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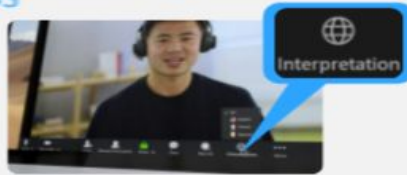


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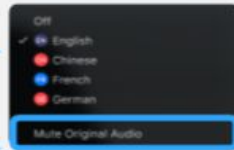


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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Plan
Monthly Town Hall
March 2022

Introductions

Early Childhood Leadership Commission Co-Chairs:

- 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 from the Transition Team
2. Voices from the Field: Panel Discussion with Early Childhood Providers
3. Questions

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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English, Spanish and Arabic

Guiding Principles

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



Colorado Department of Early Childhood & Universal Preschool Program Updates

Governor's Office Transition Team





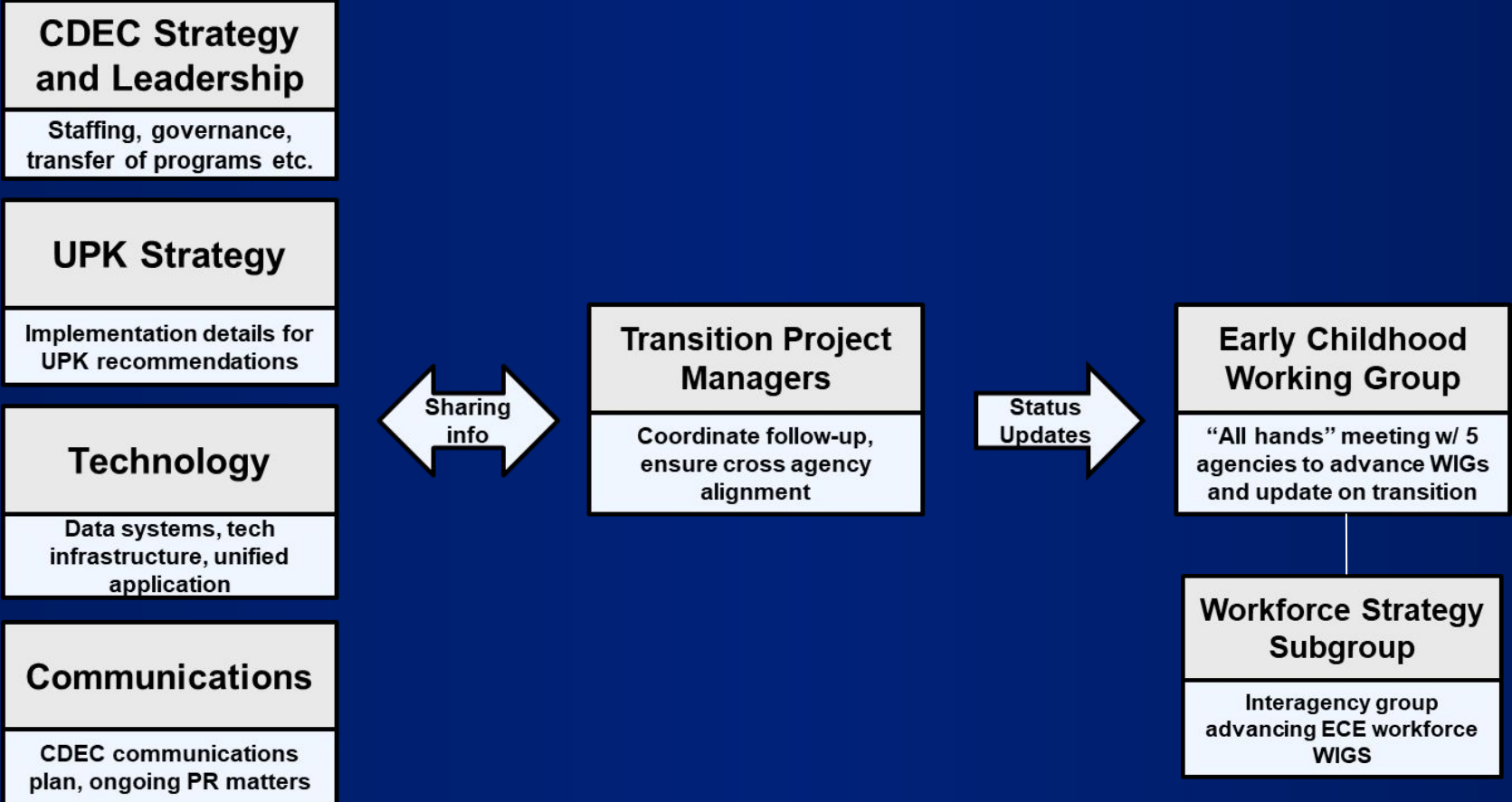
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**CO Department of Early Childhood
(CDEC)
and Universal Preschool
ECLC Town Hall Updates**

March 2022

Refresher: key transition working groups



Working group activities

CDEC Strategy and Leadership

First 90 day priorities / timeline

Governance: RAC

UPK Strategy

Local lead RFA

Process and work group for rate setting

Technology

CDS stakeholder conversations

Tracker for systems transfer

Communications

First meeting this month

Comms staff from OEC, CDE, GOV

Workforce

Initial high level strategy development

Legislation: Organic Statute



Establishes the governance and regulatory structure of CDEC



Establishes the Department's functions and operating principles



Moves statutory programs delivered by the Office of Early Childhood and Dept. of Education



Directs the creation of a single, unified, electronic application



Requires the collection and assessment of data to inform continuous improvement



Requires an independent evaluation of CDEC's performance within three years

Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs)

This section establishes the role of the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) and the requirements of the state department in overseeing the LCOs. This includes:



Who can apply as an LCO



An outline of the process for LCOs to apply



An outline of the requirements for the LCO to develop a community plan



An outline of the Department's role, including LCO selection



Stipulation that the LCO's contract will remain in place for min-three years; max-five years



An outline of how LCOs will collaborate

Legislation: Universal Preschool



Establishes the “Colorado Universal Preschool Program” and creates UPK requirements



Reinforces existing policy that CDE continues to oversee the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B



Requires a process for continuous evaluation and improvement



Requires a rate setting process



Requires data reporting and evaluation process



Stipulates SMART Act reporting requirements

We want to hear from you

CO's Department of Early Childhood Launches Soon!

The Transition Team wants to hear from YOU

[CLICK TO REQUEST A MEETING](#)

Does your organization or community have questions or thoughts about the transition to the Department of Early Childhood? Click to request a session on any of the following topics:

- Updates on the transition process to CDEC and UPK
- Provide feedback on the transition
- Legislative updates (as available)



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THANK YOU!

Keep in touch!

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Voices from the Field:

Panel Discussion with
Early Childhood Providers



Voices from the Field

- **Penny Harris, MA, LPC** - Director, Montrose County School District RE-1J Early Childhood Centers
- **Stacey Tonozzi** - Owner/Director, Lil' Kurtain Klimbers Preschool and Child Care
- **Nathaniel Cradle., M.B.A.** - Co-Founder and CFO, Venture for Success Prep

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
 - April Town Hall: Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30pm

Questions?



Thank you!

