



*Early Childhood Leadership Commission*

**Early Childhood Transition Plan**  
**Monthly Town Hall**  
**July 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

- Voices from the Field
- News from the Colorado Department of Early Childhood
- Transition Team Updates
- Mythbusting and Q&A
- Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

# Voices from the Field

**Shawn M. Taylor**

Director of Programs, Families Forward Resource  
Center

# Final Reports

## Department of Early Childhood Transition Plan

Unanimously approved by the ECLC in  
November 2021



Executives Summaries in  
English, Spanish and Arabic

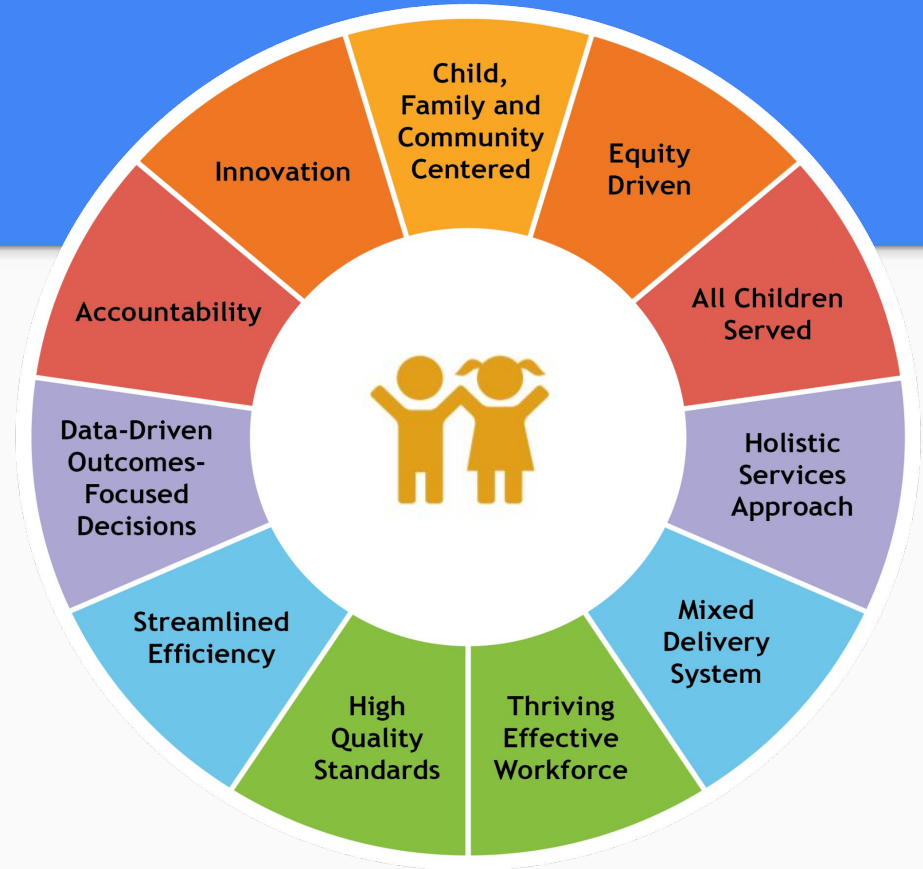
## Colorado Universal Preschool Recommendations

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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# **News from the Colorado Department Early Childhood**

**Dr. Lisa Roy, Executive Director**  
**Michael Cooke, Early Childhood Transition Director**  
**July 2022**

# CDEC IS NOW SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

- Launched on July 1, 2022
- Recruiting remainder of senior staff
- Recruiting Universal Preschool staff
- Rules Advisory Council appointments
- Digital channels are up and running
- Immediately preparing for UPK





# Staffing up our senior team



Dr. Lisa Roy, Executive Director



Mary Alice Cohen, Deputy Executive Director



Naomi Gonzales, Director of HR/People Operations



Tova Cohen, Director of Marketing and Communications



Chief Financial Officer



Chief Admin. Officer



Business IT Director



# Advisory Bodies

Rules Advisory  
Council +  
Sub-Committees

Early Childhood  
Sub-Pac

ECLC

Various other  
advisory groups

# CDEC Website is Live: [cdec.colorado.gov](http://cdec.colorado.gov)



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## Universal Preschool is Coming!

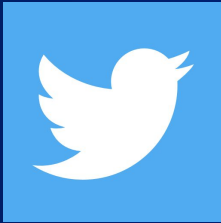
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# Join our Online Community!



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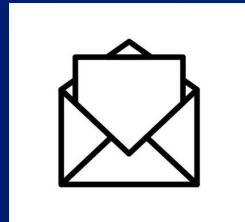
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Newsletter  
[cdec.colorado.gov](http://cdec.colorado.gov)

- General updates about our work
- Important information on new programs
- Announcements, such as LCOs
- Job postings on LinkedIn
- Early childhood-related press coverage
- Get to know our team!

# Local Coordinating Organization (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

## Process

- Convened LCO Advisory Committee - 14 Members
- Developed 35 LCO Catchment Areas
- Released LCO Application May 11 - Closed June 24
- 34 of 35 Applications Received - Panel review process launched 7/8
- Select LCOs - Mid-July
- Community Plans - October 1

# Single Application for Early Childhood Services

- Request for Proposal (RFP) to create the single application closed on June 15, 2022. Six vendor responses are being reviewed and vendor selection is planned to be complete by the end of July.
- The review of vendor responses involves representatives from the UPK application advisory group and internal & external Subject Matter Experts.
- Year one will focus on a simple application for universal preschool but will evolve into a single application for families to access all early childhood services.



# Universal Preschool Rate Setting Formula

- Documented Quote (DQ) to create per-child universal preschool rate formulas opened on July 11, 2022. The solicitation closes on July 25, 2022 and the vendor selection is planned to be complete by early August.
- The universal preschool rate setting vendor will develop per-child rate funding formula models in accordance with HB22-1295.
- Per-child rates are expected to be set by October 1 to help LCOs recruit universal preschool providers into the program.



# THANK YOU!

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**Michael Cooke**  
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**Join us for LCO Application Office Hours**  
Wednesdays, 5:00pm  
[meet.google.com/izv-wtso-gef](https://meet.google.com/izv-wtso-gef)





# Mythbusting and Questions



# Upcoming Engagement Opportunities



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

- CDEC Website has officially launched: [cdec.colorado.gov](https://cdec.colorado.gov)
- Sign up for the [CDEC Newsletter](#)
- Follow the CDEC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)
- [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!
- Monthly town halls
  - Next Town Hall: Tuesday, August 9 at 5:30pm

Thank you!

