

# LCO Office Hours - January 2023



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# LCO Communication Updates

- **Weekly UPK Newsletter**
  - Updates for Providers and Families.
  - Resources + Links.
- **LCO – UPK Info Hub**
  - Located on Joint Initiatives Website.
  - Recently added “Learn More About Universal PreK” button.
- **Scheduled Office Hours for Today**
  - Opportunity to give you updates in real time and to answer your questions
  - Each session will provide the same information.

# Current Work Focus: Providers

## El Paso County UPK Numbers

**422**

Early childhood education  
programs in El Paso County

**139**

Early childhood education  
programs have applied to offer UPK

**5,322**

Estimated UPK Slots To Date

**6,500**

Estimated local need in the first year

# Current Work Focus: Families

- **Family Application launched January 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- **During week one 15,000 applications submitted in Colorado.**
- **El Paso County approximately 1,700 applications submitted to date.**
- **LCO receiving a steady stream of family questions.**

# Application Updates

- **\*Families will be able to edit their applications within the next few days; before the first round of matching occurs. They will be notified via email or text.**
  - *All additional edits - families will need to request their application to be unlocked by the LCO. This request can be emailed to [upk@jointinitiatives.org](mailto:upk@jointinitiatives.org) .*
- **If a School District has a kindergarten cutoff date different than the state's October 1st date, then that child's information needs to go directly to the school district.**
- **Families must provide proof of income if they indicate that they are below the income threshold and will be uploaded directly into their application.**
- **Other documentation, including proof of age and residence in Colorado, will be verified at the provider level.**

# Matching Timeline

- **February: Updated Timeline**

- February 17<sup>th</sup>: CDEC will reopen the application to allow families to reevaluate their choices and to make changes.
- The deadline for families to edit applications and for new families to apply in the first round of applications has been extended to February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- February 27<sup>th</sup>: CDEC will take the first round of applicants and begin the matching process.
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: Families will receive an email from us letting them which provider their child was matched with, and what the next steps for enrollment will be.

# Consultation Support

## **Individual/small group support is available!**

- Still considering becoming a UPK provider but aren't sure how to make it work for your business?
- Need support in maximizing revenue into your business by stacking funds?
- Consultation available virtually, in person or in small groups; flexible schedule

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[nslt@mac.com](mailto:nslt@mac.com), 719-338-7223. Please put "UPK Help" in subject line.

# Question + Answers



# Thank You!



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