

# LCO School District Meeting- February 2023



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# Today's Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **LCO Updates and Reminders**
- **TimeLine**
- **Special Needs and IEPs**
- **Q+A**

# LCO Updates

- **Family Applications**

- Families will be able to edit their applications soon, and before the first round of matching occurs. They will receive a text message and email notifying them that their application is open for editing.
- The state needs to finalize the Seat Verification Forms

- **Provider Applications**

- We have over 150 Providers who have applied to be UPK providers.

- **Reminders**

- Submit a regional representative to [salmonte@JointInitiatives.org](mailto:salmonte@JointInitiatives.org)
- All State School District Meeting tomorrow

**Fri 2/10/2023 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM**

Join with Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/tcj-xjwc-qqo>

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) will be hosting a District Stakeholders Town Hall meeting this Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11:00 AM on issues related to UPK.

We will spend the majority of the time answering questions on the implementation of UPK and addressing the concerns of our District partners.

# Quadrants

## Northwest Quadrant

Manitou District 14  
Academy District 20  
Lewis-Palmer District 38

## Northeast Quadrant

Calhan District RJ-1  
Ellicott District 22  
Peyton District 23 JT  
Falcon District 49

El Paso County  
School  
Districts

## Southwest Quadrant

Harrison District 2  
Colorado Springs District 11  
Cheyenne Mountain District  
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## Southeast Quadrant

Widefield District 3  
Fountain Ft. Carson District 8  
Hanover District 28  
Edison 54 JT  
Miami-Yoder 60 JT

# Timeline

- **February:** Families will be able to edit their applications in February. After it is saved, families will have to reach out to the LCO to make additional changes.
- **February 13:** LCO Training on how the Matching system works
- **February 14:** Providers make any last-minute changes to their profiles. Last day for families to apply to be included in the first round of matches.
- **February 15:** First round of matches is run by the state and will be sent to providers.
  - LCO receives Decline Technical Training
- **February 16-March 16:** Providers will review their matches and decline as needed. Families who are declined by a provider will go back into the pool to be matched again.
- **March 17-March 31:** Families are notified of their match and will be asked to accept or decline their match.

# Technology Updates

- When will the correct programs appear?  
CDEC is working on updating programs now and you should expect the correct programs to appear on Friday (2/10).
- When will school district programs for 3-year-olds appear?  
CDEC is working on adding 3-year-old programs now and should have the new school district 3-year-old locations added in the next week.
- Will 5-year-olds in districts with different cutoff dates be matched in the first round?  
All eligible family applications (including 5s) submitted before 2/15 will be included in the first matching round.
- Families have submitted an application, but they can't see it  
CDEC has been looking into those situations and the theme is that the applications include incorrect address information, which would lead to a misassignment of the LCO.

# IEPs and Special Education Review

## WHAT WE KNOW

- Both 3 and 4-year-old children with IEPs should apply through the UPK application portal to ensure proper placement
- 3-year-olds with IEPs will be placed through their school district, whether with the district or a community provider
- 4-year-olds with IEPs will be part of the matching process; school districts will follow up with families to discuss placement if the family's choice does not qualify to serve children with IEPs
- Families with a child with an IEP may choose a UPK provider other than the school district or qualified community partner; however, the school district does not have an obligation to provide the special education services at that provider's location.
- If a child qualifies for an IEP after UPK services have started, the school district or BOCES will work with the family to determine if a new placement is needed in order to receive services.



# Question + Answers



# Thank You!



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