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Provider Support Session #8
December 13, 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.

Provider Payments

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- 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](#)



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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Direct 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



DIRECT 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



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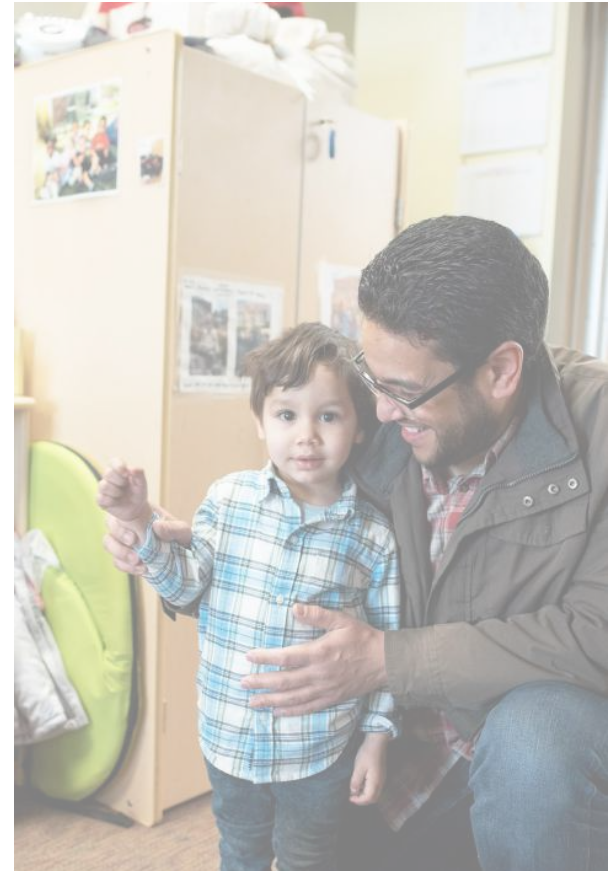
- [Developmental Concepts for UPK Quality Standards](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
 - [Webinar Recording](#) | [Webinar Slides](#) (from Sept. 2023)
 - [Quality Standards Crosswalks](#)
 - [Preliminary Stakeholder Input Report](#)
 - [Operational Memo on Quality Standards in 2023-24 Program 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.



Year 2



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Proposed change to the enrollment process and a tentative timeline:

Pre-Registration (February - March)

With an eye towards continuity-of-care, a pre-registration process would be available for families with children currently enrolled, children with siblings currently enrolled, or with a family member currently employed by a participating provider. CDEC and LCOs will provide additional support to providers between pre-registration and the start of the school year to ensure that all families have access to and can complete the application in a timely manner.

Family Matching (March - July)

For families looking for a new preschool provider, the Family Matching process would offer families a simplified opportunity to be matched with a 'just-right fit,' based on their top choices from a wide variety of high-quality, licensed school-based, community-based, and home-based providers participating in Colorado Universal Preschool. Families will find a one-stop-shop to browse providers, select top choices, review eligibility for the program, and submit an application for funding via upk.colorado.gov.

Walk-In Direct Enrollment (Summer)

Closer to the start of the school year, families who have yet to enroll would work directly with a provider of choice to enroll as space allows. Similar to the pre-registration process, families would be able to submit an application and directly enroll with the provider. CDEC will continue to work with providers to find ways to ensure families complete the universal preschool application during this phase so that providers secure funding for these families.

Students with an IEP (Year Round)

Throughout the enrollment process and school year, children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) would be supported through direct application, registration, and enrollment through their Administrative Unit (AU).



UPCOMING FEEDBACK SESSIONS:

CDEC invites you to attend one of their feedback sessions:

- December 14, 1-2 p.m.
- December 14, 2-3 p.m.
- December 15, 1-2 p.m.

These meetings/sessions will be a valuable platform for expanded opportunities to further discuss, collaborate, and help ensure the proposed changes effectively support you and your programs.

Sign up for a session [here](#).

Space is limited. (please only send one person per organization to be in attendance).

Bring your questions, suggestions, and any additional feedback you may have.

***This information and the links to register were sent to all current UPK providers, reach out if you didn't receive it, and make sure that your contact information is updated on your UPK profile.



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 on December 11, 2023 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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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

Link to Recording

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THANK YOU!

The next meeting is

January 17, 2024

1:00 pm via zoom.

