bigger totes? We have struggled a bit with the small, green ones with all of her sleep stuff/winter gear/activities for the day. But other than that, I can't really think of anything. We love you guys!
- ⇒ Throughout this school year, we (parents) were never informed about the curriculums implemented in the classroom (this family survey was the first communication with us around Learning without Tears, Conscious Discipline and the Montessori method). We were informed, via the classroom newsletter, whenever testing was happening, what theme students were currently learning about, and that students were learning about letters and numbers (but no specific skills were mentioned). We would have welcomed ideas to support academic learning and social emotional learning at home. Spring parent conferences haven't happened yet, so maybe we will discuss our child's progress then, but since the appointment is only 15 minutes long, I'm unsure about how clear of a picture we will receive in that short time period of where our child is at as she is about to head into Kindergarten.
- ⇒ Do not require the snack fee. Allow children to bring their own snacks. Also deposit checks in a more timely manner.

BEEP Fundraising and Grants

Fundraising: \$10,163.41.00

Grants

QRIS: \$3,800.00

Ballantine: \$5,000.00

Stabilization: \$25,031.00

Grand Total: \$43,994.41

