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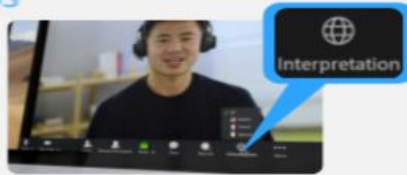
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

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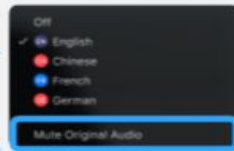



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3. Toque el idioma que usted desea escuchar



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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Plan
Monthly Town Hall
February 2022

Introductions

Representatives from the Transition Working Group (TWG):

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

Welcome!

Voices from the Field

Kate McGuire

Education Coach at Mile High Early Learning and
Pyramid Coach/Facilitator-in-training

Overview



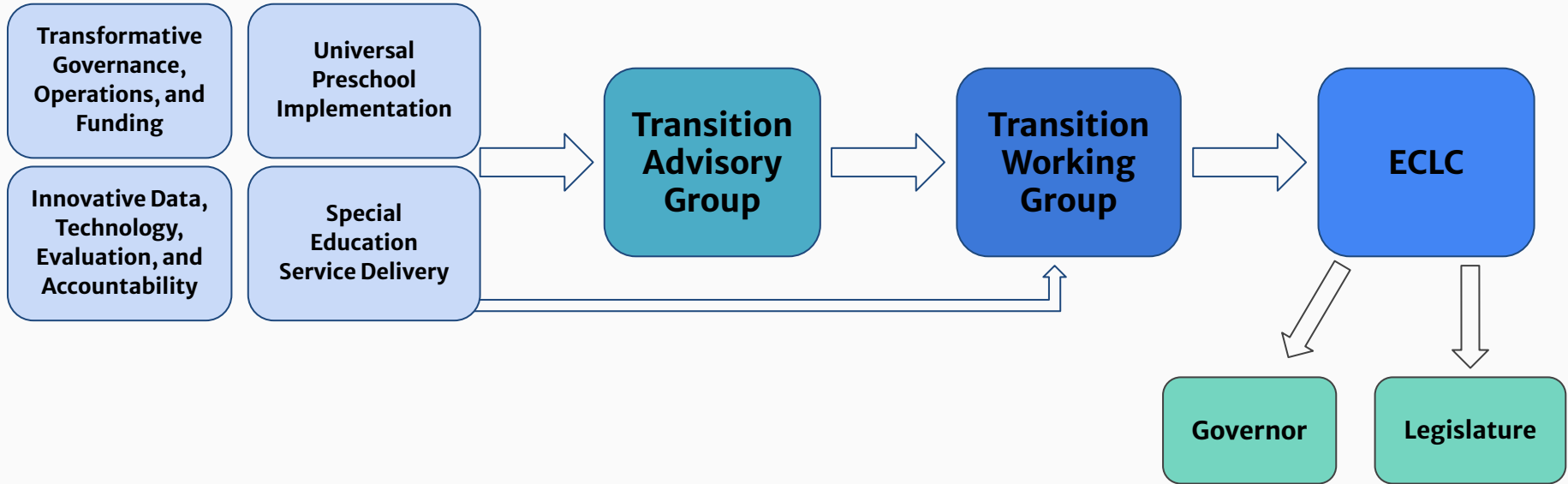
Overview

[HB21-1304](#) created a new Department of Early Childhood (DEC) to coordinate a unified early childhood system and ensure the equitable distribution of resources and programming, including the new voluntary, universal preschool program.

The legislation charged the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) to lead robust stakeholder engagement and approve a DEC Transition Plan as well as recommendations for implementation of the universal preschool program. These reports were developed prioritizing public engagement and input, and upon approval by the ECLC, were submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

As the state moves forward in designing the new department and universal preschool program, it will continue to seek significant input from families, providers, school districts, advocates, community leaders, and other stakeholders. This will be key to ensuring success for young children and families across the state.

Planning Process



Other Engagement Efforts

Beginning in July 2021, there were numerous stakeholder engagement opportunities including:

- 6 evening town halls led by the ECLC
- 38 meetings of 4 topic-specific subgroups
- 10 Transition Advisory Group (TAG) meetings
- 8 TAG feedback forms
- 6 ECLC meetings
- 6 user-centered listening sessions
- 15 statewide listening tour sessions
- Feedback form on the ECLC website that was continuously reviewed and shared with stakeholders and decision makers

All meeting materials, notes and recordings are available at: www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/transition

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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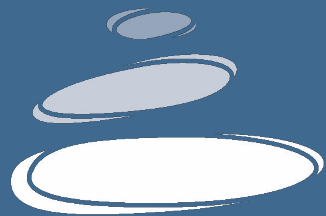
Monthly Town Halls

The ECLC is committed to engaging with stakeholders and elevating a diverse set of voices from across the state.

We will continue holding monthly Town Halls to share updates from the Governor's Office Transition Team, state agency leaders, and early childhood champions as well as discuss emerging topics of interest and upcoming engagement opportunities. We hope that you will join us!

