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Provider Support Session #5
October 18th, 2023



Meeting Agreements

- Respect each other's opinions, even if you don't agree with them.
- Make sure everybody is able to contribute.
- Only one person speaks at a time (use the raise hand feature.)
- Listen to understand.
- We agree that this is a confidential space.

Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

- Provide local support to child-care providers participating in the UPK program.
- Share the most recent updates from CDEC and answer provider questions.

Objectives

- To create a safe space for providers where they can share experiences and build relationships with Triad Bright Futures LCO staff and other providers within our catchment area.
- To promote networking, best practices and collaboration among participants.



Meeting Agenda

- Local Resources for Providers
- CDEC Updates
- Q & A
- Adjourn



Resources for providers

CIRCLE OF SECURITY GROUPS FOR DIRECTORS AND TEACHERS

Jefferson Center is pleased to offer two Circle of Security Groups starting next week for Child Care teachers and directors.

- *Director's Circle of Security group* – starts Tues. Oct. 24th in person from 4–6pm. Directors will receive a meal and gift card.
- *Teachers' Circle of Security group* – starts Thurs. Oct. 26th in person from 1–3pm. The program will pay \$20/hr for 3 hours for each teacher that attends; limit of 2 teachers per center along with a substitute stipend. Teachers will also receive a meal and gift card.

For more information about Circle of Security, please see these fliers: [Teachers' Circle](#) and [Director's Circle](#).

Resources for providers

PROJECT INCLUDE CU DENVER

The Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering at CU Denver has partnered up with Triad Early Childhood Council to implement Project Include in Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. This program assists licensed Child Care providers with the opportunity to build more inclusive learning environments through simple modifications and adaptive equipment. No diagnosed disability or delay of children in their care is required for providers to participate.

The program is free, available in Spanish and consists of the following three components: 1) online training through PDIS, 2) a Universal Design & Inclusion kit available for loan through Triad ECC and 3) customized coaching and materials support through Project Include.

For FFN providers who are not licensed, there are many resources in English and Spanish available on the "Additional Resources tab of the Project Include website.

For more information and to complete an interest form, please visit [Project Include \(en español\)](#).

Resources for providers

JUMPSTART CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

There is still available funding for the Jumpstart Child Care Subsidy program through Triad Early Childhood Council.

This subsidy provides child care funding for parents/guardians who are going back to work or school and who do not qualify for CCCAP. Families must live in Jefferson County and have a child 0-8 years of age.

All licensed and registered providers that care for subsidy recipients' children can participate.

To learn more please [visit the website](#) or email shashonee.yazzie@rrcc.edu or call 303-914-6272.

Walk-in Enrollment

-If families contact you directly, who have never applied to UPK or have never been placed at a program, please work with the family to complete the UPK application and our help desk, to request placement IF you have enough open seats, and the family can submit all the required paperwork to complete the registration process.

> **Submit a ticket** and **cc the family** for open communication to request placement.



Submitting a Ticket

➤ Navigate to Triad Bright Futures Website> [Latest UPK Updates](#)

Families:

- CDEC will contact you directly by email or text with final results and instructions on how to accept/decline your match. If you do not take action on your match, you will move into the next match round. **Please make sure you accept your match by the due date stated in your notification or you may lose your placement!**
- Please see these instructions from CDEC about how you will accept or decline a match. Note these instructions are only in English, so please reach out to Triad Bright Futures help desk and request a bilingual team member if you need assistance.
- If you have questions about your child's IEP placement, you will need to work with Jeffco, Gilpin or Clear Creek Schools directly. Please contact your Special Education Director. For Jeffco Schools, you may also call 303 962-1737 for more information.



TRIAD BRIGHT FUTURES HELP DESK

Call 720-449-7960 or click below to submit a ticket online.

SUBMIT A TICKET

Providers:

- If you have a walk-in placement request, please submit a ticket, rather than email the Triad Bright Futures Help Desk. From the drop-down menu, select "Child Care Provider" or "School District" for Category. Then select "Walk-In Enrollment" for Question Type. This will allow us to expedite your request. Please allow 24 hours for our Help Desk team to respond and refer to this resource for additional information about walk-in placements.
- Resources from the September 11th UPK Quality Standards webinar hosted by CDEC: [Webinar Recording](#)

Triad Bright Futures - Local Coordinating Organization for Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties

