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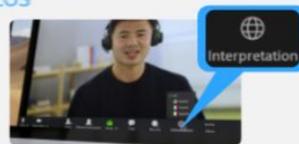
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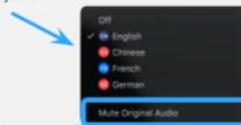
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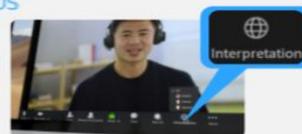
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Welcome



Early Childhood Transition Plan
Monthly Town Hall
August 2021

Introductions

Early Childhood Leadership Commission Co-Chairs:

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

Special Guests:

- Niketa Patel - Office of Governor Jared Polis
- Anne-Marie Braga - Deputy Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services

Voices from the Field

Welcome Angela Fedler

DCSD #50J- Delta Family Center/
The Backpack Early Learning Academy Preschool

Overview



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Colorado is creating a new state department to oversee early childhood programs, including the development and implementation of a voter-approved universal preschool program.

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

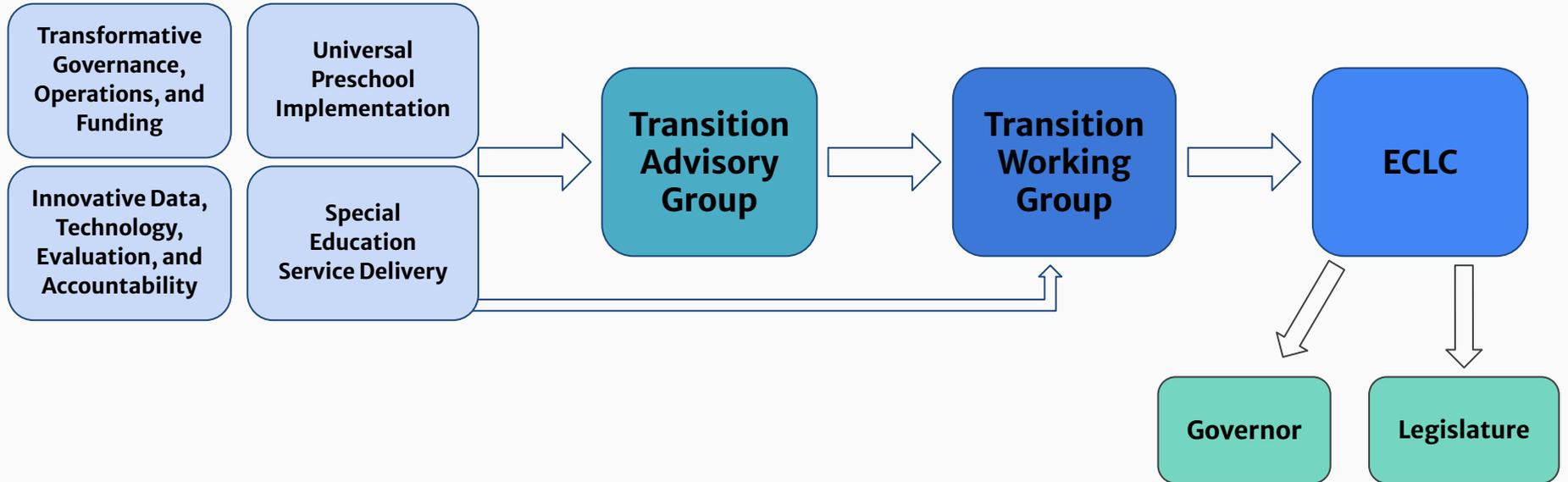
The monthly Town Hall is designed to provide stakeholders with the most up-to-date information and opportunities to get involved.

Early Childhood Leadership Commission

The ECLC is tasked with submitting a report to the Governor and the Legislature outlining detailed plans to transition to the new department and to implement the voluntary universal preschool program. The transition plan is due November 2021, and the recommendations for universal voluntary preschool are due January 2022.

