



89 Completed Surveys



**Golden Community Center Preschool Programs
2017-18 Program Evaluation**

*Your comments are valued to help us make a successful preschool program for children and families. Please use any space available.

| COMMUNICATION | ☹ | ☺ | ☺ |
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| Staff welcomes parents and encourages a friendly relationship. | | 1 | 88 |
| Staff responds to any questions and concerns in an appropriate and timely manner. | | | 89 |
| I feel my child’s teachers built a positive relationship with my child throughout the year. | | 1 | 88 |

Were you able to have a parent/teacher conference? **Yes** No
If no why not?

Would you recommend our preschool program to others? **Yes** No

From what source did you get the most of the information about our school program and news?

- 2** Teachers
- 1** Emails
- 3** Website

What is a preferred way you would like for us to communicate?
Email

| PRESCHOOL PROGRAM | ☹ | ☺ | ☺ |
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| Our program philosophy is “Learning Through Play.” I understand how this is age appropriate for preschoolers and I am satisfied with the philosophy. | | 1 | 88 |
| I recognize positive changes in my child’s communication and social growth due to the program. | | 4 | 85 |
| Children are encouraged to explore their environment and make choices in their daily activities. | | | 89 |

| PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |
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| Activities are age appropriate and of good quality. | | 1 | 88 |
| I am aware of classroom themes and feel the activities go with the learning themes. | | 1 | 88 |
| My child expressed activities done in preschool (songs, games, playtime, learning topics...) | | 3 | 86 |

Do you believe that your child(ren) learned the necessary skills for kindergarten readiness (if applicable)?

- *She has another year of preschool, but I feel she is well on her way to being ready.
- *Mostly, but hasn't mastered pencil grip.
- *She still needs one more year but has learned so much in the green room!
- *My child has one more year of preschool but I feel as though she is well prepared for her age.
- *Yes! And she is excited to learn
- *Vivian needed to break out of her shyness the most and gained so much confidence at preschool
- *Absolutely. I think she is very well prepared.
- *Yes! My child can't wait for kindergarten and I definitely feel he will be ready on the 1st day of school
- *Yes! My child is starting to read and do addition. She is also so excited for "big kid school" based on the very positive experience she has had socially and with her preschool teachers.
- *Yes, socialization increased a lot during the year

What was the best thing you or your child enjoyed about GCC Preschool?

- *Field trips, locks, making friends
- *Madie likes the playground best, and the sandbox. Mom and Dad really like the skills she's learning (recognizing her name, letters, numbers, holding a pen, counting)
- *Jun says "Playing"
- *We loved our child's teachers and how they planned fun activities and had new materials for the students to explore in the classroom
- *The sense of community and how much Patrick enjoyed going to school every day.
- *Sense of community for parents. Being exposed to new things for Charlie
- *Field trips
- *Teachers & Friends
- *Playing with friends & walk to the fire station
- *the teachers and happy feeling they always have at school
- *The teachers!
- *Talking about each day of preschool and all of the fun things my child got to do :)
- *Socializing with teachers and other kids
- *The friendly staff and how my children always loved going to school
- *Friendly staff
- *Building friendships, play and learning!
- *All the things she learned
- *The play-based learning
- *The teachers! They are amazing.
- *Friends, arts/crafts/stories
- *It is a safe, fun place to be. The teachers are loving and care for the kids!

- *Making new friends, teachers
- *The teachers. We love the staff.
- *Making new friends
- *Rhys enjoys the sensory bins
- *Playing
- *Teachers and friends
- *Playground
- *Her friends and teachers
- *Music, learn through play
- *The staff and watching her grow
- *Fire station, storytime, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. NeNe, Lunch
- *Friends, teachers, songs
- *More independent now, friends, social skills, songs, learning through play, crafts, teachers' positive attitudes of staff, better at following directions at home
- *Social-Emotional Development
- *She seems to have learned a lot of different things and is also very excited about them. I also get a break! She says she likes running outside the most.
- *Field trips and art projects
- *My child loved being with other kids her age and interaction with her teachers
- *Making friends, playing
- *Social interactions and exposure to lots of different activities/themes
- *Songs! Friends!
- *The sense of community
- *My child loves group play, writing center and music. She talks about her bond with her teachers and that makes me happy she is comfortable
- *She loves her teachers, Ms. Anna & Ms. Molly, also Ms. Melody, Loving Literacy & music with Miss Stephanie
- *Positivity, welcome environment, nurturing
- *She loves the teachers and her sweet friends
- *She wanted to go every day (including weekends)
- *Ms. Julie and Ms. Molly – everything about them. Ms. Anna was an amazing addition as well
- *The friendly, warm atmosphere
- *We enjoyed our whole experience-teachers, learning plans, field trips, classrooms, etc. (we are going to miss GCC preschool)
- *Teachers
- *He talks about a little of everything. I think he loves it all. I can't pick a best thing.
- *Happy positive staff!
- *Social growth
- *The well rounded, play based curriculum
- *Teacher, relationships, experiences, art, music
- *Loving staff! Great activities, happy place to be!
- *Making new friends, learning his letters
- *We love the teachers
- *The awesome teachers and making friends
- *Playing outside with friends and riding bikes
- *Jack loved the music lady and library ladies – also loved playing outside.
- *Bonding with his teachers
- *Social interaction
- *The social interaction and variety of themes/centers
- *She loves going to school. I love how much progress with writing she's made this year
- *Relationships with peers

