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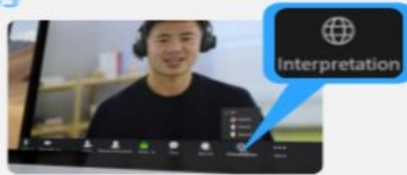
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

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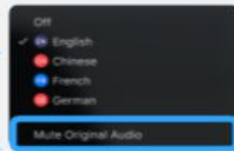


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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Early Childhood Transition Planning
Monthly Town Hall
April 2023

Introductions

Early Childhood Leadership Commission Co-Chairs:

- **Susan Steele** - Former 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

- News from the Colorado Department of Early Childhood
- Universal Preschool Colorado Updates
- Mythbusting and Q&A
- Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

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

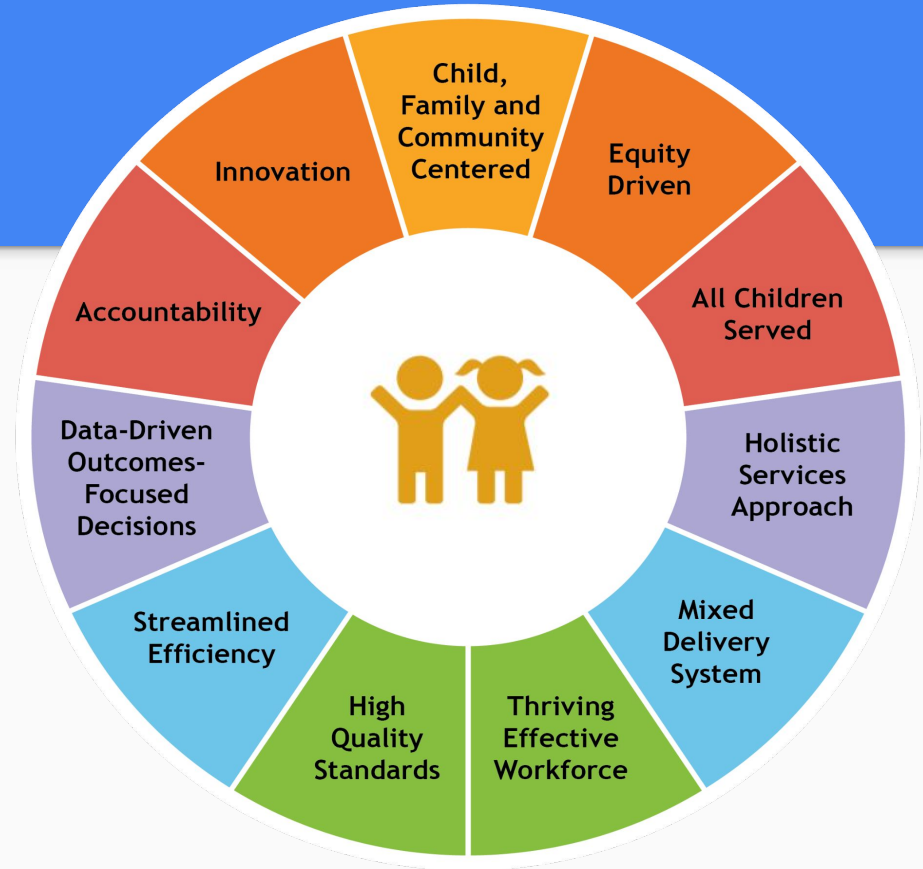
- Signed April 25, 2022
- Aligned with the recommendations of the two reports
- Established responsibilities of CDEC and the Executive Director
- Moved early childhood programs to the new department
- Created the Colorado Universal Preschool Program

CDEC officially launched July 1, 2022!



Guiding Principles

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





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News from the Colorado Department Early Childhood

Dr. Lisa Roy, Executive Director
April 11, 2023

Policy & Legislative Updates

- **SB23-269 Colorado Preschool Program Provider Bonus Payments:** Our Department Bill to provide UPK Provider Bonuses has been introduced. The bill will be heard in Senate Education Committee at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12. The Legislative Fact Sheet can be found [here](#).
- **HB23-1235 Technical Modification To Department Of Early Childhood:** Our Department Bill to make technical clean-ups to CDEC statute is on the House floor awaiting second reading. After it passes the House, it will head to the Senate. The Legislative Fact Sheet can be found [here](#).
- **Retaining Prop EE Revenue for Universal Preschool** - The bill to refer a measure to the 2023 ballot for voters to retain excess Proposition EE revenue for universal preschool. We are expecting introduction in the next week.
- For any policy/legislative questions, please contact:
 - Grace Eckel (grace.eckel@state.co.us)
 - Michele Stillwell-Parvensky (michele.stillwellparvensky@state.co.us)

Hiring Updates

Recently Hired

- Budget Director - hired Kate Kornacki, started April 3
- Policy & Legislative Analyst (starting April 17)
- Business Technology Operations Supervisor (starting April 17)
- UPK Program Assistant (starting April 24)

Application Review / Interviewing Candidates

- Procurement & Contracts Unit Manager - extending an offer
- LCO Specialist (5 positions)
- UPK Analyst
- UPK Specialist (2 positions)
- Early Childhood Regional Coach
- EQIT Initiative Program Lead

Posting Soon

- Compliance Manager
- Audit Manager

Other CDEC Updates

- **Strategic Planning**
 - Finalizing value, goal and strategy language
- **Substitute Placement Agencies**
 - CDEC published a solicitation to find Substitute Placement Agencies (SPA) who can provide substitutes for licensed early childhood educators.
 - Services include recruitment, training, placement, management and retention. Deadline to apply is May 5.
 - You can view the RFP at the CDHS Procurement Website:
<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/procurement>



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Universal Preschool Colorado Updates

Dawn Odean, Director of UPK
Michael Cooke, Transition Director
April 2023

Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado

UPK Family Matching Data Update

- Total number of eligible four-year-olds Round 1 = 27,136
- Families of four-year-olds matched to their 1st choice = 83.6%
- Families matched to any one of their choices = 92.2%
- Total number of three-year-olds matched = 3,962

Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado

- Enrollment Timeline
 - Round one - extended
 - Round two
 - Ongoing

Quality Standards

The Department shall develop, and the Executive Director shall establish by rule, the quality standards that each preschool provider must meet to receive funding through the Colorado Universal Preschool Program.

The quality standards must, at a minimum, reflect national and community-informed best practices with regard to school readiness, academic and cognitive development, healthy environments, social-emotional learning, and child and family outcomes.

UPK Quality Standards - Update

The planned phases of work include:

- Phase I - Research, review and stakeholdering for UPK Quality Standards Rule
- Phase II - Develop Cross-Department Standards, including workforce, professional learning credentials and pathways
- Phase III - Resource library, pathways, reporting plan

- Operating memo, press release
- RFP

THANK YOU!

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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](#)
- Newsletter updates through the [Our Voice Newsletter](#)
 - Please sign up for *Our Voice* to continue to receive updates!
- Monthly town halls
 - Next Town Hall: May 9, 2023 at 5:30pm

Thank you!