Universal Preschool

Request Help

Contact Information

Full name*

Enter name

Email*

Enter email

Category*

Parent

Child care provider

School District

Other

Child care provider

License Number*

Question Type (Provider)*

Message Details

Which category best describes you?*

School District

School District Jeffco*

Jefferson

Gilpin

Clear Creek

Email*

Enter email

Phone

Enter phone number

Message Details

Which category best describes you?*

Child care provider

License Number*

Question Type (Provider)*

Registration and slots

Family application

Matching and enrollment

UPK Payments and funding

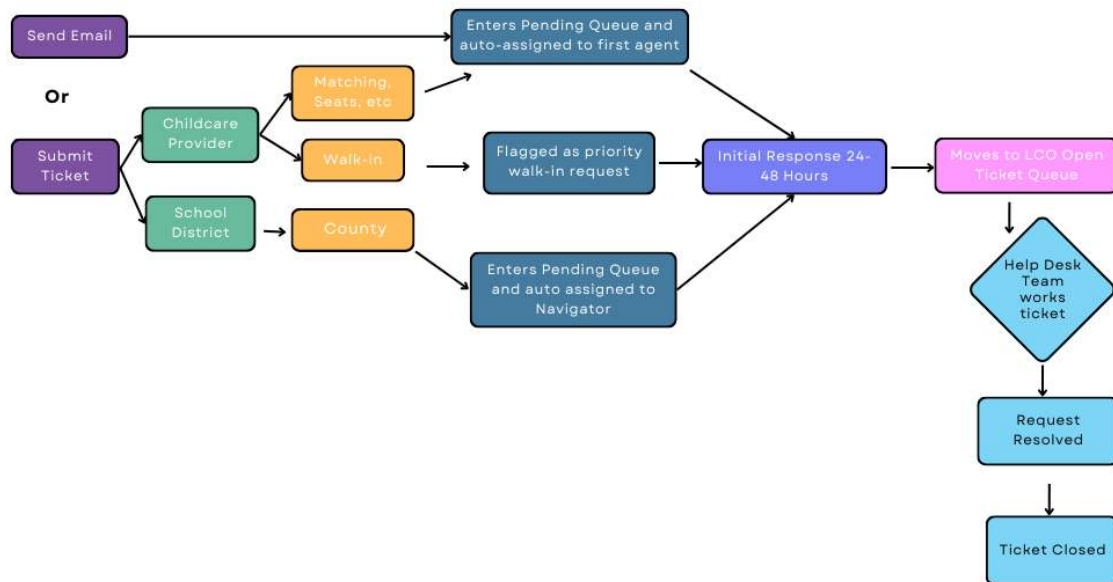
General question

Walk-in enrollment

Submitting a Ticket



Help Desk Workflow for Provider Requests



Universal Preschool Colorado

Provider Updates October 2023



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Provider Payments

- Providers will be paid monthly based on the number of four-year-olds enrolled in a program by the 15th of the prior month.
- Next four-year-old payment November 8th
 - Based on enrolled children as of October 15th. Providers will no longer be paid on accepted status.
 - October is the last month of late enrollment for a $\frac{1}{2}$ month rate. Students enrolled between October 15th-25th will receive a $\frac{1}{2}$ month rate payment per child in the December payment.
- [Payment Reference Guide](#)



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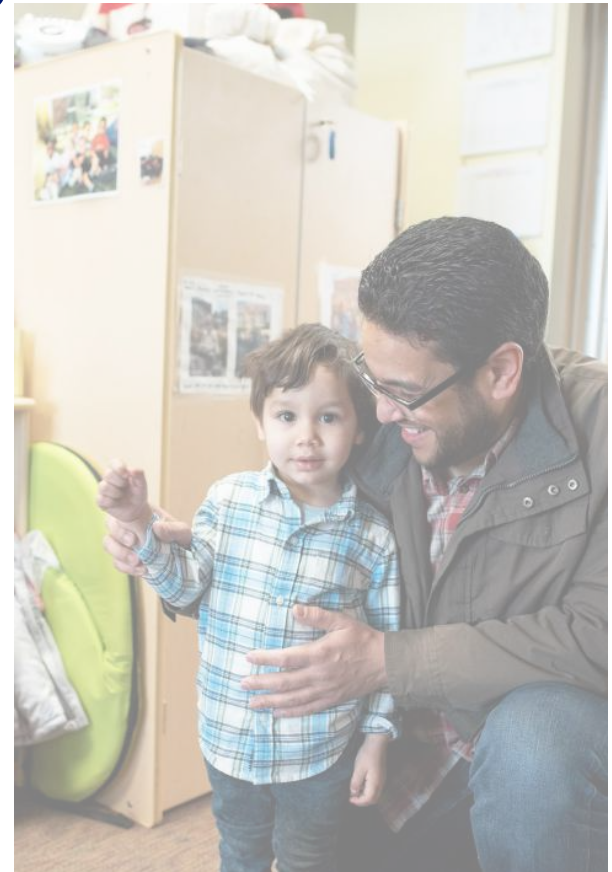
When can providers charge tuition?