Early Milestones Colorado -
Family and Provider Perspectives
on Colorado's Universal Preschool
Program





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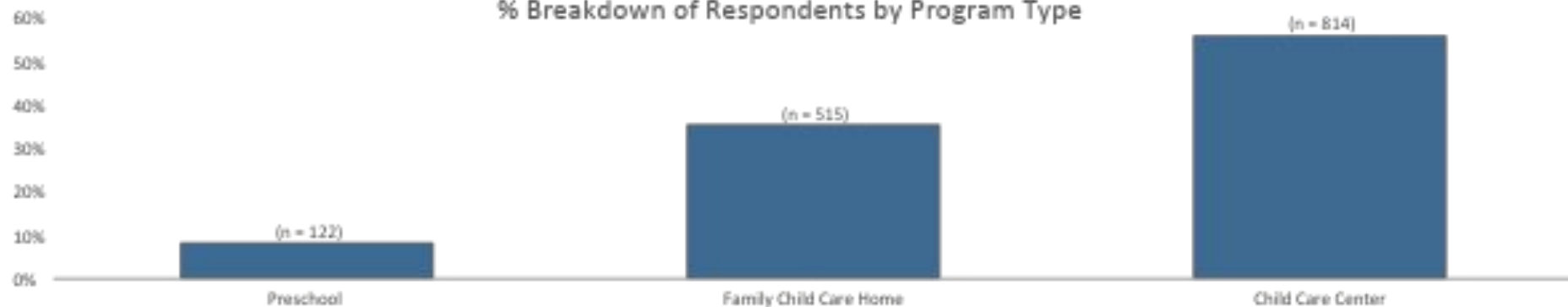
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UPK SURVEY FINDINGS

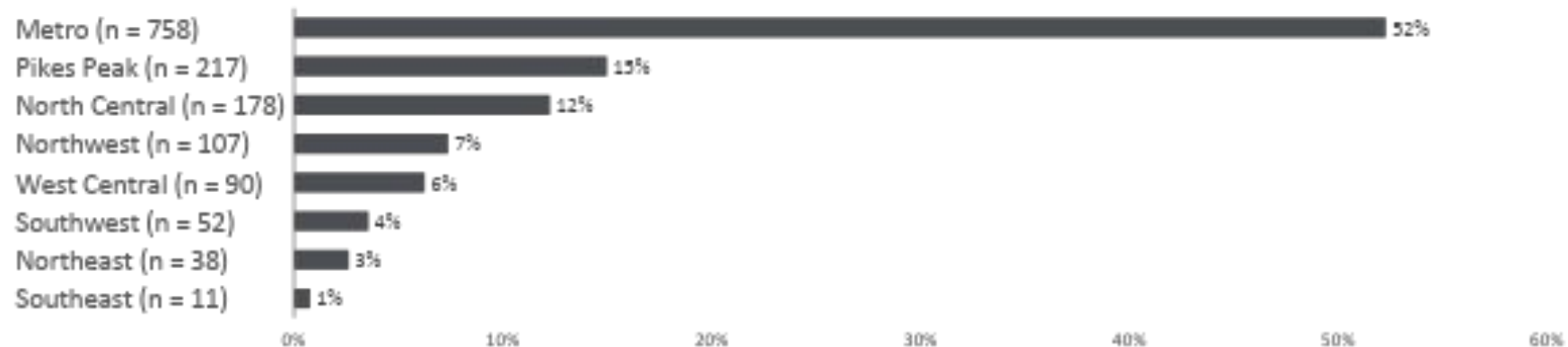
ECLC Town Hall

PROVIDERS

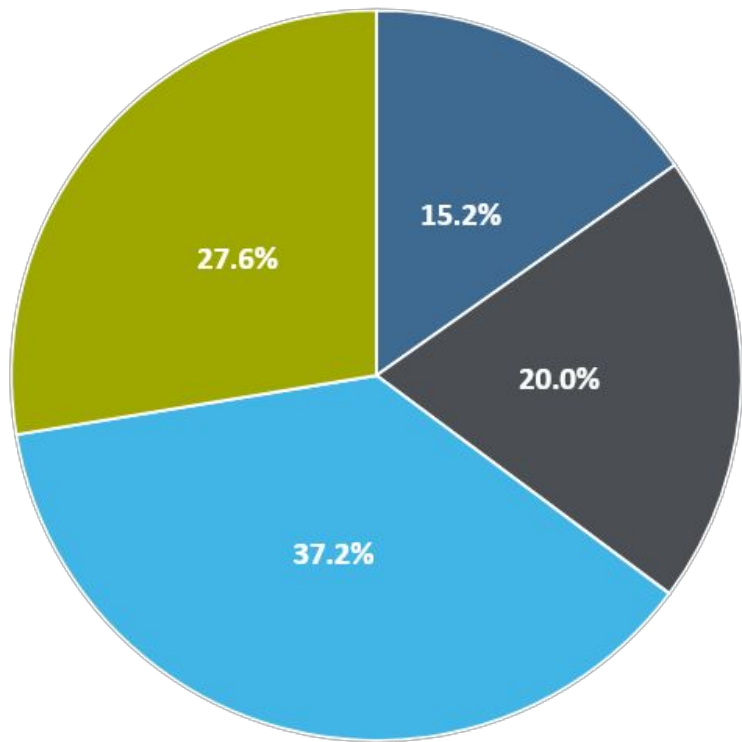
% Breakdown of Respondents by Program Type