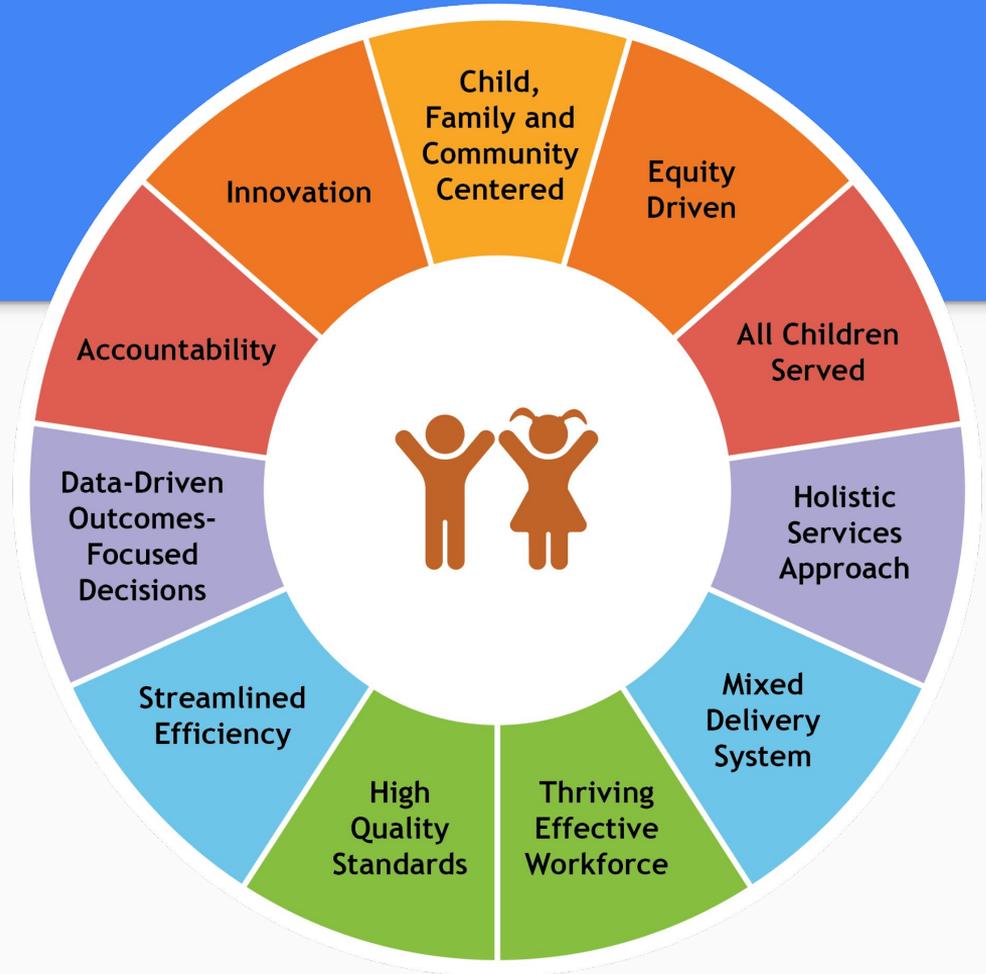
Stakeholders will be key to informing the path forward, and the ECLC has developed a transition planning process in accordance with [HB21-1304](#) that prioritizes public engagement and input.

Planning Process



Guiding Principles

Children, Families and Communities are at the center of our work



Progress



Transition Website

The ECLC launched a [webpage](#) on its website to host information about the transition process.

The website includes up-to-date news and information, including meeting agendas, background materials and meeting recordings, a [calendar of events](#), and a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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MONTHLY TOWN HALLS

Starting on August 10, the ECLC will hold monthly town halls to provide updates on the transition planning progress, highlight the work ahead, and share opportunities to get involved.



SUBGROUPS

The Transition Advisory Group Subgroups will meet regularly to advise and inform the Department of Early Childhood transition plan and universal preschool program recommendations.



