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Provider Support Session #7
November 29th, 2023

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 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.

Topics

- Payments
- How to View Enrollment Start Date
- Enrollment Guidance
- Year 2 Updates
- Provider Bonuses
- Quality Standards



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Payments



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Provider Payments

Provider Payments

- As a reminder, for the December payment and beyond, providers will only be paid for children where the enrollment form is completed and the enrollment start date aligns with the payment period.
- It is the provider's responsibility to verify a child's date of birth and Colorado residency at the time of enrollment. If the child is **NOT** eligible based on the child's date of birth and the provider's kindergarten eligibility date, the provider must **UNENROLL** that child.
- Payment concerns: Ensure that providers elevate payment concerns directly to MetrixIQ. This will create a ticket so we can track progress and resolution times.
 - Contact: coupkpayments@metrixiq.com or [submit a ticket to the help desk](#)



Staggered Payments

- Standard Monthly Payments - This includes payments for children who were in Enrolled status as of the 15th of the previous month.
 - December -The provider can identify these payments in the report that includes "December_12-08-23" in the file name and "December" listed as the payment month at the top of the report.
- Delayed payments for late enrollments at the half-month rate - This includes half payments for children who had an enrollment start date between the 16th and the 25th two months prior
 - October - The file name will have the identifier "October_12-08-23", and providers can identify these payments by noting if they are a full-month or half-month payment. This batch will include only payments at the half-month rate.
- Payments do come staggered, please allow time for all of your payments to be made to you before contacting your LCO or Metrix.



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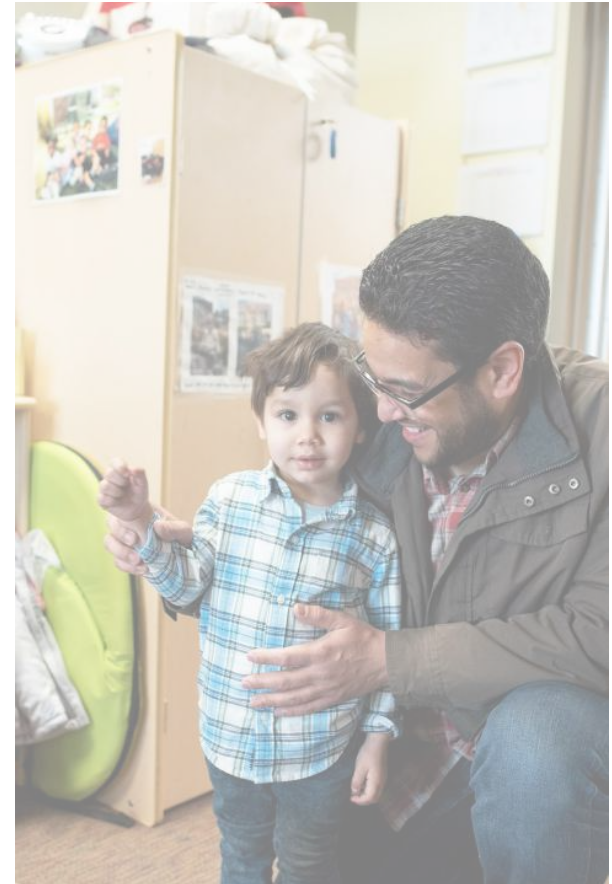
Allowable Uses of Funds

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.



How to View Enrollment Dates



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Enrollment Forms Start Date

- Providers are able to see the start date they entered on an enrollment form by selecting the child's name under "Enrolled" in the provider portal.
- This will pull up the child information that shows the student name, ID # and program information. Next to the calendar icon it says "Enrolled on ____" This is the date that was selected as the start date. Below that it also says "status last changed on ____" This is be the date the status last changed. Likely that is the date the enrollment form was completed and the status changed from accepted to enrolled.
- **REMINDER:** All enrollments are to be completed by the provider. LCOs should not be placing children in enrolled status.



Enrollment Forms Start Date

Provider View

Child Name, ID #
and DOB

Provider Name

Program Child is
Enrolled in

Date of birth: September 1, 2020

Enrolled on August 21, 2023

[View application](#)

Program: 3 Year Old

Status last changed on August 15, 2023

Family

Notes

Forms

Notes

Save

Start date that was selected
on enrollment form

Date of last status change (likely from accepted to
enrolled).

Enrollment Guidance



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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.