Program Location by Region

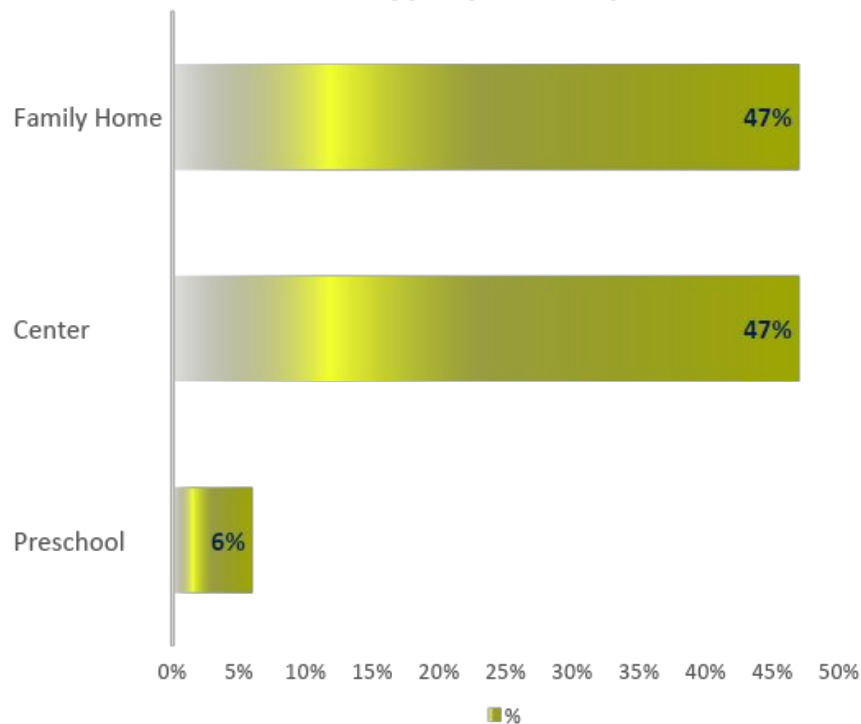


Likelihood Providers Would Want to Participate in UPK
(n = 1,330)

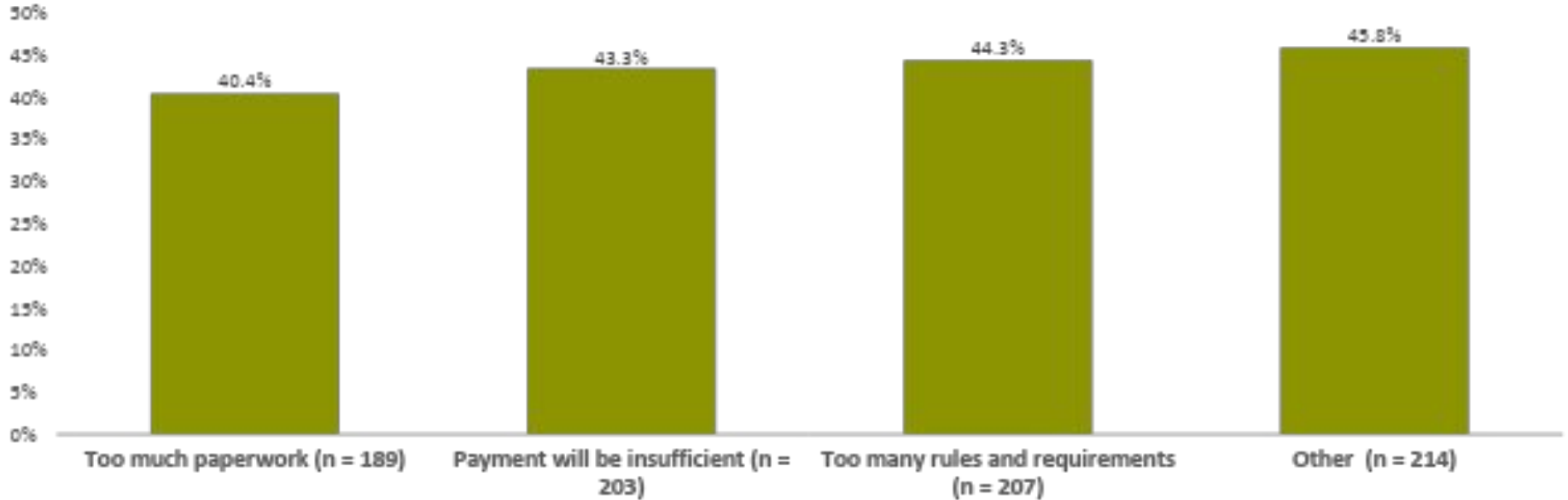


Very unlikely Unlikely Likely Very likely

Providers Who are 'Unlikely' or 'Very Unlikely' to Participate in UPK by Program Type (n = 468)



