

Chat from November 17, 2021 Transition Advisory Group Meeting

From Lorena Garcia|CO|She/Ella to Everyone: 03:08 PM
that is so wonderful!!!!!!!

From angela.fedler to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Wonderful programming!!

From Elisabeth Lawrence to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Great job, Melanie!

From Mary Alice Cohen - CDHS (She/her) to Everyone: 03:13 PM
I LOVE HIPPY!!

From Penny Harris to Everyone: 03:14 PM
Thank you for sharing!!!

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 03:14 PM
Thank you, Melanie!

From Heather Tritten to Everyone: 03:14 PM
Thanks Melanie! That was awesome! #HIPPYWORKS

From Ty Johnson(she,her) to Everyone: 03:14 PM
beautiful to hear how you are all honoring each family
thank you for sharing and great to see you

From Mat Aubuchon to Everyone: 03:15 PM
Who knew how far my "hamburger" analogy would go...?

From Cassandra Johnson, BCDI-Denver | Queen Mother Sista to Everyone: 03:15 PM
thank you Melanie for sharing! love the macro and micro ways you are ensuring cultural
practices of families are valued and respected

From George Davis V to Everyone: 03:15 PM
Great intro Love to have your input and involvement.

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 03:15 PM
Go Mat you could start a burger joint.

From Marcia Blum to Everyone: 03:19 PM
Can you clarify the bullet referring to the dispute resolution process in IDEA. What exactly is it
meant to convey ?

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From AragonRM to Everyone: 03:24 PM

Can you please repeat what was said about your December 15th meeting? What will be the agenda for this meeting?

From Merlyn Tejada to Everyone: 03:26 PM

At the December 15th we will be reviewing the draft recommendations for universal preschool

From AragonRM to Everyone: 03:34 PM

Thank you!

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 03:48 PM

This question seems silly, but has there been an analysis of current cost? Is there something we can look at?

From Diane Price, Early Connections Learning Centers to Everyone: 03:49 PM

not silly - good question

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 03:49 PM

Also, are we talking about mixed ability services, segregated, or both? It seems like it might depend based on the model.

From Kristie Kauerz to Everyone: 03:49 PM

Cost of what?

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 03:50 PM

Current cost of service provision

From Diane Price, Early Connections Learning Centers to Everyone: 03:51 PM

I wonder about administrative costs associated with various models

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 03:51 PM

Yes - we would need to know what it costs now and what the projected costs are

From Leigh Pytlinski to Everyone: 03:55 PM

I think that Nami's question ties into my values, and it would be helpful to know estimates of cost for each model as we explore the models.

From Kristie Kauerz to Everyone: 04:00 PM

This is a challenge with building a new system. There are "costs," but there are also "benefits" to the various models. And, to Elsa's points, costs/benefits to/for whom?

From Elisabeth Lawrence-Summit Commissioner to Everyone: 04:01 PM

Childcare/PreK is not only an important benefit for children... but it is an economic driver for our entire state. Kids in care equals parents that can work.

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From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 04:01 PM

I do not think you can say there is one answer for all families

From Kristie Kauerz to Everyone: 04:01 PM

And Head Start would probably fit under the LCO model?

From Elisabeth Lawrence-Summit Commissioner to Everyone: 04:02 PM

Use the existing Colorado Shines program for funding quality programs

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 04:02 PM

I agree, Susan. We will have to discuss what quality means

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 04:03 PM

We have a model for quality under CPP

From Bill Jaeger to Everyone: 04:04 PM

Build Back Better UPK would fund full school-day, full school-year. On top of that, the Child Care Entitlement component would be a sliding scale, birth to five funding piece. This would, in combination, cover full day, full year.

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:05 PM

undocumented families included?

From Laurie Noblitt to Everyone: 04:05 PM

I wonder if full year preschool would have a negative impact on our already fragile preschool workforce?

From Lorena Garcia|CSPC|She/Ella to Everyone: 04:06 PM

Nami, my reading of the proposal does not exclude undocumented families.

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:06 PM

thank you!

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 04:06 PM

Laurie I think that's one thing we can plan for now- in addition to the salary increases Lorena mentioned, what else can we set up so that the workforce will want to stay around?

