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Provider Support Session
May 20, 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:

- ✓ **Last expenditure report is due 6/30/26** Submit through your Metrix Enroll account.
- ✓ **UPK Certificates are available for children who completed Pre-K**
[UPK Certificate_bilingual.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- ✓ **If you have any payment reconciliation request, submit it by 6/05/26**
- ✓ **UPK Service Standards Reporting Form (Due 6/15/26):**
Please ensure this [UPK Service Standards Reporting Form](#) is completed and submitted.



Calendar and next steps:

- ✓ 26-27 calendar, If you have not already submitted it. Minimum UPK instruction/service hours: 360 for children receiving UPK funds to cover 10 hrs/week, 450 hours for children receiving UPK funding to cover 15 hrs/week and 900 hours for children receiving UPK funding to cover 30 hrs/week.
- ✓ **Tuition Rates for 2026–2027:**
Once you receive final rates from CDEC, please ensure your UPK and non-UPK tuition rates are published on your provider profile. Remember to include UPK and NON-UPK hours rates.
- ✓ **Student Enrollment:**
You do **not** need to unenroll students after May 15. At the end of the school year, students will automatically be moved to “graduated” status within BridgeCare.





26-27 Direct Enrollment

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- ✓ 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 students placed or enrolled in 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.
- [Universal Preschool Quality Service Standards Guidebook](#).
- Providers who offered UPK services in the 25–26 school year are required to submit the [Universal Preschool \(UPK\) Quality Service Standard Report](#) by June 15th, 2026 (New providers can submit it by August 31, 2026)
- You can use [this guide](#) to prepare your submission form.



- UPK teachers and UPK assistant teachers need to add their job to their PDIS profile and directors need to verify their UPK teacher role.
- 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.
- 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:
- The last scheduled meeting is on May 26th, 6:00 pm- General standards questions: <https://meet.google.com/hnp-mies-pky>
- You can find the recordings and FAQs [here](#).
- You can find the slide shared during the office hours [here](#).



Reminders:

➤ **Protecting PII**

Please send tickets or email requesting support including the UPK application number if available, or child's first name and last name initial, do not include DOB.

➤ **UPK Hours vs non UPK hours**

UPK funding can't be used as a credit towards the tuition. UPK funds UPK hours and families pay out of pockets for the non-UPK hours, please calculate those rates and post them on your UPK profile.

➤ **UPK help desk/support**

The UPK team will offer support through the central help desk. UPK support for applications and UPK Quality Services are managed by 2 different UPK teams. Questions regarding the UPK Quality Services and Child Learning Goals can be directed to: preschoolservicestandards@state.co.us.



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](#).

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:

- ✓ 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](#)
- Use the [UPK overview and important dates](#) document we created, this will continue to be updated.
- **Share the 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](#).



THANK YOU!

Next meetings:

June 17, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 pm via Zoom.



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