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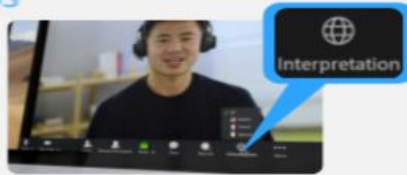
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

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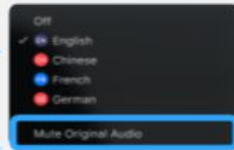


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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Plan
Monthly Town Hall
May 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 from the CDEC Transition Team
2. Local Coordinating Organizations Updates
3. What We're Hearing from Local Community Conversations
4. Questions and Myth-Busting

Voices from the Field

Carrie Andrew
Library Director

Beverly Taylor
Program Coordinator

Lone Cone Library District, Norwood

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

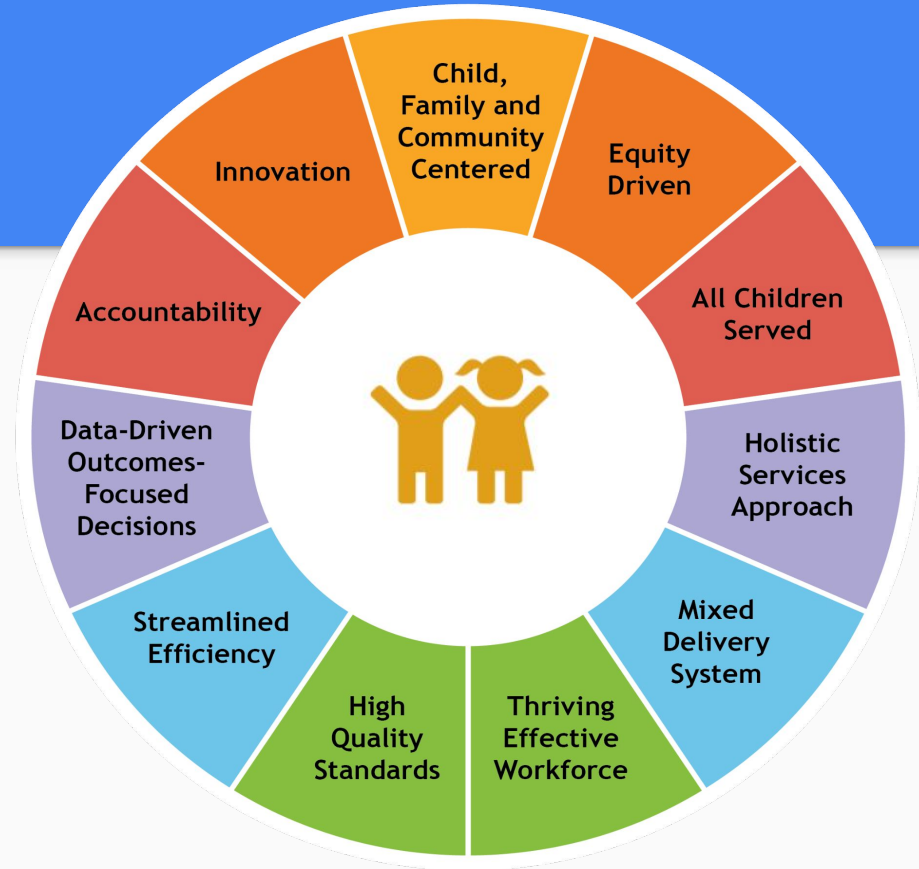
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Guiding Principles

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





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Colorado Department Early Childhood And Universal Preschool Program Updates

May 2022

Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs)

- 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

LCO Planning Resources



Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs): A New Opportunity to Serve Children and Families in Our Community

Welcome!

You've agreed to participate in this community conversation because you want to help expand opportunity for young children and their families in our region. Thank you for agreeing to share your valuable time and insights with us.

Colorado is opening a new chapter for young children and their families and it's doing so in a way that allows our community to identify and shape the best structure to make this a reality in our region.