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 04:06 PM

@Lucinda agreed

From Lorena Garcia|CSPC|She/Ella to Everyone: 04:07 PM

Agreed Melissa

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From Bill Jaeger to Everyone: 04:12 PM

If helpful, here is a short summary of both the child care and preschool provisions of the BBB Act plan. Note that these are two funding streams, but the hope is they would be administered together in a birth-to-five aligned system:

https://hunt-institute.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Hunt-Institute-Build-Back-Better-Guide-for-Policymakers-11.3.21_v2.pdf

^Just a note that the prek provisions start on page 5 whereas the first few pages are on the child care piece (but these would be additive, not supplanting existing state funding or requiring families to choose one or the other -- i.e., you could have access to UPK funding as well as child care funding as a 3 or 4 year old to build full-workday, fully-year programming or families could take advantage of just one of the programs).

From Kristie Kauerz to Everyone: 04:15 PM

Much less a quality spot.

From Sarah Carlson to Everyone: 04:20 PM

This system probably aligns best with the IEP process for placement decision. What do school districts think of this option?

From Kristen Lang - CDHS to Everyone: 04:21 PM

Provided in pre-reading, but relevant to the option 4 slide here, the Coordinated Application, Eligibility and Enrollment workgroup thinking on how option 4 could work in Colorado:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yj2ml_xaoTEP4LNyJ3790a53LeVgJnTo/view?usp=sharing

From Laurie Noblitt to Everyone: 04:23 PM

If the LCO has capacity to meet the expectations, this model should also effectively address specific community needs.

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:24 PM

can you please give an example of what you mean by guardrail?

From Lorena Garcia to Everyone: 04:26 PM

Great point Melissa

From Maria Tarajano Rodman (ella/she/her) to Everyone: 04:26 PM

yes Melissa a real challenge regarding access!!!!

From George Davis V to Everyone: 04:27 PM

Which one would best start the program and let's trial and error it from there. With this all being new what may work on paper may need to be adjusted in actuality.

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From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 04:27 PM

And I meant to mention that a district could be a LCO, and is likely the best LCO in certain communities, provided they meet the requirements/guardrails.

From Elisabeth Lawrence-Summit Commissioner to Everyone: 04:28 PM

Excellent point, Melissa about a district also being an LCO in some areas

From mgibson-steiner to Everyone: 04:29 PM

Agree Mat

From Betty Dalton to Everyone: 04:29 PM

As a in home provider I so agree with Mat

From Jade Woodard (she/her) to Everyone: 04:34 PM

Yes - I had a similar question about ensuring coverage across the state with the LCO model

From Ki`i Powell to Everyone: 04:35 PM

@kathy, when we run these State procurements in other types of situations, we strategically require demonstrated partnerships between critical entities (e.g. school districts, county depts. of human services), it tends to create coordination in applying

From Nasha Patel to Everyone: 04:36 PM

Thats so helpful to know Ki`i

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:36 PM

I think as long as there is an advocate in the room with the adult and child, then childfind can be positioned as an option and not a requirement.

That's a great thought, Kristie

From Mat Aubuchon to Everyone: 04:37 PM

Nami, ChildFind is a federally mandated program. They are the entity to conduct the assessment and make special education recommendations as a part of a team (including families). This is why special education is remaining under CDE is it isn't optional.

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:38 PM

Sure Mat. I went through childfind but did not sign the IEP. I did however get private services through providers who offered scholarships and sliding scale fees.

From Mat Aubuchon to Everyone: 04:39 PM

Sure, I was just making the distinction between ChildFind as an assessment entity and service providers as they are different. The LEA is responsible for ChildFind and managing the IEP's of students in the district. However, as a parent you do have the right to decline services.

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From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:40 PM
thanks for clarifying.

From George Davis V to Everyone: 04:43 PM
Very well put.

From Elisabeth Lawrence-Summit Commissioner to Everyone: 04:47 PM
Nasha and I discussed this earlier... can we combine or have two options instead of just one?

From Kristie Kauerz to Everyone: 04:48 PM
Although that's also assuming that the funding would be adequate to purchase what the family wants/needs. And the burden of finding that is on the family.

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 04:49 PM
Yes- funding would have to cover the cost of delivering quality care anywhere. I wonder how we can come up with a funding model that provides the stability that Mat mentioned while also promoting more nimbleness

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 04:50 PM
Great point Mat

From Heather Hall to Everyone: 04:50 PM
Agreed Mat

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 04:52 PM
thank you. this is huge and I appreciate you all for taking on this challenge

From George Davis V to Everyone: 04:52 PM
With no Straight lines or corners or even a consistent curve a cloud is still a shape.