FEEDBACK FORM

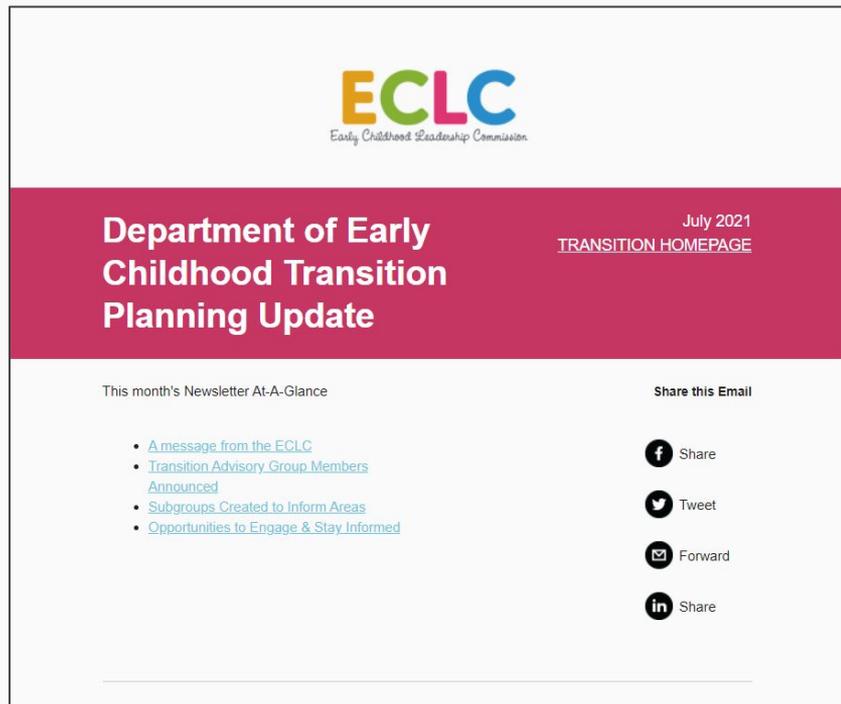
The ECLC values your suggestions, recommendations, questions and innovative ideas to inform the Department of Early Childhood transition plan and universal preschool recommendations.

Monthly Newsletter

The ECLC launched a monthly newsletter to provide stakeholders with updated information about the transition process.

You can subscribe to the newsletter through the ECLC website.

The August newsletter will be issued tomorrow.



The screenshot shows the top portion of an email newsletter. At the top center is the ECLC logo, which consists of the letters 'ECLC' in a stylized font where the 'E' is yellow, 'C' is green, 'L' is pink, and 'C' is blue. Below the logo is the text 'Early Childhood Leadership Commission'. To the right of the logo, the date 'July 2021' and the text 'TRANSITION HOMEPAGE' are displayed. A large red banner contains the main title 'Department of Early Childhood Transition Planning Update' in white text. Below the banner, the text 'This month's Newsletter At-A-Glance' is on the left, and 'Share this Email' is on the right. Under 'This month's Newsletter At-A-Glance', there is a bulleted list of four links: 'A message from the ECLC', 'Transition Advisory Group Members Announced', 'Subgroups Created to Inform Areas', and 'Opportunities to Engage & Stay Informed'. Under 'Share this Email', there are four social media sharing icons: Facebook, Twitter, Email, and LinkedIn, each with the word 'Share' next to it.

ECLC
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

July 2021
TRANSITION HOMEPAGE

Department of Early Childhood Transition Planning Update

This month's Newsletter At-A-Glance

- [A message from the ECLC](#)
- [Transition Advisory Group Members Announced](#)
- [Subgroups Created to Inform Areas](#)
- [Opportunities to Engage & Stay Informed](#)

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Kick-Off Webinar

The Colorado Governor's Office, the Department of Education, and the Department of Human Services hosted a [kick-off webinar](#) to highlight the transition process and opportunities for stakeholder engagement.