Specifically, this conversation will help us identify how to create a new Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) to implement universal preschool support programs in our area.

Overview packet

Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) Community Conversations



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INTRODUCTORY VIDEO

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Introductory video



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Local Coordinating Organizations FAQ

Q: What is a local coordinating organization (LCO)?

A: A local coordinating organization (LCO) is a community agency or organization that is responsible for supporting access and equitable delivery of early childhood and family support programs and services, fostering partnerships, creating alignment, and establishing a comprehensive, locally supported plan for providing early childhood and family support programs equitably within a given community.

Q: Why do the ECLC recommendations rely on LCOs?

A: Throughout the process that led to the ECLC recommendations, stakeholders raised concerns that early childhood programs are operating in silos, and that communities are not currently allocating resources equitably to support local needs in the most efficient manner. The LCO structure will help create a center of gravity locally that is responsible for coordinating resources, assisting families, strengthening community choice and mixed delivery, and being accountable for results. Specific to universal preschool, there was a recognition that achieving a mixed delivery system, as called for in the measure approved by voters and HB 21-1304, will require local leadership to engage providers and families across settings and funding sources. The LCO structure represented an approach that struck an important balance between what is working today in preschool and what would support greater participation by an array of providers in a mixed delivery system.

Q: Who can be chosen as the LCO?

FAQs

Agenda for Meeting Participants [date, time, additional information]

TIME	TOPIC
10 minutes:	Welcome, introductions, and video from the Governor's Office <i>Today the topic of discussion is the role of Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs), which will have a key role in planning and implementing universal preschool in our community and supporting the entire local early childhood system of services and support for families and children. For more information about LCOs please see the LCO information packet and the list of answers to common questions about LCOs.</i>
15-20 minutes:	Strengths and challenges of the local early childhood system <i>This part of the discussion will reference the Early Childhood Colorado Framework.</i>
15 minutes:	Anticipated challenges for our community to provide universal preschool <i>Beginning in July 2023, all Colorado children will be entitled to 10 free hours per week of voluntary, high-quality preschool during the year before they enter kindergarten.</i>
10-20 minutes:	Groups that could serve as the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) <i>LCOs will be responsible for coordinating resources, assisting families, ensuring community choice, and being accountable for results. For more information please see the LCO information packet.</i>
15 minutes:	Assessment of local collaborati...

