

# SEEDS OF LEARNING FAMILY CENTER PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO

## Summary Profile

### Who Are We?

*Seeds of Learning* is an early childhood education facility, located in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. We serve families of preschool and toddler-aged children. As a Family Center, we encompass childcare, parenting classes, and staff in-services, and as part of the Colorado Preschool Program, help children who are considered at risk.

### How do we benefit the Community?

Children are the future of our community. Studies show that children who participate in early childhood education programs perform better in school, in adult careers, and later evolve into future community leaders. This provides a better economic base for our community, and produces economic and social benefits with lasting effects, such as:

- lower unemployment
- reduced reliance on social and welfare services
- lower crime rates
- less delinquent behavior in children

Having a certified quality early childhood facility attracts businesses to our community, thus supplying a greater job base and raising the standard of living.

### What do we need?

It is the vision of *Seeds of Learning* to become the first fully accredited early childhood education center in Archuleta County. All the accreditation requirements for staff and programming have been met. The last remaining barrier is procuring an adequate facility. With that in mind, we have initiated a capital campaign to raise \$750,000 to build a new building. By its very nature, an early childhood education center cannot survive without community support. The Colorado Legislature recognizes this fact, and provides a means of rewarding those who are willing to help. See the benefits below.

### How can we benefit YOU?

By contributing to *Seeds of Learning* you can become part of Pagosa's future and save money at the same time. In addition to *Seeds of Learning* being a 501(c)3 organization (thus qualifying it as a tax-exempt organization) it also qualifies for the **Colorado Child Contribution Credit**. **This means that HALF of your donation can be credited toward your Colorado Income tax – up to \$100,000 per year.** Your federal income tax credit may also be as high as 35%, depending on your tax bracket. This means that you may actually save money by giving to *Seeds of Learning*!

Please contact Lynne Bridges (970-264-5513) or Dave Nasralla (970-731-0411) for further information or visit our website at <http://www.growingseeds.org>.