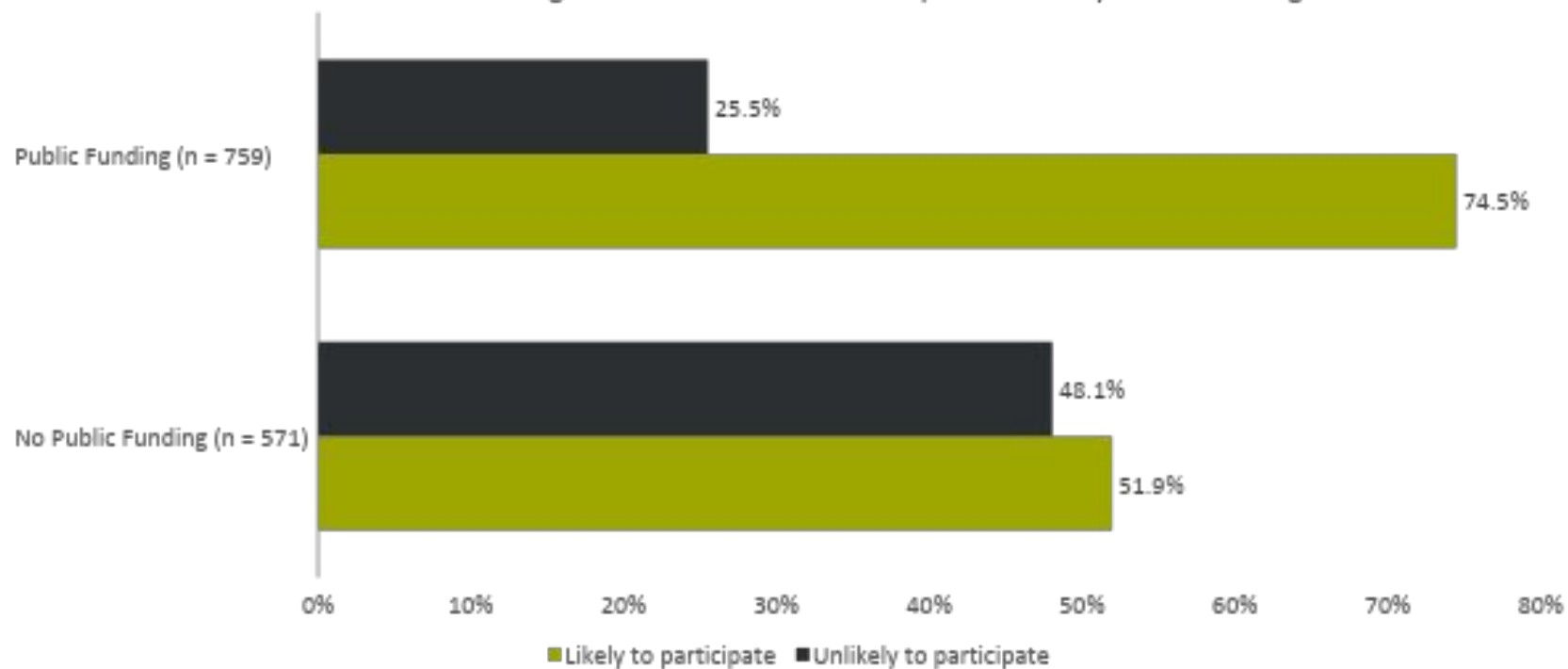
Reasons Why Providers are 'Unlikely' or 'Very Unlikely' to Participate in UPK



*Question only posed to those who selected 'Unlikely' or 'Very Unlikely' to participate in UPK

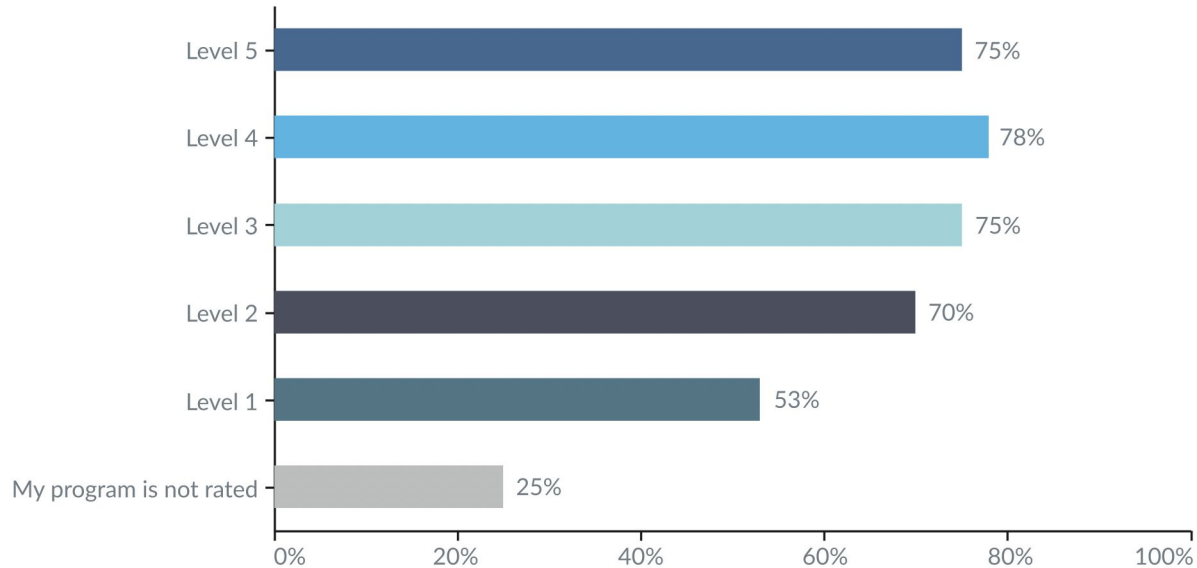
“Other” reasons specified include: lack of space, concerns around curriculum, religious/private program, mostly care for infants and toddlers, plan to retire by 2023