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 04:57 PM
If we consider public schools a provider we do not find that the current CPP of 11 hours

From Marcia Blum to Everyone: 05:01 PM
It may not be equitable to give every child the same thing - base rate - if there is no plan on the outset to provide those additional supports

From Cassandra Johnson, BCDI-Denver | Queen Mother Sista to Everyone: 05:03 PM
Can any funding be prioritized towards supports to organizations for services i.e. mental health services, social emotional supports

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From Jessica Baghian to Everyone: 05:03 PM

I think the thought is...base rate is bare minimum. Then you are adding on for all of the things that would demand additional dollars, including family characteristics of need. Good flag that those should be more explicitly named

From Cassandra Johnson, BCDI-Denver | Queen Mother Sista to Everyone: 05:03 PM
trauma care

From Sherri Valdez to Everyone: 05:06 PM

Can/will CPP funds be able to be used for children with higher risks-offering more hrs/wk, over and above the UPK/EE funds for all children? I am thinking about the current eligibility requirements for CPP w/risk factors.

From Laurie Noblitt to Everyone: 05:07 PM

I share this question, Sherri, and I also wonder about the applicability of funding resources for 3 year olds with multiple needs?

From Kathy Howell to Everyone: 05:07 PM

And will they fund 3 year olds after next year?

From Sherri Valdez to Everyone: 05:08 PM

yes, this is what I was thinking about.

From Sarah Carlson to Everyone: 05:08 PM

@Sherri, this has been my hope all along! And for three year olds

From Betty Dalton to Everyone: 05:08 PM

Nami, I love you little Pug dog!

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 05:08 PM

I think we need to revisit/update the CPP criteria.

From nami bhasin to Everyone: 05:09 PM

Lol thank you.

I would also like to revisit the criteria.

From Marcia Blum to Everyone: 05:10 PM

this is a question about equality vs. equity

From Heather Hall to Everyone: 05:10 PM

Can you make a survey about what we feel the criteria should be. YES, CPP funds reserved for 3 year olds

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From Laurie Noblitt to Everyone: 05:10 PM

There are real concerns about ensuring 3 year olds with multiple risk factors will continue to have access to high quality learning environments

From Sarah Carlson to Everyone: 05:10 PM

If we max out and take away CPP support, we moved from equity to equality

From Betty Dalton to Everyone: 05:11 PM

I so agree about losing the 3 year old funding

From Marcia Blum to Everyone: 05:11 PM

don't widen the gaps that already exist in marginalized communities

From Sarah Carlson to Everyone: 05:12 PM

Yes, Marcia.

From Marcia Blum to Everyone: 05:14 PM

And @Nami how much actual money is there when it kicks off in 2023

From Sherri Valdez to Everyone: 05:15 PM

Might we consider recommendations w/ and w/out federal funding. there is still much unknown.

From Mat Aubuchon to Everyone: 05:15 PM

Agree Sherri - we cannot bet on consistent federal money

From Jessica Baghian to Everyone: 05:16 PM

I think the last bullet is intended to say....we should build a system that aims to serve all kids, and a system that is anticipating dips and jumps in money.

For the federal unknown (and many others)

From Mat Aubuchon to Everyone: 05:17 PM

Need to step away - thanks for the conversation and dialogue everyone

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 05:17 PM

Thank you Susan- yes I'm happy to work with Bill and our team to provide that information if it's helpful!

From Sarah Carlson to Everyone: 05:19 PM

members only for office hours?

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From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 05:20 PM

I love this idea! Is there a chance for TAG members who can't attend during that time to schedule another time to chat with you? I'm thinking specifically for TAG members unable to get off work/who don't do this work as their full time job

From Merlyn Tejada to Everyone: 05:20 PM

@ Sarah C, Yes! TAG only.

From Melissa Mares (she, her, ella) to Everyone: 05:20 PM

Awesome, I think it is an important change to make/offer. Thank you!

From Heather Hall to Everyone: 05:22 PM

Thank You

From Ty Johnson(she,her) to Everyone: 05:22 PM

thank you all and be well

From Leigh Pytlinski to Everyone: 05:22 PM

Thank you