

WHAT YOUR FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW

UNIVERSAL PRE-K

Universal Pre-K is coming in 2023 and families can begin applying as early as January 17th. As the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for UPK, Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families is here to help families navigate UPK and what it means for your child.

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 17, 2023

BENEFITS + ELIGIBILITY + ACCESS

- UPK was designed to create equal access to quality education before kindergarten and help reduce the cost of child care. Participating in UPK will remove the cost of care for the hours you are approved.
- The year before kindergarten, all children in Colorado are eligible for 15 hours of preschool, and certain qualifying factors will allow up to 30 hours for 4 year olds and 10 hours for 3 year olds.
- Any licensed provider in good standing with licensing can apply to be a Universal Preschool Provider. You can access this service with your current child care provider if they are participating.



IS PRESCHOOL NOW FREE?

Not necessarily, the program provides a tuition credit for a minimum of 15 hours. Some children will qualify for 30 hours. The provider will be able to charge for additional hours provided after that amount.

IS A PRE-K SPOT GUARANTEED?

No, child care providers are limited in El Paso County. This means we have limited slots. Applying for the service early and asking if your current provider is participating increases your chance of getting a slot.

 **CLICK OR SCAN TO APPLY BEGINNING JANUARY 17**

Family Application Site: [UPK.colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov)



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