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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation Early Learning Ventures		A Employer identification number 26-4053609	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 18 Inverness Place East		Room/suite B Telephone number (see instructions) (303) 789-2664	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Englewood, CO 80112		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/> E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation			
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 1,369,308		J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	3,175,263			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 	400			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 400				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	3,175,663	0		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	955,125			1,062,273
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule). 	13,875			13,875
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule). 	35,782			35,782
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule) 	333,110			333,110
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) 	10			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.	83,847			84,619
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule). 	1,414,268			830,970
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	2,836,017	0		2,360,629
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	0			0
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	2,836,017	0		2,360,629
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	339,646			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	476,575	636,509	636,509
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <u>729,310</u>			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	17,515	729,310	729,310
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions).			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use	5,621	3,489	3,489
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	Liabilities	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____		
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
12		Investments—mortgage loans			
13		Investments—other (attach schedule)			
14		Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ <u>211,031</u>			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>211,031</u>	18,725		
15		Other assets (describe ▶ _____)			
16		Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	518,436	1,369,308	1,369,308
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses	125,601	655,551	
18		Grants payable			
19	Deferred revenue				
20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule).				
22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	 1			
23	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)	125,602	655,551		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	392,834	713,757	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	392,834	713,757	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	518,436	1,369,308		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	392,834
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	339,646
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	732,480
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶  _____	5	18,723
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	713,757

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo , day, yr)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) (l)
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	

Part V

Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)
If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014			
2013			
2012			
2011			
2010			

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See
the Part VI instructions


Part VII

Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	0
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2.		3	
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		4	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-		5	
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868).	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached		8	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed ▶		9	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid . . . ▶		10	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ▶ Refunded ▶		11	

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	Yes	No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>	1b		No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ▶ \$ _____			
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____			
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2		No
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3		No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		No
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5		No
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ CA, CO _____			
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i> .	8b	Yes	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	Yes	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i> 	10	Yes	


Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>www.earlylearningventures.org</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>Consolidated Investment Group</u> Telephone no ► <u>(303) 789-2664</u> Located at ► <u>18 Inverness Place East Englewood CO</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>80112</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ► <input type="checkbox"/>	1b		No
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions).	2b		No
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015</i>).	3b		No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b		No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (Continued)


5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?		5b	No
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. 	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</i>			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b	No
	<i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		7b	No

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
David Merae 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Pres/Secr/Treas 2 00	0		
Laura Merae 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	V Pres 2 00	0		
Sue Renner 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Assist VP 2 00	0		

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
Lionel Espinoza 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Program Manager 40 00	69,753	8,705	
Judith Williams 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Project Director 40 00	127,281	15,434	
Mia Pritts 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Implementation Mgr 40 00	59,509	2,378	
Margaret Vaughan 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Fin Service Coord 40 00	69,742	1,969	
Ty Johnson 18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112	Senior Marketing 40 00	53,477	886	

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000. 

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".		
(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Level Next Software 55 Woodmen Ct Colorado Springs, CO 80919	Software Suport	243,323
Coreen Enterprises LLC 493 28 1/4 Road Grand Junction, CO 81501	Childcare Partner	56,123
Teachstone Training 105 Monticello Ave Suite 201 Charlottesville, VA 22902	On-Site Training	46,500
Little Angels Day Care Inc 13963 E Exposition Ave Aurora, CO 80012	Childcare Partner	42,070
New Legacy Charter School 2091 N Daytona Street Aurora, CO 80010	Childcare Partner	57,725
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ▶		

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 Early Learning Venture Fund This is a shared services infrastructure for the early childhood education sector to promote effective governance, high standards of program quality, professional competence, operational efficiency, as well as financial sustainability. The objective is to strengthen overall business operations, and allow the child care providers to spend more time in the classroom. ELV provides support and oversight to its partners while continuing to research and develop the model and policies. This effort involves ELV staff providing technical assistance, business planning, and resource development. ELV is currently serving the Denver Metro Area, Garfield County, Eagle County, Mesa County, Pitkin County, Pueblo County, Summit County, Telluride and surrounding counties, and the San Luis Valley.	682,500
2 Healthy Options for Preschoolers ELV is promoting and expanding access to healthy meals and snacks for preschool aged children who are enrolled in a child care program that is part of the ELV Alliance. Through its partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation, ELV plans to increase the number of children who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables daily and increase the number of children who receive healthy meals in the center and home-base child care settings.	41,223
3 ELV created a customized web-based information management system for the Early Learning Ventures Alliance model. The Child Management System includes educational performance and accountability data management software, professional development supports, and financial management functionality.	247,374
4 Early Head Start ELV supports and enhances early learning programs to provide comprehensive and continuous services. ELV aims to increase access to high-quality, full-day, full year child care for low income working families.	1,358,696

