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Provider Support Session #10  
*January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024*

# 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.





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# 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



## 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](mailto:coupkpayments@metrixiq.com) or [submit a ticket to the help desk](#)





# Enrollment Guidance



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





## UPK Year 2

# What's New:

The Colorado Universal Preschool (CDEC) team is:

- Simplifying language and vocabulary in communications and resources for greater accessibility and ease-of-understanding.
- Expanding and updating program resources, including key terminology, roles and responsibilities, instructional guides, webpages, and virtual training opportunities.
- Updating application portal functionality to expand provider access concerning seat definitions, enrollment, primary program language, and more.
- The enrollment process will also be different in year 2.





# Enrollment Process:

## **Pre-Registration (estimated February - March)**

With an eye towards continuity-of-care, a pre-registration process will be available for families with children currently enrolled, children with siblings currently enrolled, or with a family member currently employed by a participating provider.

## **Family Matching (estimated April - June)**

The family Matching process will offer families a simplified opportunity to be matched with a "wide variety of high-quality providers" participating in Colorado Universal Preschool.

## **Walk-In Direct Enrollment (estimated Summer)**

Families who have yet to enroll will work directly with a provider of choice to enroll as space allows. Similar to the pre-registration process, families will be able to submit an application and directly enroll with the provider.

## **Students with an IEP (Year-Round)**

Children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) will be supported through direct application, registration, and enrollment through their Administrative Unit (AU).



# Ways to get Involved and Stay in Touch:

- **Participate in the [Colorado Transitions to Kindergarten Webinar](#),** January 18, 10 – 11 am.
- **Provide Feedback to CDEC:** [UPK Colorado Feedback Form](#)
- **[Sign up for e-News Updates](#)** from Triad Bright Futures.
- **Visit our [UPK Updates page](#)** on the Triad Bright Futures website.
- **[Follow us on Facebook](#)**
- **Share our Help Desk information with families:**
  - [Submit a Ticket](#)
  - Email: [upk@triadbrightfutures.org](mailto:upk@triadbrightfutures.org)
  - Phone: 720-449-7960     Deadline to provide input to the UPK provider
- Deadline to provide input to the UPK provider [Resource bank](#) is this Friday.



## Other ECE trainings and events:

- **Participate in the** JCCCA [“What it takes!” conference](#) March 2, 24 8:00am to 4:30pm
- **Complete** NAECY ECE workforce survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)
- **Learn more** about project Succeed and their [Mental Health Awareness Training](#).
- **Learn more** about [TEACH Colorado](#).
- **January CCCAP provider session** is on 01/24/24 from 12-1pm on [Google meet](#)



# 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.

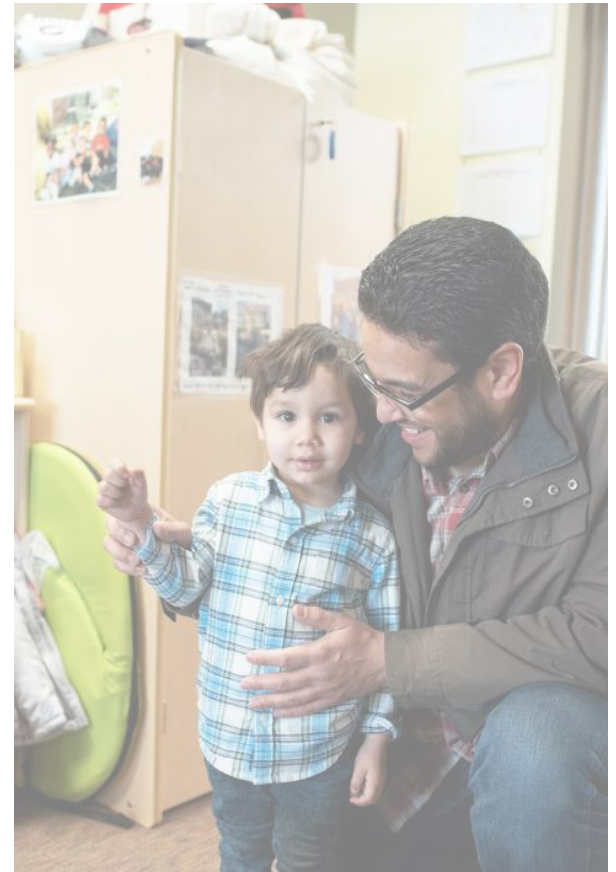
- **Universal Preschool Quality Standard 2: Healthy Development**

- 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.

- The finalized Quality Standards should be published at the end of February.





**Get Ready to Join UPK 2024-25!**

# How to Prepare for the UPK 24–25 Registration Process:

**Make sure you have a login and password to the UPK Portal** (Login.gov)\*. Complete this step as soon as possible)

\*Email that is linked to licensing/Colorado Shines

## **Gather the following information: (PLEASE DO NOT START THE SETUP FORM)**

- ✓ Each location's kindergarten eligibility date: **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ✓ Each location's school district: i.e. **Jeffco Public Schools, Clear Creek Public Schools, or Gilpin Public Schools**
- ✓ Each location's preschool program types (full day, half-day AM/PM, part-time, extended day, other), as well as the languages of instruction.
- ✓ The number of four-year-old seats available in each program at each location.

**Contact information for your Authorized Representative.** This may be a CFO, Superintendent, business official or other leader who is authorized to sign the Provider Service Agreement. (Identify who in your organization will sign the UPK provider agreement).







Q & A

# Meeting Recording Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2TbOelrQEOKp36nfhlvyH1YzjPi2WD0JDtb6lle2IWJGw1gTXfJgrgtaxTxYvKum.FO70Wonju2ndsobO>

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# THANK YOU!

Next meetings:

January 17, 2024 and January 19, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 pm via Zoom.

January 18, 2024

6:00 – 7:00 pm via Zoom.



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