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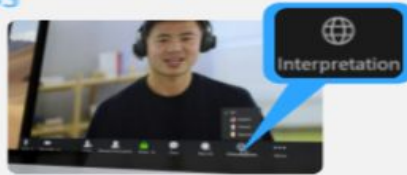
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

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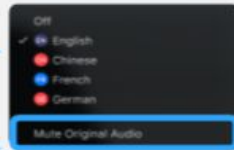


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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Plan
Monthly Town Hall
April 2022

Introductions

Early Childhood Leadership Commission Co-Chairs:

- Dr. Pamela Harris - President & CEO, Mile High Early Learning
- Tom Massey - Deputy Executive Director, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Susan Steele - President & CEO, Buell Foundation

Agenda

1. Updates on HB22-1295
2. Local Coordinating Organization and UPK Planning - Community Conversations
3. Questions and Myth-Busting!

Voices from the Field

Tawny Espinoza

Vice President of
Business Development

Betsy Bair

Corporate Affairs
Administrator

Community Hospital of Grand Junction

Final Reports

Department of Early Childhood Transition Plan

Unanimously approved by the ECLC in
November 2021



Executives Summaries in
English, Spanish and Arabic

Colorado Universal Preschool Recommendations

Unanimously approved by the ECLC in
January 2022



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Guiding Principles

The CDEC and UPK reports centered on the guiding principles adopted by the ECLC





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Department of Early Childhood

Updates on HB22-1295: Department Early Childhood And Universal Preschool Program

April 2022

THANK YOU!

Keep in touch!

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Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) Community Conversation Toolkits

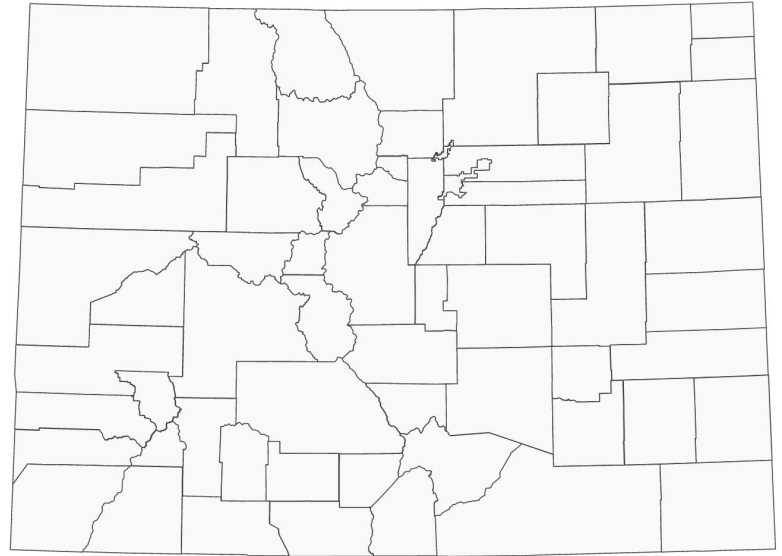


Local Coordinating Organization (LCO)

- Community agency or organization responsible for supporting local access and equitable delivery of early childhood and family support programs. An LCO will foster partnerships, create alignment, and establish a comprehensive, locally supported plan for providing these programs through a mixed-delivery system.

Who can serve as an LCO?

- Local governments
- School districts
- BOCES
- Early Childhood Councils
- Family Resource Centers
- Special Taxing Districts
- Nonprofit Entities
- Charter School Networks
- Partnerships or collaboratives