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	428,077
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	88,626
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	516,703
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	516,703
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	7,751
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	508,952
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	25,448

Part XI Distributable Amount(see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	2,360,629
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	2,360,629
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	2,360,629

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				
b From 2011.				
c From 2012.				
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ _____				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015.				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.				
b Excess from 2012.				
c Excess from 2013.				
d Excess from 2014.				
e Excess from 2015.				

Part XIV

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Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
0				0
2,360,629	953,025	830,018	977,411	5,121,083
30,836	24,650	17,356	29,346	102,188
2,329,793	928,375	812,662	948,065	5,018,895
1,369,308	518,435	301,058	126,358	2,315,159
1,369,308	518,435	301,058	126,358	2,315,159
				0

Part XV

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b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

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Part XV

Supplementary Information(continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient		If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)					
a <i>Paid during the year</i>					
Total				▶ 3a	
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>					
Total				▶ 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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1. Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of		
(1) Cash.	1a(1)	No
(2) Other assets.	1a(2)	No
b Other transactions		
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(1)	No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(2)	No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	1b(3)	No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	1b(4)	No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	1b(5)	No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	1b(6)	No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	1c	No
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.		

[illegible]

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes
☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here	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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	*****	2016-11-10	*****
	_____ Signature of officer or trustee	_____ Date	_____ Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
 (see instr.)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Robin Palmer	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P01432409
	Firm's name <input type="checkbox"/> DUNN HENRITZE MALINE LLP			Firm's EIN <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Firm's address <input type="checkbox"/> 215 WOAK ST STE 1100 FORT COLLINS, CO 805212733				
				Phone no (970) 372-4160	

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	35,782	0	0	35,782

**TY 2015 Land, Etc.
Schedule****Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Machinery and Equipment	48,425	48,425		
Miscellaneous	162,606	162,606		

TY 2015 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	13,875	0	0	13,875

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Auto Mileage	189			189
Bank Fees	2,302			2,302
Dues & Subscriptions	3,048			3,048
Education	16,449			16,449
Furniture & Fixtures	2,728			2,728
Gifts	424			424
Information Technology	332,251			332,308
Insurance	2,359			2,359
Licenses & Permits	1,070			1,070
Marketing	14,623			14,659
Meetings	18,556			18,556
Miscellaneous	21			21
Office Supplies	16,533			16,533
Postage	785			785
Program Expenses	940,284			355,873
Seminars & Training	52,993			52,993
Telephone	9,653			10,673

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Other Professional Fees	333,110	0	0	333,110

TY 2015 Substantial Contributors Schedule

Name: Early Learning Ventures

EIN: 26-4053609

Software ID: 15000324

Software Version: 2015v2.0

Name	Address
David Laura Merage Foundation	18 Inverness Place East Englewood, CO 80112
State of Colorado	1575 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80203
Colorado Health Foundation	501 South Cherry Street Suite 1100 Denver, CO 80246
Office of Head Start	1961 Stout Street Denver, CO 80294

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule**Name:** Early Learning Ventures**EIN:** 26-4053609**Software ID:** 15000324**Software Version:** 2015v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Taxes	10			

<div>Schedule B</div> <div>(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div>	<div>Schedule of Contributors</div> <div>▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF</div> <div>▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990</div>	<div>OMB No 1545-0047</div> <div>2015</div>
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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:	Section:
Form 990 or 990-EZ	<div><input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)() (enter number) organization</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization</div>
Form 990-PF	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation</div>

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 other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), 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, 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. Do not 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 is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), 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 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization Early Learning Ventures	Employer identification number 26-4053609
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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		\$ 800,001	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	David and Laura Merage Foundation 18 Inverness Place East		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	Englewood, CO 80112		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
2		\$ 139,434	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	State of Colorado 1575 Sherman Street		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	Denver, CO 80203		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
3		\$ 375,710	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	The Colorado Health Foundation 501 South Cherry St Ste 1100		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	Denver, CO 80246		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
4		\$ 1,746,928	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Office of Head Start 1961 Stout Street		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	Denver, CO 80294		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

Name of organization Early Learning Ventures	Employer identification number 26-4053609
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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 information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____

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