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Provider Support Session #6
November 15th, 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.



Payments



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Payments

- [Participating Provider Resources](#)
- Universal Preschool payments will be made monthly based on a child's Universal Preschool status on a specified date the month leading up to the payment, as defined in the payment schedule.

Payment Schedule	
Payment Date	Includes enrollments as of...
August 1, 2023	July 9
September 8, 2023	August 15 <u>and</u> late enrollments from July 10- Aug 15 (full-month rate)*
October 6, 2023	September 15 <u>and</u> late enrollments from August 16-25 (half-month rate)
November 8, 2023	October 15 <u>and</u> late enrollments from September 16-25 (half-month rate)
December 8, 2023	November 15 <u>and</u> late enrollments from October 16-25 (half-month rate)
January 8, 2024	December 15
February 8, 2024	January 15
March 8, 2024	February 15
April 8, 2024	March 15
May 8, 2023	April 15

- Payments are based on enrollment the prior month, but are meant to be applied to the month they are received on.



Payments -Scenarios

Q: I have a student who enrolled on October 16th. When will I expect to receive this payment?

- A: The payments for late enrollments will not be included in the next immediate payment but are delayed by two months. For this student you will receive a payment for the ½ month rate on December 8th. October was the last month to receive a ½ month rate for late enrollments.

Q: What do I do if I believe I have not received payment for a student who is attending my program?

- A: Ensure that you have enrolled the student in the provider portal and cross-reference their enrollment date with the [payment schedule](#). If you have verified their enrollment date with the payment schedule and believe you have missed a payment contact your LCO to determine next steps.

Q: When will I get paid for my students who are Enrolled in my program in October?

- A: You will get a full months' payment for students Enrolled (as of Oct. 15th) on November 8th. If a student enrolls between Oct. 16-25 you will receive a half month payment in December.
- The November payment is based on children in enrolled status.

Reminder: Please ensure you are selecting accurate start dates and verifying date of birth (aligning with the district cut-off date) when completing your enrollment form. This ensures accurate payment and that students are in the correct program based on their age. 3 Year Olds should not be in 4 Year Old Programs.



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Allowable Uses of Funds

Pursuant to section 26.5-4-208(5), a preschool provider that receives any amount of Universal Preschool funding distributed by CDEC shall use the money only to pay the costs of providing preschool services directly to eligible children enrolled by the preschool provider or by a subcontracted preschool provider.

Universal Preschool dollars can be used to cover the following general education and special education costs:

- Teacher and paraprofessional salaries and benefits;
- The cost of providing to teachers and paraprofessionals any professional development activities associated with the preschool services;
- The costs incurred in purchasing supplies and materials used in providing the preschool services;
- Any additional costs that a preschool provider would not have incurred but for the services provided in conjunction with the preschool services; and
- A reasonable allocation of overhead costs.

Universal Preschool dollars cannot be used for K-12 expenses. Any underspend must be held in reserve for the Universal Preschool program / preschool services and coded as such.



Walk-in Enrollment



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Walk-in Enrollment Process

The last matching round for program year 2023-24 was on
Monday, November 6

After that - all new enrollments will follow the walk-in enrollment process

- Provider supports the family who walked in to complete Universal Preschool application
- Provider informs LCO of placement
- LCO “Accepts” match on behalf of the family
- LCO notifies provider
- Provider completes the enrollment form



WALK IN ENROLLMENT

If you have a walk-in placement request, **please submit a ticket rather than email the Help Desk.**

From the drop-down menu, select “Child Care Provider” or “School District” for Category. Then select “Walk-in Enrollment” for Question Type. Please include the family’s email in address in your request to facilitate open communication and expedite the process.

Please allow 24-48 hours for our Help Desk team to respond and refer to [this resource](#) for additional information about walk-in placements.



Qualifying Factors & Additional Hours Awards



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Qualifying Factors

- Based on available funding for the 2023-24 school year and the Colorado law creating Universal Preschool, families of four-year-olds / children in the year before kindergarten eligibility, who are low income **AND** have one other qualifying factor are eligible for additional hours or full day (30 hours/week) funding.
- Some school districts offer programs for three-year-olds/children two years before kindergarten eligibility. These children are eligible to receive 10 hours per week of Universal Preschool funding if they have at least one of the qualifying factors listed below.