Example 1

- Child attends 15 hours/week
- Child is awarded standard 15 hours/week of Universal Preschool
- Provider can not charge tuition

Example 2

- Child attends 20 hours/week
- Child is awarded standard 15 hours/week of Universal Preschool
- Provider can charge tuition (or use other funding sources) for hours 16-20 based on the providers' published rate



Funding Eligibility

- Most four-year-olds will receive up to 15 hours per week of Universal Preschool
- Children with an IEP will receive funding in alignment with the number of hours in their IEP
- Children are eligible for 30 hours per week of Universal Preschool if they are in a lower income household and meet at least one other [qualifying factor](#).
- A qualifying child will only receive the additional hours of funding if they are enrolled in a program that is at least 30 hours per week.

| UPK Program | Standard Rate | Additional Hours Rate (children who meet low income + one other factor) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Part-Time (10-14 hours/wk) | 10 hours | Does not apply |
| Half Day AM or PM (15-29 hours/wk) | 15 hours | Does not apply |
| Full Day (30-40 hours/wk) | 15 hours | 30 hours |
| Extended Day (over 40 hours/wk) | 15 hours | 30 hours |



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*Additional hours will continue to be awarded monthly to children who are low-income +1 other qualifying factor, pending available funding



Funding Opportunities

Provider Capacity Building

- Applications open 9/15/23 - 10/31/23
- Any Universal Preschool provider who is active, signed the agreement, and has matches is eligible
- Funding categories:
 - Furniture, Educational Materials and Supplies, Health Care Materials and Supplies, Technology, Site Infrastructure, Quality Standards

Provider Bonus

- Attestation available in September
- Universal Preschool providers who have never done CPP, active, signed the agreement and have matches by 8/31/23
- \$800 One-time payment

Eligible providers will receive a direct link to apply for these opportunities from MetrixIQ.



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Three-year-olds

Application and Eligibility

- Must have at least one qualifying factor to be eligible for Universal Preschool
- Apply directly to the school district in the application portal
- Districts may serve directly, or contract with a community-based provider

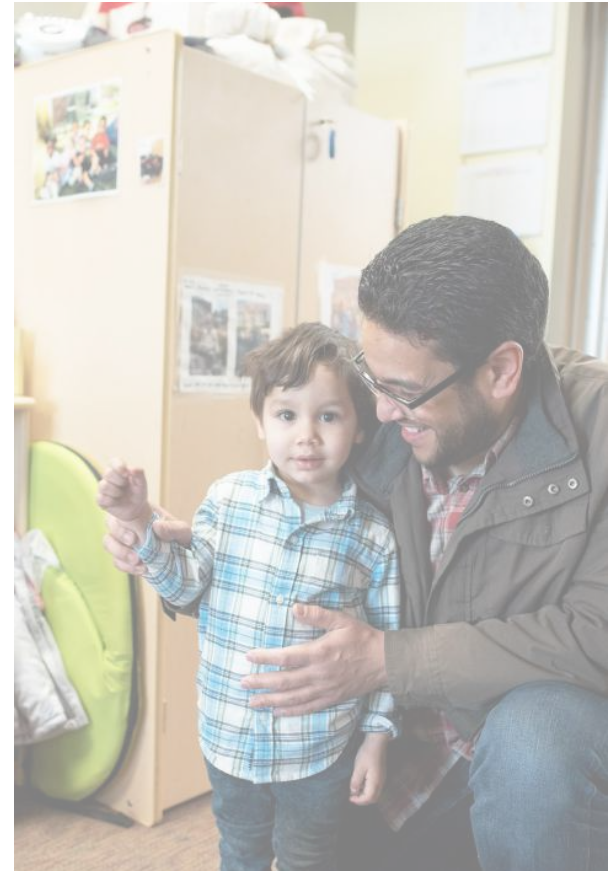
Payment

- School districts will attest to the Historical Allotment
 - Attestation is due 10/31 to the vendor
 - Confirm numbers and ages served (based on local school district kindergarten start dates)
 - Confirm any pass-through funds to community partners for preschool services
- Payments will be distributed as a lump-sum to school districts on November 3rd based on verified historical allowance.
- Three-year-olds with IEPs are funded separately
 - Monthly payments based on enrollment
 - Information about reporting requirements will come in November

