UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE
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PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

QUALITY STANDARDS

The state is asking every provider to complete quality standards self-report forms by September 16, 2024. Their intention is to collect this information so that they can meet providers where they are and ensure that they can provide useful information to each of you. Below is the information shared with LCOs.

Provider Quality Practices Self-Reports to be added to the CDEC's UPK website Thursday, August 15, 2024:

- As you know, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) has contracted with Early Years Forward and Early Milestones Colorado to identify resources to support preschool providers in meeting the Universal Preschool Program (UPK) Quality Standards. The UPK Quality Standards include program requirements in Instructional Practice (IP), Healthy Development (HD), and Family & Community Engagement (FCE).
- To better understand what practices providers are already implementing within these requirements, we have created three forms they will be invited to fill out. The information gathered will be used to build on the existing strengths of preschool providers as the standards are introduced. Here is information for your team to support any providers that may reach out.
- The following three self-report forms will be shared with providers, asking for them to be completed by an administrator, director, family child care home owner, or other individual responsible for Universal Preschool Program implementation by September 16, 2024:
    - Instructional Practice Self-Report
    - Healthy Development Self-Report
    - Family & Community Engagement Self-Report
- If providers prefer to review the questions in each self-report before completing the forms, here are links to the Instructional Practice, Healthy Development, and Family & Community Engagement self-report forms in PDF format. Please offer this video tutorial as further support as well.

Please plan to have these completed by the deadline of September 16.