Revised Cost of Preschool Quality & Revenue (CPQ&R) Tool
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What is the Cost of Preschool Quality & Revenue (CPQ&R)? The CPQ, originally developed by CEELO in 2016, is a free Excel-based tool to help users determine costs and revenue to implement high-quality preschool programs. The CPQ&R is newly revised in 2018. The CPQ&R:

- Fully accounts for state and local administrative costs to monitor and enhance quality, including highly qualified staff.
- Projects costs based on research-based quality standards, the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) 2016 preschool quality standards.
- Includes a comprehensive revenue section to allow users to input funding sources, based on eligibility restrictions (both child eligibility and by delivery model).
- Allows users to compare alternate policy options, including varying the dosage, settings, and other program designs. Users can also estimate costs over one year or multiple years.

The CPQ&R incorporates a number of design improvements based on what we have learned from states as they have used earlier versions of the CPQ. A new HOME page allows users to more easily navigate among sections of the tool and revised input and source data increase the utility and flexibility of the CPQ&R in providing data on costs and revenue of high quality preschool programs to inform policy decisions.

What Data is Produced by the CPQ&R? Users can use the data produced by the CPQ&R to inform funding allocations, to estimate costs of expansion and quality enhancements, and to identify trade-offs on quality and access associated with different policy options. This chart illustrates costs to raise dosage, reduce class size and increase teacher degree standards for a “hypothetical” state.

How Can I get the CPQ&R? CEELO provides the CPQ&R estimator at no cost, upon completion of a licensing agreement. CEELO provides technical assistance to learn to use the CPQ&R. See here for further information.