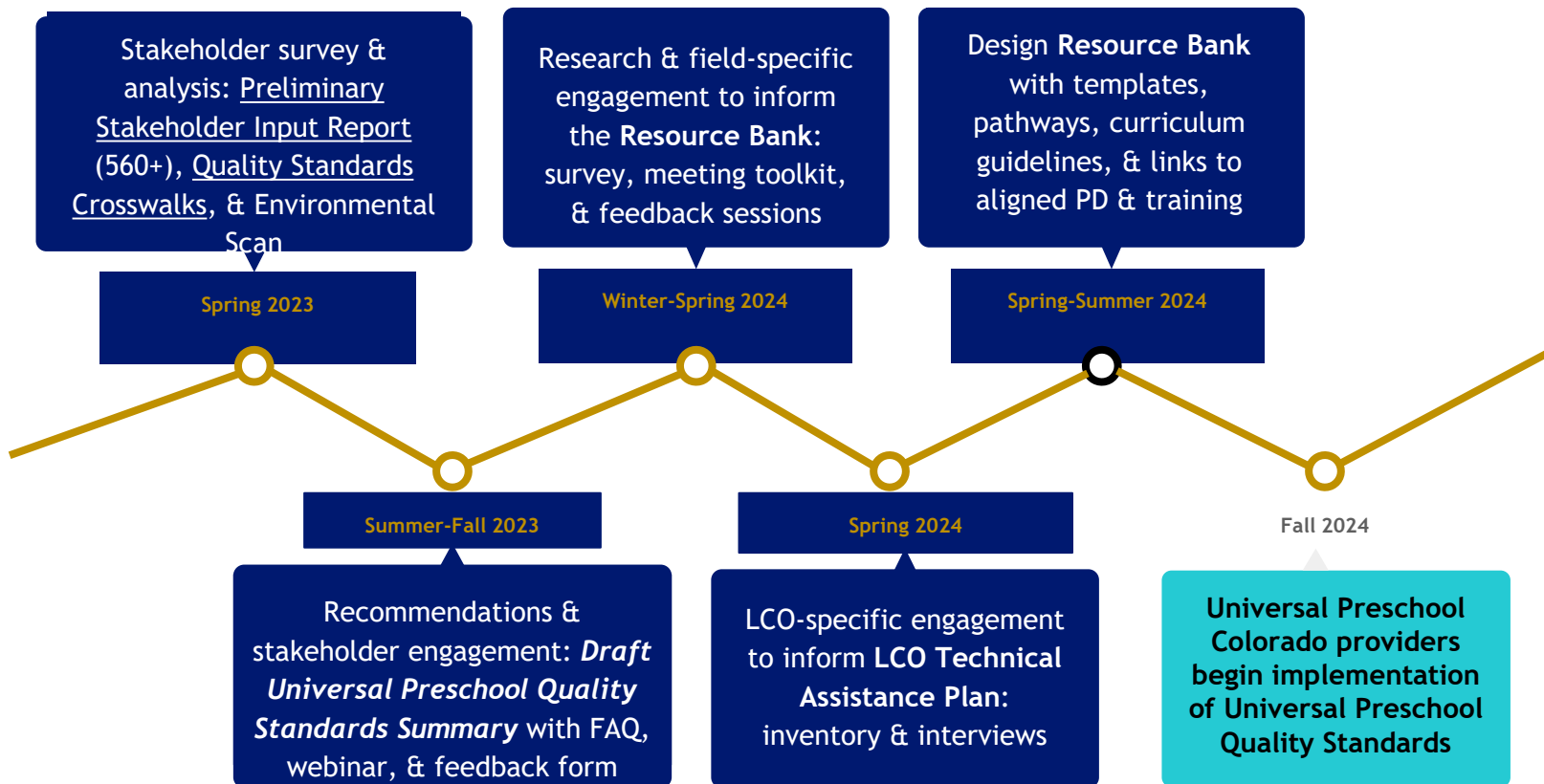


Quality Standards

- Contracted with Early Milestones Colorado to facilitate the quality standards development process
- House Bill 22-1295 tasked the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) with developing quality standards for Universal Preschool
- The Rules Advisory Council (RAC) is composed of a diverse, fifteen (15) member group that regularly meets to discuss proposed rules for consideration, advise the Executive Director of potential impacts related to those rules, and make a final recommendation for the CDEC Executive Director to consider before promulgating proposed rule(s)
- [More information](#)

