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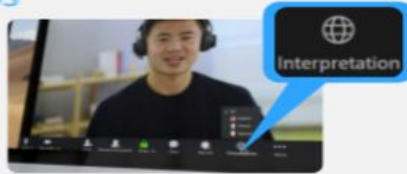
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

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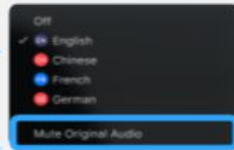


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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Planning
Monthly Town Hall
January 2023

Introductions

Early Childhood Leadership Commission Co-Chairs:

- **Susan Steele** - President & CEO, Buell Foundation
- **Sue Renner** - Executive Director, David and Laura Merage Foundation
- **Tammi Hiler** - Special Advisor for Early Childhood and K-12 Policy for Governor Jared Polis

Agenda

- Voices from the Field
- News from the Colorado Department of Early Childhood and Governor's Office
- Universal Preschool Program Technology Progress and Updates
- Mythbusting and Q&A
- Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Voices from the Field

Michelle Dalbotten

Director / Owner

Step by Step Child Development Center

Transition Planning

HB21-1304

- Signed June 23, 2021
- Called for the creation of two reports:
 - Department of Early Childhood Transition Plan
 - ECLC unanimously approved in November 2021
 - Colorado Universal Preschool Recommendations
 - ECLC unanimously approved in January 2022

HB22-1295

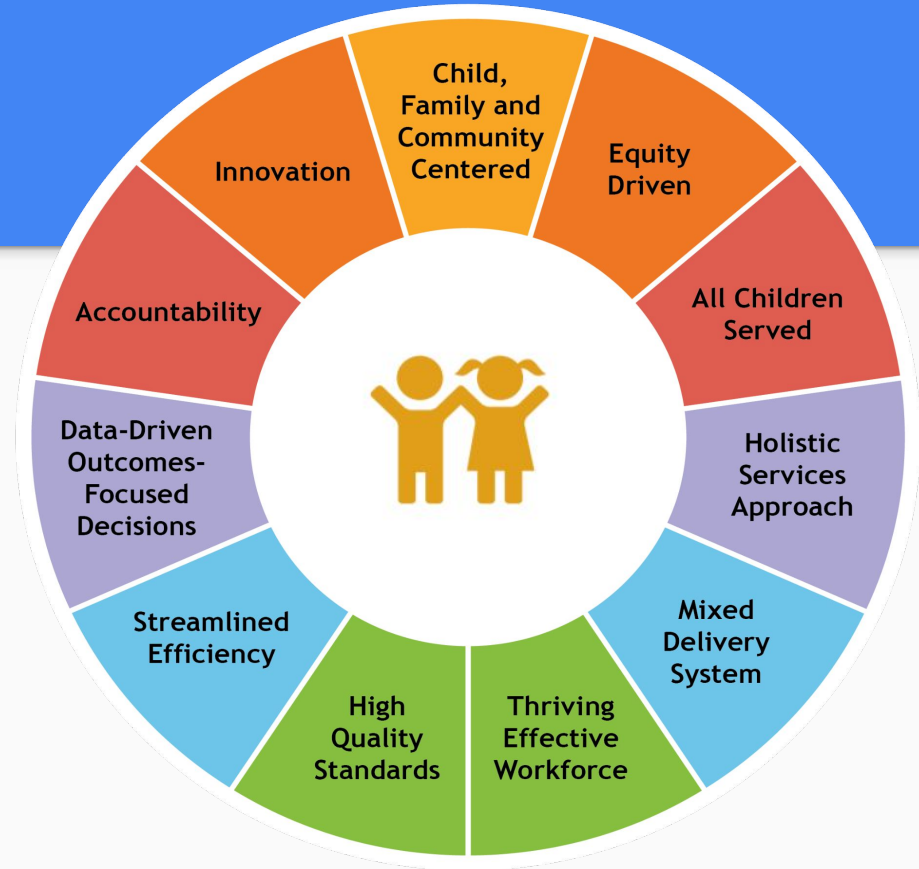
- Signed April 25, 2022
- Aligned with the recommendations of the two reports
- Established responsibilities of CDEC and the Executive Director
- Moved early childhood programs to the new department
- Created the Colorado Universal Preschool Program

CDEC officially launched July 1, 2022!



Guiding Principles

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





Updates on the Governor's January 3rd Budget Requests

Tammi Hiler, Special Advisor for Early Childhood and K-12
January 2023

January 3rd Budget Updates for ECE

The January 3 budget builds upon our November 1 budget with the following investments:

- **Universal Preschool**

- Launch a robust **program evaluation** of the universal preschool program to evaluate its impacts on participating children, providers, and families, as well as support continuous improvement;
- Set up **payment systems** to begin paying universal preschool providers in August 2023; and
- Build capacity to support student success in the critical **transition from preschool to kindergarten.**

- **Early Intervention**

- **Partially restore eligibility:** The Department has passed an emergency rule to expand program eligibility to a sustainable level (25% delay in two or more domains OR 33% delay in one domain), which is expected to serve an additional 883 children per year.
- Make an **unprecedented investment in the Early Intervention workforce: \$4M in FY 2022-23 and \$3.5M in FY 2023-24 and ongoing.** This investment, on top of the common provider increase, will support the providers who are the lifeblood of this program. The Department will work with stakeholders to identify the most effective investment of these funds.