Likelihood Programs Would Want to Participate in UPK by Public Funding



38% of providers who are licensed to serve infants, toddlers, and 4-year-olds would likely need to reduce infant/toddler services in order to serve more 4-year-olds

Percent of Providers Likely to Participate in UPK by Quality Rating



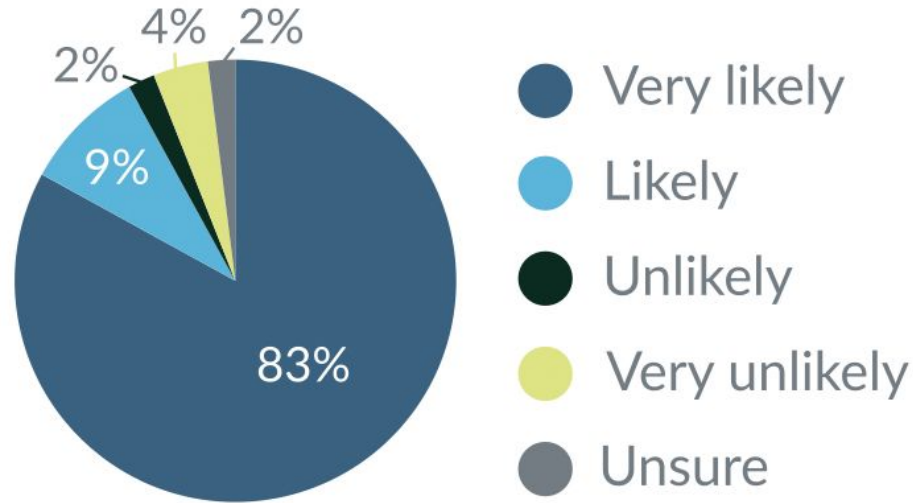
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FAMILY SAMPLE: WHO IS RESPONDING?

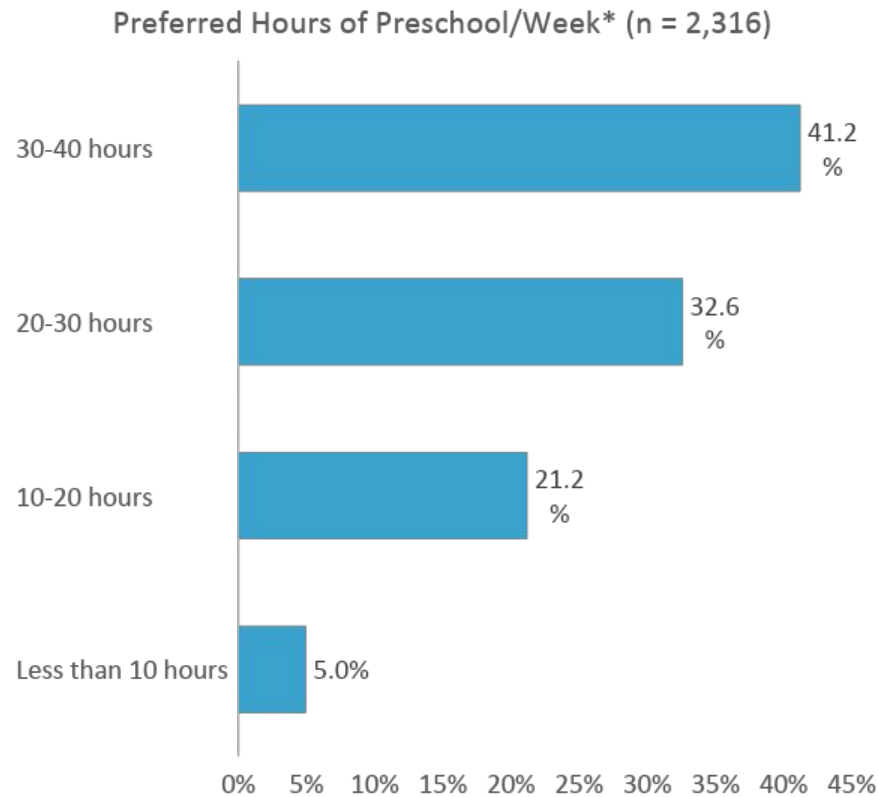
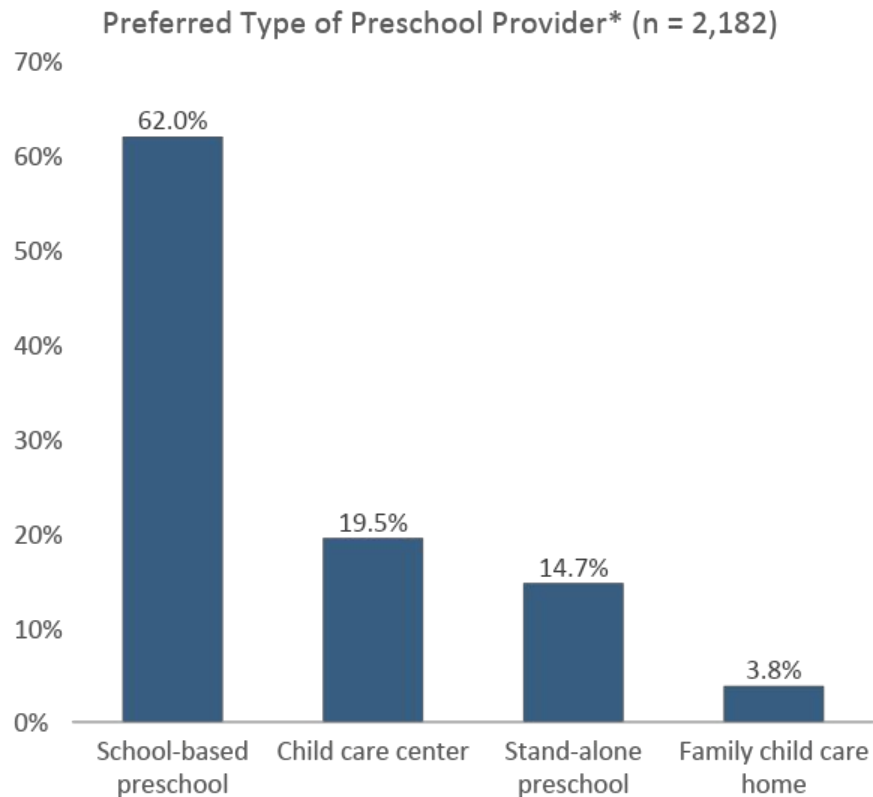
<i>Demographic</i>	<i>Wave 2 Sample</i>	<i>CO Census Comparison</i>
Race*		
White	67.9%	67.7%
Hispanic, Latino/a	16.8%	21.8%
Black	6.8%	4.6%
Asian	2.2%	3.7%
Indigenous	1.4%	1.6%
Multiracial	4.4%	3.1%
Other	0.6%	N/A
Income		
Less than \$25,000 per year	18.7%	21.4%
\$25,000-\$45,000	21.1%	20.3%
\$45,001 to \$60,000	11.6%	17.8%
\$60,001 to \$100,000	20.3%	13.6%
More than \$100,000 per year	28.3%	32.4%