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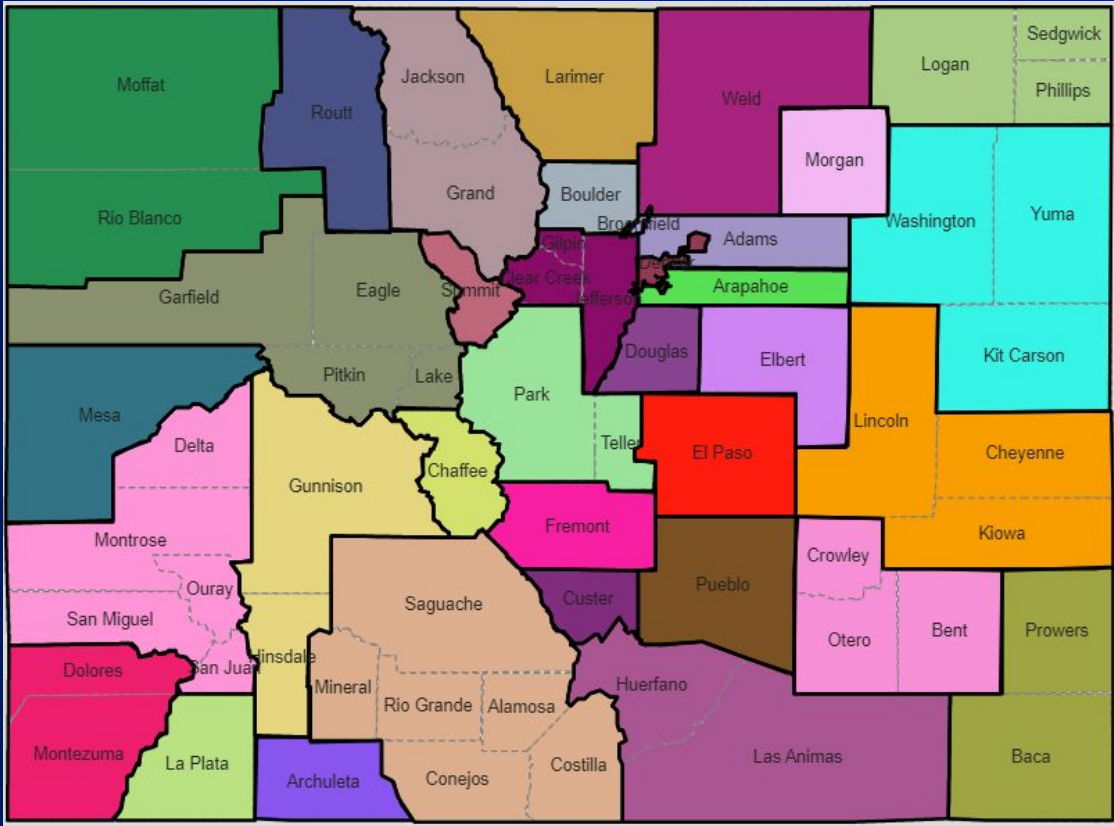
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About

The Department of Early Childhood will launch July 1, 2022, and the Colorado Universal Preschool Program will launch July 1, 2023. This page serves as a resource for information related to the transition to the new Department in advance of the launch. Until the Department of Early Childhood opens, please continue to use the [Office of Early Childhood Website](#) for early childhood related services and the [ECE preschool through 3rd grade website](#) for early childhood and preschool related services.

This and more at cdec.colorado.gov

LCO Catchment Areas



- Alliance for Kids
- Arapahoe County ECC
- Archuleta ECC
- Bright Futures
- Broomfield ECC
- Chaffee County ECC
- Cheyenne, Kiowa and Lincoln Counties ECC
- Connections 4 Kids
- Custer County Kids Council
- Denver's ECC
- Douglas County ECC
- Early Childhood Options
- EC Partnership of Adams County
- ECC for Yuma, Washington and Kit Carson Counties
- ECC of Bent, Otero and Crowley Counties
- ECC of Boulder County
- ECC of La Plata County
- ECC of Larimer County
- ECC of Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick Counties
- ECC of the San Luis Valley
- ECHO & Family Center ECC
- Elbert County ECC
- First Impressions of Routt County
- Grand Beginnings
- Gunnison Hinsdale ECC
- Huerfano Las Animas Counties ECC
- Mesa County Partnerships for Children & Families
- Montelores ECC
- Morgan County Partnership for Children and Families
- Promises for Children
- Pueblo ECC
- Rocky Mountain ECC
- Roots and Wings for Children
- Teller Park ECC
- Triad ECC

School Districts Remaining Whole



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List of School Districts in Catchment Areas