Qualifying factors include:

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Homelessness

Dual language learner

Foster/Kinship care

Income



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Additional Hours Awards

Additional hours are continuing to be awarded at this time. Additional hours are awarded monthly based on availability of funding.

Providers can tell if a student has been awarded additional hours in two ways

1. Downloaded enrollment report. In the column titled “Awarded Additional Hours” a “Yes” indicates a student has been awarded additional hours.
2. Each months pay file shows students who were awarded additional hours.

*If families need to add qualifying factors to their application after it has been submitted they can contact their [Local Coordinating Organization \(LCO\)](#) to unlock their application and make the necessary changes.



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Emergency Rule



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Emergency Rule “Children In Poverty”

- Proposing to establish a new qualifying factor for "children in poverty," which is identified at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)
- If approved, implemented in year two of the program
- Expands the eligibility of children experiencing poverty to receive additional preschool services (hours), and is intended to increase equity and provide additional support to uplift Colorado's most vulnerable populations.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Please [submit written comments](#) on the draft UPK Qualifying Factors rule ([Redlined Draft](#) | [Clean Draft](#)) by Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

Emergency Rule “Children In Poverty”

NEXT STEPS

CDEC will review and consider all public feedback received, and incorporate the recommendations into the draft UPK Qualifying Factors rule. The Draft UPK Qualifying Factors rule is expected to be reviewed by the Rules Advisory Council (RAC) and adopted on an emergency basis in January 2024, followed by permanent adoption in February 2024.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

All rulemaking material received and collected including all written comments, and revisions of the draft UPK Qualifying Factors rule, will be publicly accessible and stored in the [UPK Qualifying Factors Public Folder](#). Please review the [CDEC Rule Tracker](#), located on the [Rulemaking and Rules Advisory Council's \(RAC\) webpage](#), for more detailed information regarding the rulemaking timeline for the proposed UPK Qualifying Factors rule.



Quality Standards



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Quality Standards

- [Developmental Concepts for UPK Quality Standards](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
 - [Webinar Recording](#) | [Webinar Slides](#) (from Sept. 2023)
 - [Quality Standards Crosswalks](#)
 - [Preliminary Stakeholder Input Report](#)
 - [Operational Memo on Quality Standards in 2023-24 Program Year](#)
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- Request for Comments: Please [submit written comments](#) on the draft UPK Quality Standards rules ([Redline Draft](#) | [Clean Draft](#)) by **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**.

As a reminder, all of the above documents, and any future relevant material including the draft rule package once it is available, are posted in the [UPK Quality Standards Public Folder](#). You can also review the [CDEC Rule Tracker](#), located on the [Rulemaking and Rules Advisory Council's \(RAC\) webpage](#), for more detailed information regarding the rulemaking timeline for the proposed UPK Quality Standards rules.



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.





Redesigned Triad Bright Futures Website

TriadBrightFutures.org



CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

SCREENING & REFERRALS

FOR PRE-K PROVIDERS

BRIGHT FUTURES ROADMAP



Apply for Universal Preschool for the 2023-24 School Year!
Applications Accepted Year Round

[APPLY NOW](#)

Find Resources to Support Your Family

Need help with child care, mental health, food assistance, housing or something else?

[LEARN MORE](#)

FOUR CORNERSTONES OF THE BRIGHT FUTURES ROADMAP

High-quality early care and education options



Home visitation family support programs

Access to mental health consultation and support



Screening, assessment and referrals

FIND CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL



Find Child Care

Find a licensed child care program for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children.

[FIND CARE](#)



Universal Preschool

Every 4-year-old is eligible for at least 15 hours of free preschool each week.

[LEARN MORE](#)

LEARN ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT



0-4 MONTHS



4-8 MONTHS



9-18 MONTHS



19-36 MONTHS



3-5 YEARS



6-8 YEARS

WEEKLY UPK UPDATES

Monday, November 6, 2023 was the last weekly match round for this program year. Next week, CDEC will move to walk-in placement only, due to the lower volumes of matching and to account for provider closures over the holiday season. For this week, providers and parents should continue to expect to follow this cadence:

- Monday: Weekly Deferred Acceptance Algorithm- DAA- is run (matching technology)
- Monday: Matches are sent to providers
- Mon – Wed: Provider review period
- Friday: Matches are sent to families
- Fri – following Thursday: Family review and acceptance period. Families have until November 9th to accept their match.