**Racial and ethnic definitions and methodologies differ between our analysis and that of the Colorado Census*

Likelihood Families Would Participate in UPK if Money Was Not a Factor

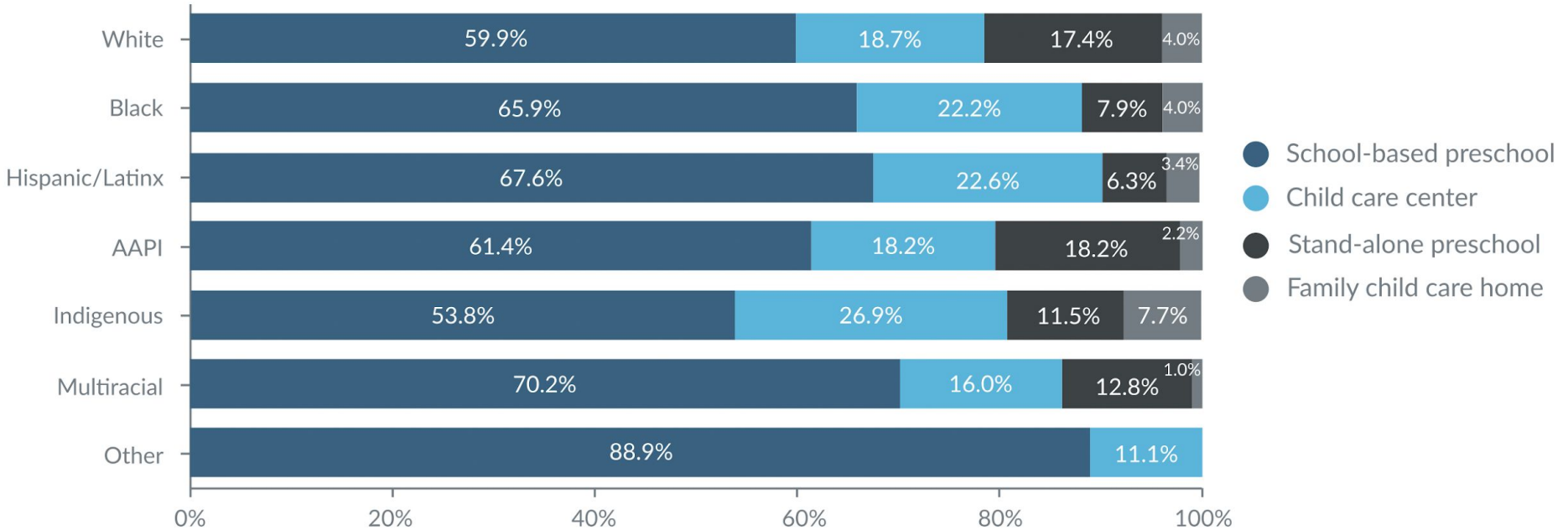


WHAT ARE FAMILIES' PRESCHOOL PREFERENCES?