January 3rd Budget Updates for ECE, cont.

The January 3 budget builds upon our November 1 budget with the following investments:

- **Child care capacity**
 - \$10.5M GF to add to the **Employer-Based Child Care** program, a grant program that enables employers to construct, remodel, renovate, or retrofit child care centers on- or near a work site.
- **Rollforward authority**
 - Rollforward authority through FY 2025-26 for H.B. 22-1369 (early childhood mental health programs) and the \$1.0M home visiting program in S.B. 22-213. These are both programs that cannot be implemented without assurance of a longer spending timeline. Other programs as part of S.B. 22-213 could be evaluated for possible rollforward authority next year.
- **Zero-cost tuition and fees for early childhood certificate or associate's degree**
 - One of the state's legislative placeholders includes \$40M to provide zero-cost postsecondary education at Colorado's community colleges, district colleges and area technical colleges in key high-skill credentials, including **early childhood certificates and associate's degrees**. This investment would cover tuition and fees (and books and supplies for those who are eligible) for 1.5 to 2+ years, depending on available funding.



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News from the Colorado Department Early Childhood

Mary Alice Cohen, Deputy Executive Director
January 2023

News from the CDEC

- Preschool Development Grant
- Hiring Updates
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Agenda



Preschool Development Grant

- Colorado is one of 12 states awarded a 2023 Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Planning Grant. Colorado received \$3.9 million and will implement the grant over the next 12 months.
- The 2023 planning grant will focus on updating the statewide birth through five needs assessment and strategic plan developed through the initial PDG B-5 grant in 2019.
 - We expect to engage partners and families broadly in these planning processes, which will inform investments in Colorado's early childhood system for years to come.
- The planning grant also provides funding to build on and expand our family engagement, awareness and leadership activities, as well invest in strategies to address recruitment, retention, and compensation challenges for professionals across early childhood.



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**SHINES
BRIGHTER**
PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT
GRANT BIRTH THROUGH FIVE

Hiring Updates

- Recently hired Family, Friend and Neighbor Program Administrator
- Reviewing applications and interviewing candidates for the following positions:
 - Data Privacy & Governance Unit Manager
 - Enterprise Application Team Supervisor
 - ECLC Administrator
 - Controller
 - UPK Program Assistant
- Currently have nine additional openings



Strategic Planning

- We are in the process of collecting and analyzing feedback from ECLC and FVC
 - This feedback will be used to solidify the work thus far and to inform the work ahead.
- We anticipate releasing our finalized mission, vision, values, and goals by March 30.
- Members of the CDEC leadership staff spent half a day last week working on refining our strategies under the five year goals.
- Staff will continue to work on strategies, actions plans, and metrics that will guide work and community engagement over the next five years, with a strong focus on activities between now and June 30, 2024.

Legislative Agenda

- **UPK Provider Bonuses** - Establishes statutory authority for \$5 million in one-time bonuses for providers who offer universal preschool (UPK) in the first year, with additional bonuses for providers who have never participated in a state-run preschool program and UPK providers who also sustain or expand infant/toddler slots.
- **Legislative Clean-up of Early Childhood Statute** - Makes technical revisions to remove or revise duplicitious statutory language, and adds language to clarify statutory ambiguity and authority regarding the new Department and CDEC programs.
- **Retaining Proposition EE Tobacco Tax Revenue for Universal Preschool** - Refers a measure to the 2023 ballot for voters to vote to retain excess Proposition EE revenue for universal preschool.
- **For any policy/legislative questions, please contact:**
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 - Michele Stillwell Parvensky (michele.stillwellparvensky@state.co.us)



Universal Preschool Program Progress and Updates





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Universal Preschool Colorado Updates

Dawn Odean, UPK Director, and Michael Cooke, Transition Director
January 2023

UPK Updates

- Local Coordinating Organizations
- Application launches for families January 17!
- Analytics to date
- Quality Standards development
 - Colorado
 - Research on best practices
 - HB22-1295 considerations
 - LCO - voices from the community
 - Rulemaking



UPK Matching

Family search for providers

- Address or zip code they want the provider to be near
- Method of transportation (driving, walking, public transit, biking)
- Ages and number of children for whom they are seeking preschool
- Rank up to five of their preferred preschool providers
- System will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week

Family Matching Priority

- Child is currently enrolled with the provider
- Sibling is enrolled with the provider
- Employee of a provider

Provider Matching Priority

- Out of the school district boundary
- Individual Education Program (IEP)
- Faith-based preschool program primarily serving congregation
- Co-Op preschool program requiring the parent(s) to volunteer
- Employer-based preschool program primarily serving employees
- Dual language or language immersion programs requiring certain language or language immersion
- Head Start preschool program with additional criteria for acceptance



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
- 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, February 7 at 5:30pm ****Note this is a week early!*

Thank you!