- *Knowing child is happy, safe, loved and with peers
- *She has become more social and loves to sing
- *Playing and making friends
- *Having a set routine to play, learn and be social
- *Her loving teachers, gentle structure, outdoor time, fun friends
- *Exploring! Play (and learning)
- *Music class and field trips
- *The teachers
- *Making friends
- *Emma- "Everything. I can't pick one thing (even when I gave her multiple choices)." She is going to miss you all!
- *Learning and playing with friends
- *Miss Anna and Miss Molly are truly amazing. We love Miss Connie & Miss Julie too. Always full of positive energy.
- *Snack, recess
- *Watching him make new friends
- *Being outside and making art projects

How do you feel about the in-house field trips, walking field trips and fundraisers?

- *Field trips are great! I regret not having more time to volunteer for fundraiser.
- *Enriches the overall preschool experience
- *They were fun but not necessary
- *Love when the kids explore their surroundings!
- *They are great and I believe the children love them.
- *Age appropriate, engaging, great break in routine
- *Wonderful opportunities
- *good, easier than taking kids on a bus or by car
- *I thought the field trips were great! My child talked about them a lot
- *Really enjoy the field trips and the fact that there aren't too many fundraisers
- *I thought the art show was great this year.
- *It's a great experience for them, getting to visit places that they normally might not be able to
- *The field trips were great. We had a hard time helping financially with the fundraisers but appreciated that they were offered and didn't feel pressured.
- *They were a fun event for my son and very educational
- *Keep doing them – gets kids and teachers out, maybe be more vocal about need for volunteers
- *Great opportunities to show local activities that mean lots to the kiddos
- *I think they were a good mix of fun/educational/exposure to different things. Love the fundraiser and the kids and school supporting Golden Backpack.

Do you think the cost of the field trips were okay?

Please feel free to give any comments in order to help our program, our teachers, and our community to be a success. We want our program to be a truly safe, happy, loving, and rich learning experience for children and families!

- *We appreciate that the staff took the time to hear our concerns and make changes to benefit our son's learning and social experience.
- *Having high-quality teachers was/is essential to our happiness with the GCC Preschool Program. Teacher retention is so important to a consistent, stable preschool experience. So they should get paid at least as well as cops and firefighters and other essential community workers.

- *I don't have any suggestions, but I wanted to compliment you on doing a good job with the teacher transitions throughout the year. We were a little worried when Ms. Molly went back to her classroom and when Mr. Matt left, but its been great and Madie is really happy.
- *We couldn't be happier! Thank you Miss Connie, Miss Heather & Miss Sam!
- *I think that the preschool program is already so amazing, safe, happy and the teachers and everybody else involved is very loving and helpful and I am extremely grateful for that!
- *Maybe encourage more parents to volunteer 😊
- *We feel like two snacks in the morning is a bit much. One choice would be better since kids are so wasteful.
- *Text or email updates with a quick pic to say – hey we got back from the field trip – or here's your child paining a picture. Not everyday, but occasionally since this is the first time many kids are away from mom/dad.
- *I wish the school would follow Jeffco start and end dates. Also, parents need to know what rooms the sick kids are in so we can keep our kids home.
- *Keep up the amazing work.
- *We think there should be a door to a natural outdoor playscape from the green room 😊
- *Great program. Great teachers! Thank you!
- *I have no complaints! Keep doing what you're doing!
- *I do wish conferences would rotate teachers. It'd be fun to hear perspectives from both.
- *This program met and exceeded my expectations. It really felt like an extension of our family and my son has grown so much!
- *The teachers and staff are excellent and know my child by name and make a point to say hello in and out of the classroom. This program has exceeded my expectations. Everyone has become an extension of our family and my son has grown so much! Thank you!
- *The teachers and administrators at GCC have been very nurturing and positive. My son looks forward to school when he used to dread daycare. This has been a very positive experience for him.
- *The teachers are great! Kids all seem to enjoy being at school. Only criticism would be that the teachers aren't "in the know" about some of the school activities – might help to communicate or have stuff at sign-in/out
- *Our time has been limited but we are very happy so far!
- *Continue to incorporate concepts and foundational learning preparation tools (such as letter recognition, #'s, writing name, social play, etc.)
- *Anna and Mollie are amazing teachers. I can tell daily they enjoy their job and feel like my daughter has been blessed by having them as her teachers.
- *We appreciate y'all so much!
- *Thank you for everything that you do for our child. I love that she is super happy to go to school everyday.
- *We love, love, love the preschool and recommend it to the parents we know.
- *We will miss sending our kids to such a great and positive program. We have enjoyed seeing the program grow and look for ways to continue improving. Thank you!!
- *Maybe incorporate snacks into the total cost?
- *Upon completion of letter of the week, I think it would maybe be valuable to introduce digraph letter sounds, such as ch, sh, th, etc for the remaining weeks to further develop literacy skills in 2nd year preschool children. I think the program did an exceptional job developing my child's social-emotional growth and I feel confident my child will be mature enough for kindergarten in August.
- *Thank you so much for the best experience we could have asked for! Only suggestion would be to do a full-week lottery for families who need it. Seems it would eliminate some stress on staff too.