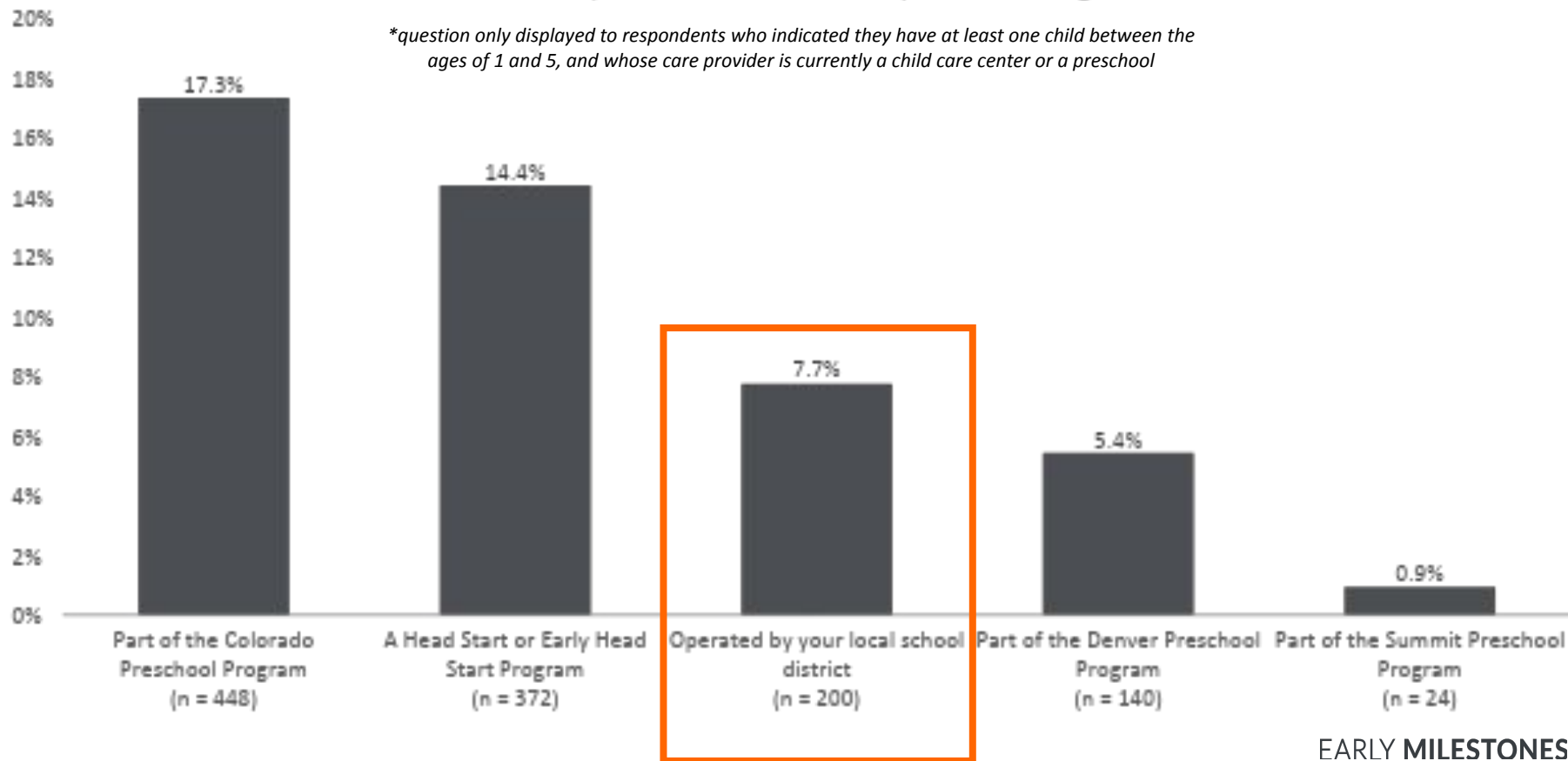
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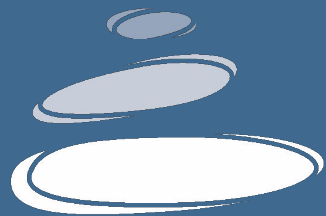
Family Preference for Preschool Provider By Race/Ethnicity



Current Participation in Public Child Care/Preschool Programs*

**question only displayed to respondents who indicated they have at least one child between the ages of 1 and 5, and whose care provider is currently a child care center or a preschool*





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Email me!