CDEC HAS RELEASED DRAFT QUALITY STANDARDS RULES FOR UPK -- AND THEY WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

The draft UPK Quality Standards Rules reflect statutory requirements, incorporate findings from comprehensive reviews of 26 national and Colorado-specific standards, and include input and feedback from various stakeholders.

Please submit comments via this form through Nov. 22, 2023.

Please also attend the Stakeholder Webinar on Monday, November 13 at 3 p.m. Register for the webinar [HERE](#).



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VISITAS A DOMICILIO

**SALUD MENTAL
PARA FAMILIAS**

DETECCIÓN
EVALUACIÓN Y DERIVACIÓN

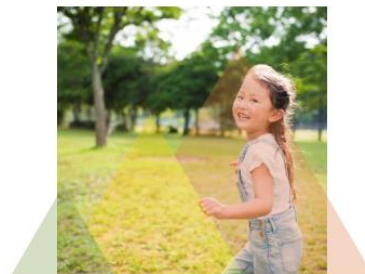
**PARA PROVEEDORES
PREESCOLARES**

FUTUROS BRILLANTES
HOJA DE RUTA

ACTUALIZACIONES SEMANALES DE UPK

El lunes 6 de noviembre de 2023 fue la última ronda de partidos semanal de este año del programa. La próxima semana, el CDEC pasará a la colocación sin cita previa, debido a los menores volúmenes de igualdad y para tener en cuenta los cierres de proveedores durante la temporada navideña. Para esta semana, los proveedores y los padres deben seguir esta cadencia:

- Lunes: Se ejecuta el algoritmo de aceptación diferida semanal (DAA) (tecnología de coincidencia)
- Lunes: las coincidencias se envían a los proveedores.
- Lun – Miércoles: Período de revisión del proveedor
- Viernes: se envían pedidos a las familias.
- Viernes – jueves siguiente: Período de revisión y aceptación familiar. Las familias tienen hasta el 9 de noviembre para aceptar su pareja.



EL CDEC HA PUBLICADO UN BORRADOR DE REGLAS DE ESTÁNDARES DE CALIDAD PARA UPK Y QUIEREN SUS COMENTARIOS

El borrador de las Reglas de Estándares de Calidad de UPK refleja los requisitos legales, incorpora hallazgos de revisiones integrales de 26 estándares nacionales y específicos de Colorado, e incluye aportes y comentarios de varias partes interesadas.

Por favor enviar comentarios a través de este formulario hasta el 22 de noviembre de 2023.

Asista también al seminario web para partes interesadas el lunes 13 de noviembre a las 3 p. m. Regístrese para el seminario web [AQUÍ](#).



¿Tiene una solicitud de colocación sin cita previa?

Si tiene una solicitud de colocación sin cita previa, **por favor envíe un boleto en lugar de enviar un correo electrónico a la mesa de ayuda.**

En el menú desplegable, seleccione "Proveedor de cuidado infantil" o "Distrito escolar" para Categoría. Luego seleccione "Inscripción sin cita previa" para el



Q & A

- ❖ 1 Agreement – attendance and records Would this need to be updated/shared?
- ❖ 2 Curriculum for FCCH providers who have few children and can't spend much on it.
- ❖ 3 Can providers use UPK \$ to cover for the taxes they'll need to pay for the UPK income?
- ❖ 4 Provider bonus. We directed FCCH provider to MetrixIQ about the email she received.
- ❖ Recording:
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-gVeQCFJa8TrshRfF-cXMoUaX4dNyfzk3gkWBbVGONaFrJvIkf1T21HHh-5vrV6n.4i7BHnWHrWdmBHOU?startTime=1700078846000>
- ❖ Passcode: !6SbF#q@



PARKING LOT



THANK YOU!

The next meeting is

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

1:00 pm via zoom.