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Connections 4 Kids	First Impressions of Routt County	Grand Beginnings	ECC of Larimer County	Promises For Children	Morgan County Partnership for Families	ECC of Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick	Denver's ECC	Elbert County ECC
Moffat County RE-No 1, Rangely RE-4, Meeker RE-1	Steamboat Springs RE-2, Hayden RE-1, South Routt RE-3	North Park R-1, West Grand 1-JT, East Grand 2	Poudre RE-1, Estes Park R-3, Thompson R2-J	Ault-Highland RE-9, Pawnee RE-12, Windsor RE-4, Eaton RE-2, Briggsdale RE-10, Prairie RE-11, Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J, Greeley 6, Platte Valley RE-7, Weld RE-1, Weld RE-8, Weld County RE-3J,	Wiggins RE 30-J, Weldon Valley Re 20-J, Fort Morgan RE-3, Brush RE 2-J	Plateau RE-5; Valley RE-1; Buffalo RE-4J, Frenchman RE-3; Revere; Julesburg RE-1; Haxton RE-2J; Holyoke RE-1J	Denver County 1	Elizabeth, Kiowa C-2, Elbert 200, Agate 300, Big Sandy 100-J
Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County	ECC of Boulder County	Broomfield ECC	Triad ECC	Douglas County ECC	Arapahoe County ECC	ECC for Yuma, Washington & Kit Carson Counties	Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lincoln ECC	Alliance for Kids
Westminster 50, Mapleton 1, Adams 12, Adams 14, Brighton 27-J,	St. Vrain Valley RE-1J, Boulder Valley RE-2	Broomfield is served by school districts in other catchment areas	Gilpin County RE-1, Clear Creek RE-1, Jefferson County RE-1	Douglas County RE-1	Adams Arapahoe 28-J, Cherry Creek 5, Englewood 1, Sheridan 2, Littleton 6, Strasburg 31-J, Byers 32-J, Bennett 29-J, Deertrail 26J	Akron R-1, Lone Star 101, Otis R-3, Yuma 1, Wray RD-2, Woodlin R-104, Arickaree R-2, Liberty J-4, Idalia RJ-3, Arriba-Flagler C-20, Hi-Plains R-23, Stratton R-4, Bethune R-5, Burlington RE-6J	Limon RE-4J, Genoa-Hugo C-113, Karval RE-23, Kit Carson R-1, Cheyenne County RE-5, Eads RE-1, Plainview RE-2	Lewis Palmer 38, Academy 20, District 48, Peyton 23-JT, Calhan RJ-1, Manitou Springs 14, Colorado Springs 11, Cheyenne Mountain 12, Fountain 8, Harrison 2, Widefield 3, Ellicott 22, Hanover 28, Miami/Yoder 60-JT, Edison 54-JT



LCO Application



APPLY NOW

LOCAL COORDINATING ORGANIZATIONS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Serve as the coordinator in YOUR community for early childhood services and Universal Preschool

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LOCAL COORDINATING ORGANIZATIONS (LCOs)

Paper applications can be mailed to entities upon request. Please submit requests for a paper application to cdec@state.co.us

[Click here](#) to view a map of catchment areas and a school district guide

Do you need support with this application?

The Early Childhood Transition Team is here to help. We are offering virtual office hours, during which we will be available to answer your questions. Office hours will take place via Google Meet every Monday at 12:30pm and every Wednesday at 5:00pm through June 20.

[Click here](#) to join our Monday afternoon office hours
[Click here](#) to join our Wednesday evening office hours

For quick questions, please email cdec@state.co.us

Additional information can be found at cdec.colorado.gov/local-coordinating-organizations

SECTION I- OVERVIEW

A. The Establishment of Local Coordinating Organizations

With increased funding through the passage of Proposition EE and bold early childhood initiatives led by Governor Jared Polis, Colorado is in a pivotal position to transform its entire early childhood landscape. In July of 2022, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) will officially open and will be charged with overseeing this early childhood system, including the implementation of 10 hours of universal, voluntary preschool by July 2023, for children in the year before kindergarten.

THANK YOU!

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Join us for LCO Application Office Hours

Mondays, 12:30pm

meet.google.com/tiu-cspb-xpp

Wednesdays, 5:00pm

meet.google.com/izv-wtso-gef



LCO Community Conversations - What We're Hearing!



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Questions and Myth-Busting!



Questions and Myth-Busting!

- Are the LCOs only responsible for Universal Preschool?
- Will there be funding available to support LCOs?
- Are the catchment areas final? What if our community doesn't agree with the proposed map boundaries?

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

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, June 14 at 5:30pm

Thank you!

