



**BRIGHT
FUTURES**

Provider Support Session
April 22, 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.





25-26 school year reminders

Calendar and next steps:

- ✓ [Use this form for a UPK overview](#)
- ✓ **Last expenditure report is due 6/30/26**
- ✓ **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.**
- ✓ **If you have any payment reconciliation request, submit it by 6/05/26**



- ✓ Last day to enroll a new student and receive payment for May is 05/15/26
- ✓ CDEC is currently conducting audits to confirm that students remain enrolled at their original provider sites. Please update enrollment often. If a student is no longer enrolled at your location, any associated pre-payment funds will be recovered.





26-27 Direct Enrollment

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- ✓ Provider timeline
 - ✓ Make sure all families accept their direct enrollment matches within 7 days
 - ✓ If you need to add a new program let me know, it takes about 2 weeks to get them published.
 - ✓ If you need to archive a program (No longer offer it), make sure you do not have any student placed or enrolled on it.
 - ✓ Update your UPK profile, Include 26-27 rates and fees. ([Tool](#) to calculate private pay.) UPK rates should be available soon
 - ✓ Contracts will be signed in June and July, more details will be shared soon.

- ✓ Provider timeline
- ✓ Review the UPK awarded hours by downloading the CSV report:





Quality Standards

- Quality Standards: **Resource bank** is available on the PDIS site.
- UPK teachers and UPK assistant teachers need to add their job to their PDIS profile and directors need to verify their UPK teacher role.
- UPK mandatory trainings should be available on PDIS.
- You should've received **this** UPK Quality Standards operation Memo
- **Universal Preschool Quality Service Standards Guidebook.**
- Provides won't need to adjust their curriculum plans for 26-27
- Ratio requirements are under review, It seems like they won't change until the 27-28 school year. More details will be available soon. (Next RAC meeting is on 4/23)
- Use **this from** for general questions, for specific questions use the helpdesk:

Help.UPK.Colorado.Gov Email: universalpreschool@state.co.us



- Mark your calendars for upcoming CDEC Provider Office Hours on Quality Standards:

April 28th, 6:00 pm- General standards review for all provider types
<https://meet.google.com/hnp-mies-pky>

May 5th, 11:00 am- School District presentation
<https://meet.google.com/gsg-peuu-muj>

May 12th, 6:00 pm- Family Childcare presentation
<https://meet.google.com/hnp-mies-pky>

May 19th, 11:00 am- Community-based presentation
<https://meet.google.com/gsg-peuu-muj>

May 26th, 6:00 pm- General standards questions
<https://meet.google.com/hnp-mies-pky>



Other ECE news:

Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood, under Jefferson County Public Health, will serve as the new Early Childhood Council for Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties starting 07/01. You can find more information and FAQs [here](#).

Triad Bright Futures will join forces with the new council this summer to support the long-term sustainability of the Bright Futures Roadmap and strengthen UPK coordination, ensuring this work continues and grows.

UPK support for providers and families remains in place throughout the transition. Stay informed and sign up for updates [here](#).



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:

May 20, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 pm via Zoom.



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