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Provider Support Session
February 18, 2026



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.





26-27 DAAs / Matching rounds

Review Placed students

- Please review the “placed” students. Decline them if needed.
- For any changes related to the placed children or program selections, please email upk@triadbrightfutures.org

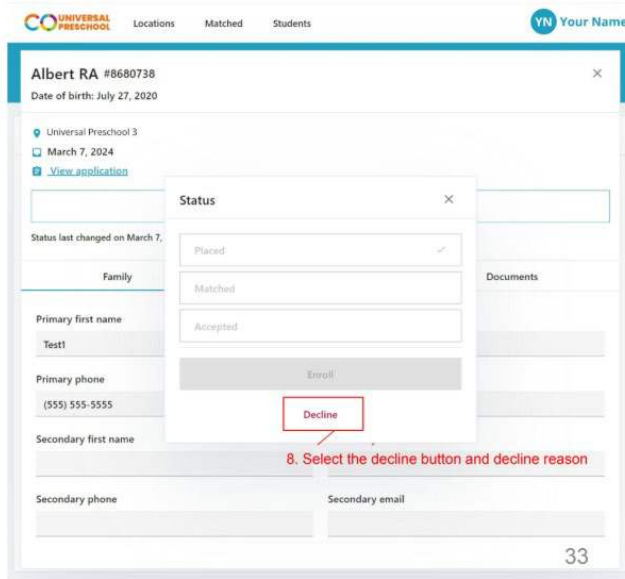
MATCHING: HOW TO VIEW AND DECLINE MATCHES

WHAT ARE THE PROCESS STEPS TO VIEW AND DECLINE “MATCHES”?

8. Select the “Decline” button
9. Enter the decline reason (if none of the available options matches your need to decline, see below)
10. Click Submit

Pro Tips:

- If none of the options available applies to your reason for declining, you must submit a request to your LCO as outlined on the “Matching: Declines” page of this handbook.
- If the LCO approves the decline, the student is declined from this program and will be placed in a program in the next matching round; the open seat will be placed in the next matching round
- If the LCO rejects the decline, the student will be placed in the program



The screenshot shows a user interface for Universal Preschool. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Locations', 'Matched', and 'Students'. The user's name 'VN Your Name' is in the top right. The main content area displays a student profile for 'Albert RA #8680738' with a date of birth of 'July 27, 2020'. Below the profile, there are sections for 'Family' and 'Status'. The 'Status' section shows 'Placed' with a checkmark. A 'Decline' button is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. A red text box below the button says '8. Select the decline button and decline reason'. The page number '33' is in the bottom right corner.



25-26 school year reminders

Calendar and next steps:

- ✓ **Use this form for a UPK overview and to see the dates for the next expenditure reports.**
- ✓ **Keep track of all the payments you received for each student, so you are prepared for the expenditure reports and the end of year reconciliation.
(Each student receives 10 payment if attended the full school year)**
- ✓ **Make sure that the hours you are offering are matching the hours you added to the 25-26 calendar you submitted.**



- ✓ **December-February payment request should be submitted no later than 3/06.**

Payment reconciliation requirements.

- ✓ **ADD all fees and tuition rates to your UPK portal and keep it updated. If you are adding any information for the 26-27 make it clear that it is for the 26-27 school year.**





26-27 enrollment next steps

- ✓ Provider timeline
- ✓ Make sure all families accept their matches by 03/06
- ✓ Request to update seats: 2/25-3/15
- ✓ If you need to add a new program, the next upload is 2/26.
- ✓ If you need to archive a program (No longer offer it), make sure you do not have any student placed or enrolled on it.
- ✓ DAA/matching round on March 16th
- ✓ Families accept matches:
1st round: 2/25-3/06, 2nd round: 3/24-31.
- ✓ Direct enrollment starts on April 1st.





Other updates

- Quality Standards: **Resource bank** is available on the PDIS site.
- UPK teachers need to add their job to their PDIS profile and directors need to verify their UPK teacher role.
- Families are supposed to get the letter confirming their awarded hours soon.
- QRIS pause: CDEC is working on a plan to support providers who want to get rated. More information will be shared as it becomes available



Other ECE trainings and events:

- **Participate in the** JCCCA [“What it takes!” conference](#) March 7, 26 8:00am to 4:30pm
- [Early Childhood Education and Trauma Informed practices-](#) FREE training. In person and virtual options.



Ways to get Involved and Stay informed:

- Use the [UPK overview and important dates](#) document we created.
- Share [these wellness resources](#) with your staff.
- [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:**
 - Call us at 303-866-5223 for live support 8am-6pm MST Monday - Friday
Email us at universalpreschool@state.co.us
 - Create a [help desk ticket](#).



Ways to get Involved and Stay informed:

- ✓ Check the [UPK “Mega Rule” package](#) and submit comments.
- ✓ [Rulemaking & Rules Advisory Council](#). Attend the meetings and sign up for the [Rulemaking Notifications from CDEC Newsletter](#)
- ✓ [CCAP](#)
- ✓ other [CDEC’s newsletters](#)



THANK YOU!

Next meetings:

March 18, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 pm via Zoom.



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