

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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2024

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: Address change Name change Initial return Final return/terminated Amended return Application pending	C Name of organization COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS		D Employer identification number 31-4379619	
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 614-253-5525	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 7,444,168.	
	1611 OLD LEONARD AVENUE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code COLUMBUS, OH 43219		H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No		
F Name and address of principal officer: GINA GINN SAME AS C ABOVE		If "No," attach a list. See instructions		H(c) Group exemption number
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527				
J Website: HTTPS://WWW.COLUMBUSEARLYLEARNING.ORG				
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation Trust Association Other			L Year of formation: 1934 M State of legal domicile: OH	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO HELP YOUNG LEARNERS DEVELOP, FAMILIES SUCCEED AND NEIGHBORHOODS THRIVE.		
	2	Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	137
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	373
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 3,783,280.	Current Year 6,798,213.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	297,570.	479,584.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	59,930.	122,151.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-24,051.	7,344.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	4,116,729.	7,407,292.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.	0.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,120,555.	3,123,460.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	339,263.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,560,874.	2,870,551.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,681,429.	5,994,011.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	435,300.	1,413,281.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 7,436,503.	End of Year 8,987,498.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,828,214.	1,971,320.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	5,608,289.	7,016,178.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer GINA GINN, CEO		Date		
	Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name NATOSHA CARR	Preparer's signature NATOSHA CARR	Date 11/13/25	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P01225377
	Firm's name CLARK, SCHAEFER, HACKETT & CO.	Firm's EIN 31-080053	Phone no. 614-885-2208		
	Firm's address 4449 EASTON WAY, SUITE 400 COLUMBUS, OH 43219				

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS (CELC) HAS OVER 130 YEARS OF HISTORY PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE IN CENTRAL OHIO. THIS RICH HISTORY PLACES CELC AMONGST THE OLDEST EARLY CHILDCARE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. OF THE OVER 300 CHILDREN THAT ARE

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 5,362,559. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 509,917.) COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS (CELC) HAS BEEN PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING AND AFFORDABLE CARE TO OUR CITY'S CHILDREN SINCE 1887. CELC'S SERVICES MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PARENTS TO WORK OR ATTEND SCHOOL, WHILE CHILDREN ARE CARED FOR IN EDUCATION-FOCUSED CLASSROOMS STAFFED BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS.

CHILDREN SERVED ARE: 18% WHITE, 61% BLACK, 14% MULTI-RACIAL, 6% HISPANIC. (72% IDENTIFY AS PERSONS OF COLOR). CHILDREN ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS ARE ASSESSED USING TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD. TEACHERS ENTER DATA INTO THE SYSTEM AFTER CONDUCTING OBSERVATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL RESULTS ARE COMPARED TO WIDELY HELD EXPECTATIONS (WHE) IN SIX DIFFERENT DOMAINS, SUCH AS SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COGNITIVE

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 5,362,559.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and schedules A through I.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various IRS schedule requirements.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V []

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a, 1b, 1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee counts, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and various organizational requirements.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (17), 1b (17), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NONE
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection.
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
GINA GINN - 614-253-5525
1611 OLD LEONARD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) GEORGINA GINN CEO	40.00			X			139,919.	0.	6,620.	
(2) JESSICA CANO BOARD PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) KRISTIN FISHER BOARD TREASURER	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) KATHLEEN DUNN BOARD SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(5) HIMA BINDU CHAMARTHY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) AMANDA BUNDY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) RANDY BUSH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) SUE CORNISH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) JULIANNA FORCINA BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) ANDREW GEARY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) LANCE GINN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) BART LOGAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) SHAWN LOUGH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) JAIZA PAGE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) ANAGHA PATHAK BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) SURESH RACHURI BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) ERIC REISCH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a 350,000.					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c 56,990.					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 4,395,927.					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f 1,995,296.					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f						6,798,213.
Program Service Revenue	2 a	TUITION FEES	Business Code 611110	479,584.	479,584.			
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			479,584.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		122,151.			122,151.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real					
			(ii) Personal					
	b	Less: rental expenses ...	6b					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
			(ii) Other					
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 56,990. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18							
		8a						
		13,887.						
b	Less: direct expenses	8b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-22,989.		-22,989.		
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19							
		9a						
b	Less: direct expenses	9b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
		10a						
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a	MISCELLANEOUS	Business Code 900001	30,333.	30,333.			
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			30,333.			
12	Total revenue. See instructions			7,407,292.	509,917.	0.	99,162.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	146,539.	95,250.	14,654.	36,635.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,576,314.	2,327,964.	127,387.	120,963.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	182,242.	154,995.	5,395.	21,852.
10 Payroll taxes	218,365.	194,265.	11,985.	12,115.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	56,365.	50,341.	4,868.	1,156.
c Accounting	19,650.	17,550.	1,697.	403.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	9,049.		9,049.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	74,517.	66,554.	6,435.	1,528.
12 Advertising and promotion	62,478.	61,663.		815.
13 Office expenses	151,785.	127,099.	10,510.	14,176.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	658,721.	614,795.	34,921.	9,005.
17 Travel	14,878.	13,923.	615.	340.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	10,736.	8,757.	1,570.	409.
20 Interest	13,737.	13.	13,724.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	254,523.	252,851.	1,672.	
23 Insurance	71,584.	60,023.	11,561.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CONTRACT SERVICES	818,835.	812,735.	3,450.	2,650.
b FOOD	267,729.	267,729.		
c CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	191,339.	190,128.	911.	300.
d CREDIT LOSSES	115,570.			115,570.
e All other expenses	79,055.	45,924.	31,785.	1,346.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	5,994,011.	5,362,559.	292,189.	339,263.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1,295,137.	1	2,667,429.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	500,582.	2	520,919.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,349,437.	3	1,328,284.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	33,617.	4	56,393.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	24,364.	9	11,443.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,723,416.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 957,012.	1,781,605.	10c 1,766,404.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	1,546,498.	12	1,621,855.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	905,263.	15	1,014,771.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	7,436,503.	16	8,987,498.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	300,782.	17	388,076.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	30,267.	19	35,500.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	499,900.	23	494,410.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	997,265.	25	1,053,334.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,828,214.	26	1,971,320.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,510,766.	27	5,359,923.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	1,097,523.	28	1,656,255.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	5,608,289.	32	7,016,178.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,436,503.	33	8,987,498.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	7,407,292.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,994,011.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,413,281.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	5,608,289.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	18,920.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	-24,312.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	7,016,178.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form 990 (2024)

