DELAWARE STATE-FUNDED EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAM (SFECEP)

Information Sheet for Families

WHAT IS THE STATE-FUNDED PROGRAM?

The State-Funded Early Care & Education Program (formerly known as ECAP) provides high-quality preschool services funded by the state through the Delaware Department of Education. Modeled after federal Head Start standards, it provides young children a strong foundation for kindergarten while providing valuable support services for the entire family.

KEY BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD & FAMILY

- **Zero Change to Daily Routine:** If your child is enrolled at a participating program (such as CEEP), participation **does not** change their classroom placement, teachers, or daily learning experience.
- **Continuous Quality Improvement:** The program partners with Delaware's Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative (formerly *Delaware Stars*) to ensure classroom environments, health, safety, and learning standards remain exceptional.
- **Family Support Services:** Enrolled families gain access to community resources, social services, and health and developmental screenings throughout the school year at no extra cost.

HOW THE GRANT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL

This state grant directly invests in classroom excellence by providing critical funding for:

- **Teacher Salaries: Helping us recruit, retain, and fairly compensate highly qualified early childhood educators.**
- **Professional Development: Funding ongoing training and specialized instruction for our teachers and staff.**
- **High-Quality Curriculum & Materials: Supplying research-based learning materials, books, and hands-on classroom resources that enhance your child's learning environment.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- **Age:** Preschool children in the CEEP 4-year-old program.
- **Income & Needs Guidelines:** Priority is given based on income eligibility (aligned with federal guidelines) and specific family support criteria.

ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTS

For questions on how to determine eligibility and enroll please contact: Sarah Milner: sarah.milner@colonial.k12.de.us

To finalize your child's state-funded enrollment, you will typically need to complete and return:

1. **State-Funded Parent Contract** (Delivered electronically via SignWell or provided by your child's teacher).
2. **Child's Dental Health Information** (Documentation of most recent Dental visit or enrollment in the DE Smile Check Visit at CEEP.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you have questions about completing your forms or learning more about family resources, please contact the Preschool Coordinator, Sarah Milner: sarah.milner@colonial.k12.de.us