*The email communication was very thorough. He was always happy and looked forward to school.

Do you have any comments about our program that we can post on our website?

- *At the beginning of the year our child was shy and apprehensive about going to preschool. Throughout the year, her teachers and play-focused curriculum helped her build friendships and confidence. Now she loves her preschool days!
- *We are going to miss the school so much! After 3 years of coming here with Marin and Patrick, we never had one day where we left unhappy. I feel that my kids were safe and cared for so well and I loved the feeling I had walking away each morning knowing they were in good hands. GCC is such a blessing to the community and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it. Thank you for loving my children over the years!
- *The teachers are wonderful and understand your child very well
- *You have an excellent hardworking staff and our family appreciates everything you do! Thank you.
- *Great program. We enjoyed 2 years here. Small size and friendly staff.
- *Love GCC Preschool. Loving environment. My daughter loves the teachers, her new friends and she feels so safe here. I was so nervous about finding the best preschool for my daughter. But I feel so at ease with GCC Preschool. Best choice ever.
- *We were so amazed and impressed by all our daughter learned this year! We didn't realize she was capable of so much and it challenged us to learn more at home too.
- *Fantastic experience, great learning and community feel.
- *We love it here and have for many years.
- *Golden Community Center Preschool has been such a blessing for our son. They really focus on educating the whole child – social, emotional, and academic – in age appropriate ways.
- *Amazing quality program at an affordable price! Couldn't ask anything better.
- *The teachers are wonderful and know your child very well
- *It's a great program with great teachers and professionals. I would recommend GCC Preschool to all.
- *Our second child is a GCC Preschool now. We love the nurturing environment and play based learning. My daughters loved their days here!
- *I believe the program is great. It incorporates many different aspects allowing children to learn in the way that is most beneficial to them although it may be a different way of learning than other peers do. The teachers strive to make all children feel welcomed and comfortable. You know your child is well cared for and thought of when at school while they are learning.
- *Thank you! Ms. Connie and Ms. Julie do a wonderful job loving our preschoolers!
- *Great caring teachers, happy kids, nurturing environment
- *Love, love, love this place. We will miss it and its staff immensely! So sad to be leaving! Xoxo
- *This has been the best preschool program for our children and we are sad our time here is ending. We will miss everyone but plan to see them often as we practically live at the community center ;) Thank you all for everything you have done for our kids, you are all amazing and you have the best preschool program. Keep up the excellent work!
- *The teachers are wonderful, the program is engaging and the Directors are communicative and friendly. I highly recommend this school to everyone.
- *Molly and Anna are great! We'll miss them next year – glad little sister will get to be in the class too 😊 Such a warm-welcoming place!
- *We've had all 3 of our children go through the GCC Preschool Program and are so sad that this is our last year! I think this program is TOP NOTCH and recommend it to anyone. The staff is truly caring and so sincere. The curriculum is right on target and so well communicated to the parents. On behalf of the Schneider family, thank you for so many great years with our kids!

- *Love, love, love you all. Will really miss it when Marly graduates. Each of you, in every room, have all been amazing. Couldn't ask for more.
- *Golden Rec. Preschool is amazing! This school provides so many opportunities beyond learning numbers and letters. Visits to the garden, fire station, CU cheerleaders, butterflies, and art shows. The staff is excellent! Extremely caring and very prepared to engage all learners. We will be sad to move on to kinder.
- *We have been at the Golden Community Center Preschool Program for a combined five years and have really loved the program. Both my children have thoroughly enjoyed the teachers, the environment, the love, the learning, the experiences, and the great memories!
- *This is a great program. That has a strong emphasis on early childhood development and learning as well as social skills.
- *Our daughter has gained so much confidence at this school! Her growth in all aspects of kindergarten readiness has been impressive. Highly recommend GCCP.
- *We loved sending both our kids to the Preschool Program at the Golden Rec Center. They thrived and having lasting, positive memories from it. Thank you for your caring and hard work. We will miss you!
- *Thanks for all your work. We so appreciate the program and how happy our kiddo has been in it!
- *Wonderful, small-town preschool program that is very enriching and personal.
- *GCC Preschool is a great early learning environment and community for our young kids. My family loves it!
- *Ms. NeNe and Ms. Mary are great. They do a wonderful job. The kids love them.

Thank you for your time and involvement! Your input is greatly appreciated and welcome at any time.

Sincerely,
Preschool Staff 😊