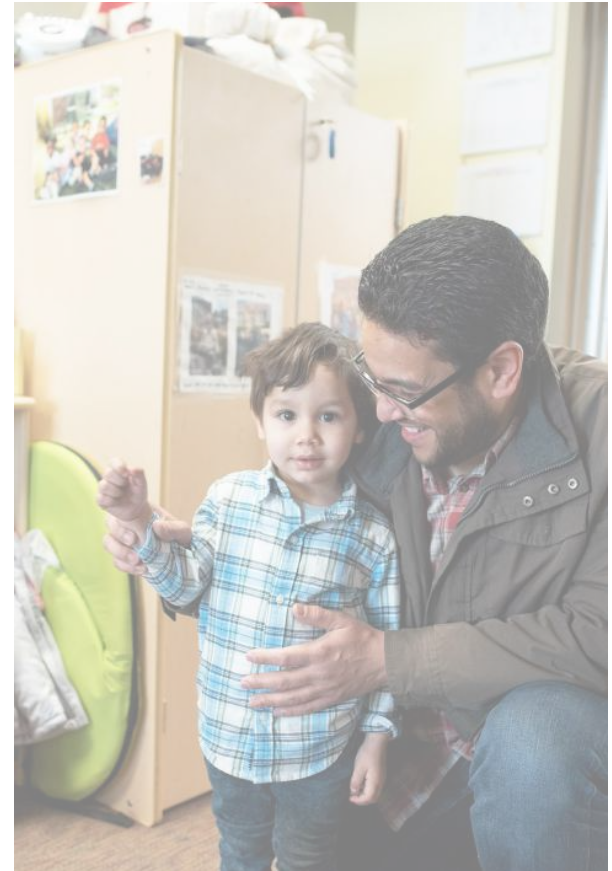


Timeline



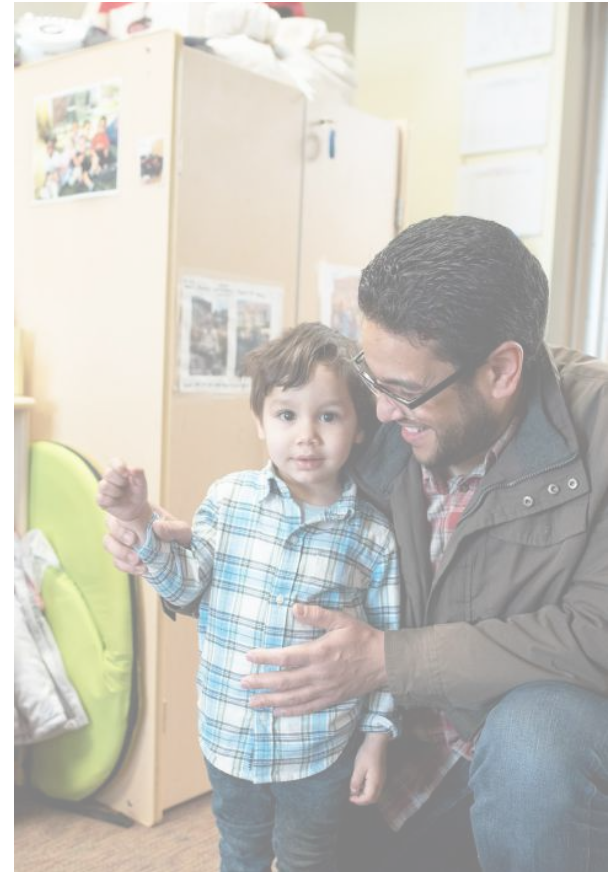
Quality Standards Overview

- **Universal Preschool Quality Standard 1: Instructional Practice**
 - Instructional Practice (IP) is considered to be everything preschool providers 'do' with children. A well-balanced pedagogical approach or curriculum supports the development of the whole child and incorporates assessment.
- **Universal Preschool Quality Standard 2: Healthy Development**
 - Healthy Development (HD) ensures preschool providers support the healthy bodies and minds of children. Addressing children's development is a critical component of a whole child approach.
- **Universal Preschool Quality Standard 3: Family & Community Engagement**
 - Family and Community Engagement (FC) allows for affirmation of all aspects of children's identity and acknowledges families as their child's first caregiver and most important teacher.



Opportunities to Engage

- Once the draft rules for the proposed UPK Quality Standards are developed, the Colorado Universal Preschool Program will email and post the draft rules to solicit additional stakeholder feedback before the draft rules are reviewed by the Rules Advisory Council during the early part of next year.
- [Click here to see how to provide feedback on the draft rules](#)



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CDEC Resources

- CCCAP and Universal Preschool
 - [Comparison chart](#)
 - [Scenarios](#)
- [Updated Guidance](#)
- Webpage updates
 - [Family Q&A](#)
 - [Find my LCO](#)
- [Head Start informational memo](#)



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Q & A

THANK YOU!

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Next Session: November 1, 1-2PM

Topic: UPK payments