Choosing a Start Date

Please keep the [payment schedule](#) in mind, and communicate with the family up front any out-of-pocket tuition they will have to pay until the Universal Preschool funding begins if needed.



Qualifying Factors & Additional Hours Awards



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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 payfile 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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New Qualifying Factor

- New proposed emergency rule **establishing “living in poverty” as a new qualifying factor** towards eligibility for additional preschool hours.
- Rule defines “living in poverty” as children whose families make less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG).
 - Current qualifying factor defining families that make less than 270% of the federal poverty guideline as “low-income.”
- What this new rule means is that all children whose families are “low-income” and make less than 100% of the FPG will meet the “is low income and has one qualifying factor” provision in statute, ensuring eligibility for full-day preschool funding.



Quality Standards year 2



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Quality Standards

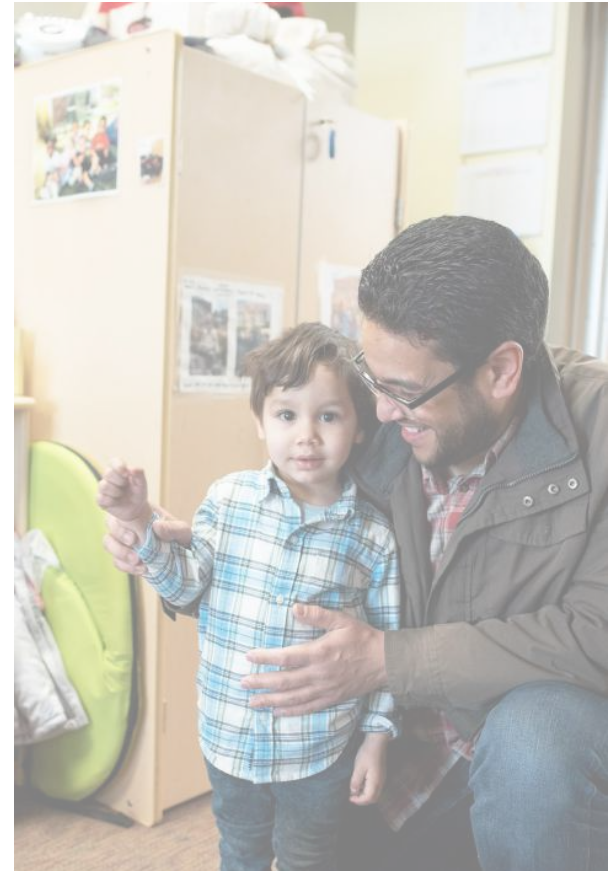
- [Developmental Concepts for UPK Quality Standards](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
 - [Webinar Recording](#) | [Webinar Slides](#) (from Sept. 2023)
 - [Quality Standards Crosswalks](#)
 - [Preliminary Stakeholder Input Report](#)
 - [Operational Memo on Quality Standards in 2023-24 Program Year](#)
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- Early Milestones hosted their QS Stakeholder Meeting Monday, November 13th. [Please view the recording here if you are interested.](#)
 - [Recordings - Google Drive](#)

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.



Provider Resources



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Capacity Building Grants & Provider Bonuses

- CDEC is now reviewing applications for Provider Capacity Building Grants. Funds will be distributed by the end of December.
- Provider Bonus Grants (one-time) will also be distributed in December for all Universal Preschool providers who have registered by August 31, 2023 and have not previously participated in a state-run preschool program will receive a base bonus, estimated at \$700-\$1,000.
- [Provider Bonus Fact Sheet](#)



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Applications Accepted Year Round

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

LEARN MORE

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High-quality early care and education options



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Access to mental health consultation and support



Screening, assessment and referrals

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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.

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0-4 MONTHS



4-8 MONTHS



9-18 MONTHS



18-36 MONTHS



3-5 YEARS



6-8 YEARS

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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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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 igualación 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 partidos 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

Questions:

- ❖ Do we know when payment for 3-year-olds will be submitted to school districts?
We don't have information about that, we will ask our Regional specialist, and get back to you when we hear more info.
- ❖ Do providers continue to direct families to complete the UPK application for direct enrollments (walk in enrollments)? Yes, families will still need to have an active UPK application. If the family needs help, include it in the notes, so the help desk supports family with the process as needed.
- ❖ Do we have dates for year 2 enrollment? No, we don't. Some programs and the school district are opening enrollment next month, we don't have information about the process for UPK enrollment.



THANK YOU!

The next meeting is

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

1:00 pm via zoom.



PARKING LOT

