

Teaching Tree Immediate Needs Grant Report

The Larimer County Immediate Needs grant allowed Teaching Tree to implement cohorting, which kept our classrooms safe and open, with minimal classroom closures in 2022. In January and February, when pandemic levels were very high, we had to briefly close 5 out of our 15 classrooms. From March-December 2022, we did not have to close any classrooms. Beginning in March, thanks to this funding, we were able to extend our operating hours to 6 pm. From Jan. 1-December 31, 2022, we provided child care and education to 433 children (age 6 weeks-5) and gave \$242,075 in scholarship funding, making child care accessible and affordable to low and middle income families in our community. Keeping our classrooms open has ensured that the low- and middle-income families we serve have consistent, reliable childcare so that parents can work, go to school, participate in job training, and maintain or progress toward self-sufficiency. Having stable child care and stable work has relieved families' stress and helped them recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

Recent comments from families:

"Teaching Tree has been working very hard to stay open during the pandemic. It has been an extraordinarily difficult situation and their dedication to keeping classrooms open has enabled my family to continue working and provide our child with a more stable routine."

"We are grateful to Teaching Tree for doing a great job during the last two years. It has been very challenging and the consistency of Teaching Tree has been a bright spot for us. We always felt that our son was safe there."

A few photos are attached. Let me know if you need any further information.
Thanks-

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