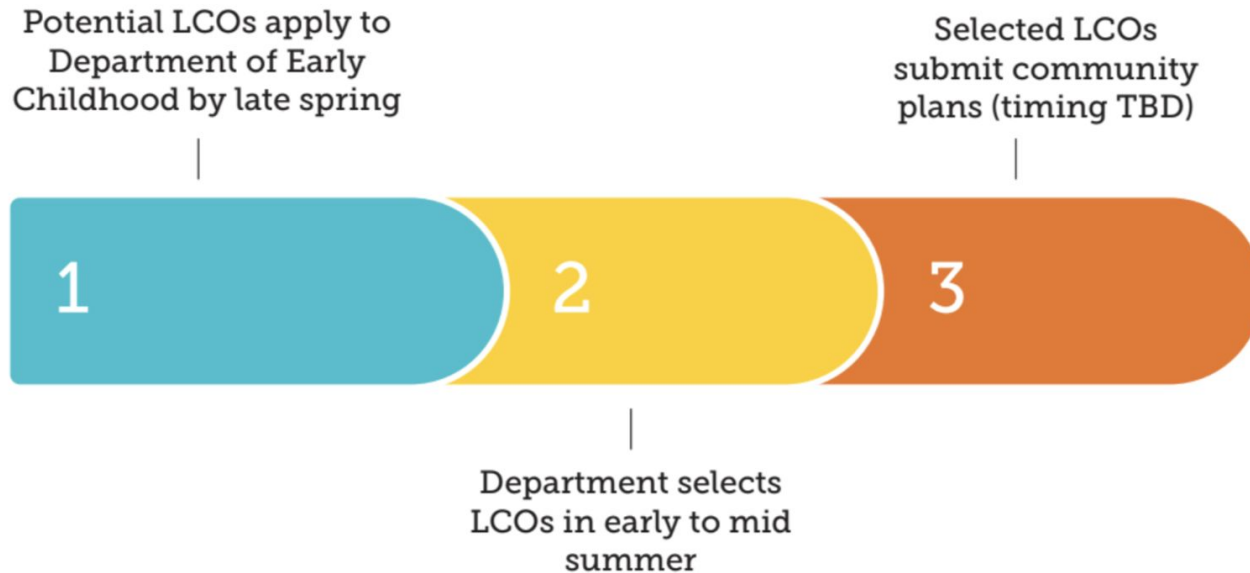
Early Childhood Partners and Stakeholders

- Administrative Units
- Early Childhood Councils
- Head Start Agencies
- Family Resource Centers
- County Departments of Social/Human Services
- Public or private social, health, mental health, and oral health care providers
- Child welfare service providers
- Families that receive early childhood supports or services
- The local public health community
- Providers that address housing, homeless, food, income assistance, and domestic violence
- Programs providing family support, education and advocacy
- Transportation services
- Early childhood care and education providers, including school-based programs, community-based programs, family child care, and family, friend and neighbor providers
- Early intervention providers who identify and support young children who are developmentally delayed or disabled
- Before—and after—school care providers
- Local schools and alternative education programs, including boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES)
- Local businesses serving families in the community
- Foundations or philanthropic organizations
- Early childhood advocacy organizations
- Workforce development and higher education providers
- Special education providers
- Resource and referral agencies
- Parent organizations
- Head Start policy councils and families
- Chambers of commerce
- Faith-based and other nonprofit organizations
- Libraries
- And more!

LCO Responsibilities

- Support families and providers in implementing Universal Preschool by Fall of 2023
- Develop a community plan that fosters equitable access by families and robust participation by providers in early childhood and family support programs

Timeline



Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) Toolkit

- Background Information
- Short Video
- FAQs
- Meeting agendas, questions, resources and tools to identify next steps

Questions and Myth-Busting!



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- Beginning in Fall 2023 with the new Universal Preschool Program, can families ONLY access 10 hours of care?
- If federal funding like the Build Back Better Act comes through, do we have to create an entirely new program for serving kids?
- Is it true that 3 year olds will no longer be able to access any type of preschool funding?

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities



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Stakeholder engagement will remain critical to the success of the DEC and the universal preschool program. Stakeholders can expect to remain informed and engaged through the following new and existing channels:

- DEC Interim Website: cdec.colorado.gov
- [Feedback Form](#)
- [Request a Meeting or Presentation](#)
- Newsletter updates through the [Our Voice Newsletter](#)
 - Please sign up for *Our Voice* to continue to receive updates!
- Meetings and events with stakeholders
- Monthly town halls
 - Next Town Hall: Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30pm

Thank you!