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Next Steps - Governor's Office Transition Team





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Department of Early Childhood Updates from the Governor's Transition Team

February 2022

Up next: actualizing the recommendations

**Stakeholder
Groups**

**Interagency
Working Groups**

**Forthcoming
Legislation**



July 1, 2022: Launch of the Department of Early Childhood

Building on Progress

Decades of work to shape Colorado's early childhood system



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HB21-1304

Want to Grow Colorado's Economy? Fix the Child Care Crisis



How Child Care Problems Adversely Affect Colorado's Economy

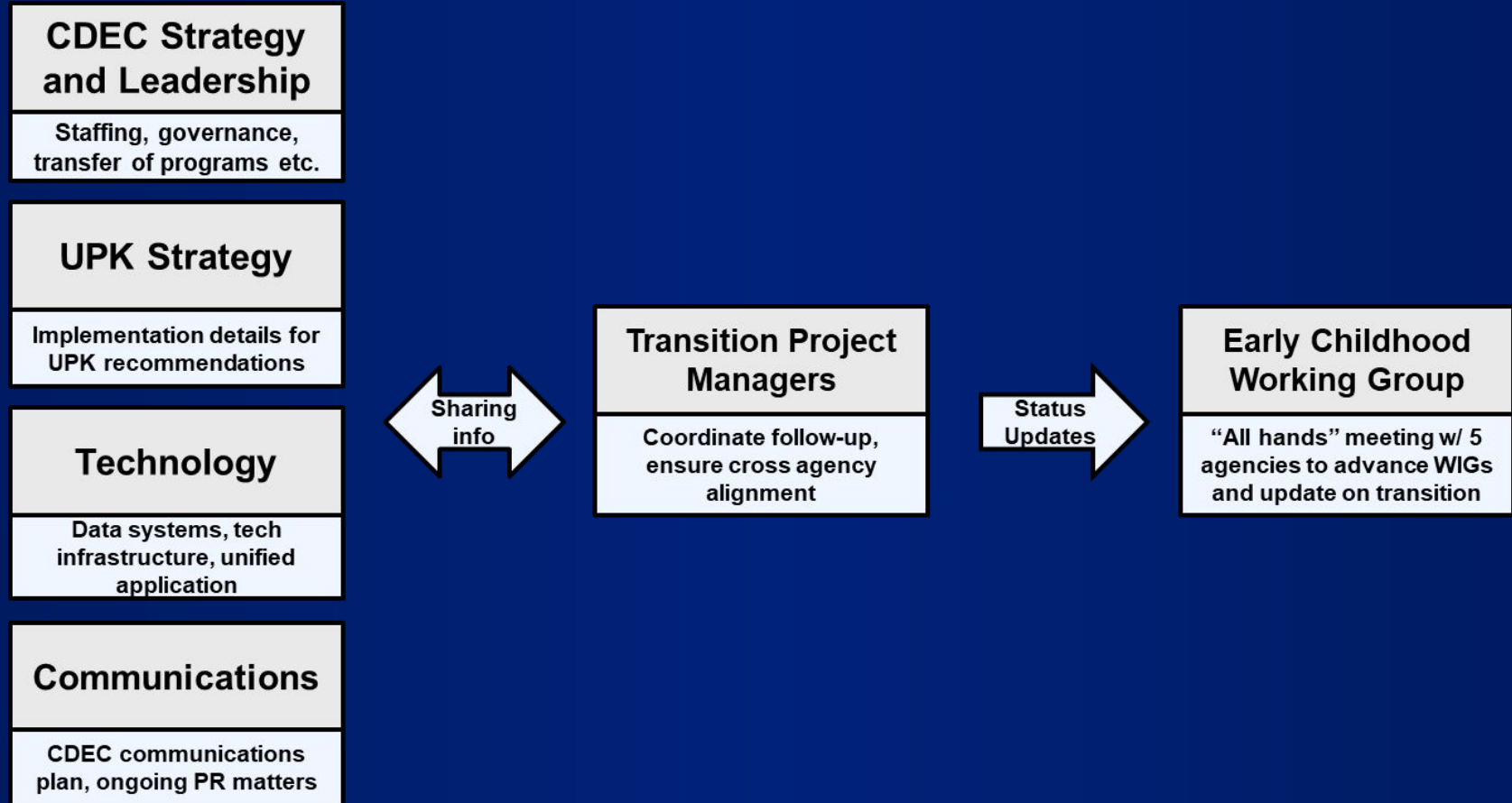
**Economic impact in Colorado?
\$2.2 billion annually**

Individual Parents	Businesses	Taxpayers
Lost earnings now from lower productivity and less work experience	Lost revenues now from lower output	Lost tax revenue now from lower GDP
Extra costs of job search for alternative work and child care arrangements	Extra costs to rehire quits and cover absenteeism	Lost sales and consumption tax revenue
Lost earnings in the future from lower productivity, less work experience, and lower skills upgrading	Extra costs to manage disrupted workers	Lost tax revenue in the future
	Lost revenues in the future from lower output	

Next Steps

- **Anticipating one bill to:**
 - **Operationalize the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)**
 - **Implement universal preschool (UPK)**
 - **Align funding streams**
- **HB 22-1197 - Moving up the effective date for CDEC**
- **Budget Requests**
- **Legislative Process**

Interagency Working Groups to Implement Recommendations



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The Department of Early Childhood will launch July 1, 2022. 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 [CDE Preschool through 3rd grade website](#) for early childhood and preschool related services.

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Mission

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood ensures the delivery of a comprehensive, community-informed, data-driven, high-quality and equitable early childhood system that supports the care, education and well-being of all Colorado's young children, their families and early childhood professionals in all settings.

THANK YOU!

Keep in touch!

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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](#)
- 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
 - March Town Hall: Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30pm

Questions?



Thank you!