TAG Meeting Update

The Transition Advisory Group ([TAG](#)) and TAG [Subgroups](#) all held their kick-off meetings. Among key actions during the TAG meeting, members:

- Provided input on mission, vision, values, and guiding principles for the new department.
- Considered the movement of key programs that serve children and families.
- Expressed a strong desire to have a mixed-delivery system that prioritizes family choice.

Mission, Vision and Values

Vision

All Colorado children, families and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy and thriving.

Mission

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood champions a comprehensive, community-informed, effective, 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.

Mission, Vision and Values

Values

- We value equity across the early childhood system and are committed to utilizing an equity-focused lens to drive priorities and decision making.
- We believe that formal and informal care environments can provide high quality, developmentally appropriate care and learning.
- We respect and appreciate the diversity and strengths of all of our communities in Colorado.
- We believe that accessibility to early childhood services considers affordability, cultural responsiveness, and parent choice.
- We value an innovative and expansive approach to our early childhood system.
- We value a whole family approach.

TAG Subgroup Meeting Update

Data & Technology

- Identified how well current data systems serve families and providers

Special Education

- Explored how families and providers experience early childhood special education

Universal Preschool

- Identified desired goals for universal preschool program
- Considered alignment of universal preschool with CPP and other early childhood programs

Governance

- Discussed considerations for determining what programs might move to the new department
- Explored governance structures for the new department

Listening Sessions - Program Providers

- Collaboration across the EC system is essential
- Family choice and access
- Streamlining rules and regulations
- Consider impacts across the system
- Recruiting, retaining and supporting our workforce

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities



TAG Meeting

The next TAG meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**, from **3pm to 5pm MST**.

A link to join the meeting and the agenda will be made available in advance on the ECLC Transition Planning [webpage](#).

TAG Subgroup Meetings

TAG next Subgroups will meet at the following dates and times.

- [Innovative Data, Technology, Evaluation & Accountability](#): August 11, August 18 from 9am-11am MST
- [Special Education Service Delivery](#): August 11, August 18 from 2pm-4pm MST
- [Universal Preschool Implementation](#): August 12, August 19 from 10am-12pm MST
- [Transformative Governance, Operations & Funding](#): August 12, August 19 from 2pm-4pm MST

To register to attend a specific subgroup meeting, click the links above.

TAG Subgroups Meetings

Data & Technology

- Understand how evaluation and accountability systems can better support families and providers
- Explore how data systems and use can support P-3 alignment

Special Education

- Explore the key components of IDEA Part B, Section 619 and how that is currently aligned with public preschool services
- Understand the key components of IDEA Part C, how it is administered, and how the transition from Part C to Part B works

Universal Preschool

- Examine local infrastructure needed to implement universal preschool
- Discuss how to meet targeted needs within a universal system
- Explore ways to provide children with part- and full-day services

Governance

- Consider pros/cons of blending & braiding funds and current flow of EC funds
- Explore existing and needed local infrastructure

Listening Sessions

The ECLC is hosting a series of listening sessions to hear directly from families, workers, and provides their perspectives and experiences with various aspects of the early childhood system.

- The Family Listening Session will be occurring on Tuesday, August 24, from 12pm-1pm and 5:30pm-6:30pm MST.
- The Workforce Listening Sessions will be held Tuesday, September 21, from 12pm-1pm and 5:30pm-6:30pm MST.

More information will be made available soon [here](#).

Statewide Listening Tour

In early fall, the ECLC, in partnership with the Governor's Office and other state agencies, will host a statewide listening tour. At stops along the tour, we will share progress on the transition plan with communities and collect feedback to apply to the final version. All listening tour stops will be open to the public.



Feedback Form

A brief feedback form is now available on the website and will remain throughout the process. Stakeholder input will be made public, as directed by the legislation, and shared with the TAG and its subgroups.

[Access the feedback form here.](#)

[View feedback received, to date, here.](#)

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Thank you!

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