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3454978.	3780890.	4297124.	3783280.	6798213.	22114485.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	3454978.	3780890.	4297124.	3783280.	6798213.	22114485.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						22114485.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3454978.	3780890.	4297124.	3783280.	6798213.	22114485.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	57.	6,678.	7,013.	59,930.	122,151.	195,829.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on		5,300.	41,442.			46,742.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						22357056.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	2,266,768.
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	98.92 %
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.22 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income; 13 Total support.

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? a A person who directly or indirectly controls... b A family member... c A 35% controlled entity...

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity... Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s)...

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year... Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected... Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice...

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). a The organization satisfied the Activities Test... b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations... c The organization supported a governmental entity... Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes... b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement... Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees... b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations?

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions.
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024		
a	From 2019		
b	From 2020		
c	From 2021		
d	From 2022		
e	From 2023		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to under distributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2020		
b	Excess from 2021		
c	Excess from 2022		
d	Excess from 2023		
e	Excess from 2024		

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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Schedule B (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

Employer identification number

31-4379619

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

[] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

[X] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

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Schedule B (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Name of organization COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS	Employer identification number 31-4379619
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>250,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>490,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>175,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>191,820.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>600,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	

Name of organization COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS	Employer identification number 31-4379619
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

Employer identification number

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ _____

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment _____ %
 - c Term endowment _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		2,168,921.	601,182.	1,567,739.
d Equipment		384,983.	256,290.	128,693.
e Other		169,512.	99,540.	69,972.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				1,766,404.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) BENEFICIAL INTEREST	356,011.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B) TREASURY BOND	1,265,844.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))	1,621,855.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) UNEMPLOYMENT ESCROW	10,485.
(2) OPERATING LEASE RIGHT OF USE ASSET	1,004,286.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	1,014,771.

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) PENSION LIABILITY	30,120.
(3) OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	1,023,214.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	1,053,334.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ...

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	7,430,327.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	18,920.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	600.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	36,876.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	56,396.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	7,373,931.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	9,049.	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	24,312.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	33,361.	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	7,407,292.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	6,022,438.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	600.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	36,876.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	37,476.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	5,984,962.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	9,049.	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	9,049.	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	5,994,011.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 36,876.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FAS 158 ADJUSTMENT 24,312.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 36,876.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		2024 PEOPLE OF PROMISE G (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	70,877.		70,877.
	2	Less: Contributions	56,990.		56,990.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	13,887.		13,887.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages	18,511.		18,511.
	8	Entertainment	9,413.		9,413.
	9	Other direct expenses	8,952.		8,952.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			36,876.
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)			-22,989.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)			
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Lined area for supplemental information.

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(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

COLUMBUS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

Employer identification number

31-4379619

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
SERVED EACH YEAR, NEARLY 75% LIVE BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
LEVEL. IN ADDITION, 85% COME FROM A SINGLE PARENT HEADED HOUSEHOLD AND
95% RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR A CELC SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP MAKE EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE. CELC
PRIDES ITSELF ON SERVING AS MANY CHILDREN FROM THE COMMUNITY AS WE CAN,
ENSURING CHILDREN GRADUATE ON TO KINDERGARTEN PREPARED BOTH
ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
ABILITY, AND LITERACY SKILLS. SUCCESS IS DEFINED AS THE CHILD MEETING
OR EXCEEDING WHE IN AT LEAST FOUR OF SIX DOMAINS. OUR GOALS ANNUALLY
ARE THAT MORE THAN 80% OF OUR CHILDREN ARE MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE
WHE. IN ADDITION, 95% OF CEL'S GRADUATING STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE
KINDERGARTEN-READINESS COMPARED TO JUST 35.4% STATEWIDE. IN 2024,
VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED \$ 34,737.58 IN ECONOMIC VALUE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:
PRESENTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
PRESENTS THE 990 TO THE BOARD TO REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:
BOARD MEMBERS AND LEADERSHIP COMPLETE AN ANNUAL FORM REGARDING CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST. CONFLICTS ARE DISCUSSED AT BOARD MEETINGS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:
BOARD MEMBERS GATHER AND REVIEW STUDIES RELATING TO COMPARABLE SIZE
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INDUSTRY. SALARY RANGES FROM THESE STUDIES ARE
REVIEWED AND EVALUATED AS THE BOARD ESTABLISHES THE SALARY AND/OR RAISES
FOR ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
HIRING, FIRING, AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES IS CHARGED TO THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR USES COMPENSATION ASSESSMENTS
FROM THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE OHIO RESOURCE AND REFERRAL ASSOCIATION.
INTERNAL SURVEYS ARE ALSO CONDUCTED FROM TIME TO TIME.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
THE ORGANIZATION MAKES AVAILABLE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:
PENSION RELATED CHANGES OTHER THAN NET PERIODIC BENEFIT
COSTS -24,312.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C
THIS PROCESS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.