



Provider Guide: How to Complete the Program Setup Form

In this guide, you will find an outline of how to complete the Program Setup Form for your 2026-27 programs located in your UPK Provider Portal at provider.upk.colorado.gov/welcome.

Key topics covered in the guide are listed and linked below for quick reference.

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For additional questions, please contact your [Local Coordinating Organization](#) and look for additional open office hour opportunities.

Provider Guide: Introduction

The Provider Program Setup Form must be completed by [November 5, 2025 at 11:59pm](#) to ensure your program is uploaded by mid-December to be ready for family pre-registration to begin requests of Continuity of Care placements, sibling attending or child of employee placements. Forms completed after November 5th at 5pm will not be uploaded until the new year (January 2026) to be ready for the beginning of matching rounds in February.

Before You Begin, please have this information ready:

- ☐ Your location's kindergarten eligibility date.
- ☐ The school district where your location resides. You can [click here](#) to identify the school district.
- ☐ Your program(s) and start date. Please refer to the [Provider Handbook](#) for program and seat definitions.
- ☐ You will [submit](#) your program's entire [calendar](#), verifying that this start date and your UPK service hours will meet the minimum required hours.
- ☐ The number of seats available in each program, by language and by IEP and non-IEP designation.
 - ☐ If you serve students with IEP's, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.
- ☐ Your Authorized Representative's contact information. The Authorized Representative is the leader authorized to sign the Provider Contract on behalf of your organization (e.g., CFO, Superintendent, business owner). Upon completing this form, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) will send a Provider Contract to the Authorized Representative for signature and CDEC will finalize your Contract as Colorado Universal Preschool Provider. This process could take a few weeks to complete. Thank you for your patience.

Through the guide, you will see how to set up the five programs below as examples.

Program examples				
Program Duration	Program Language	# of Non-IEP Seats	# of IEP Seats	Total Seats
Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week	English	30	10	40
Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week	Spanish	18	2	20
Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week	Other Native Language	18	2	20
Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week	Dual Language	18	2	20
Other: 18 Hours per week	English	14	6	20

1. Start:

Login to your UPK Provider Portal: <https://provider.upk.colorado.gov/welcome>

Begin by selecting “Get Started” from the Provider Portal.

Complete this form for each location participating in the 2026-27 UPK school year.

Please note: If your form freezes or has any trouble, please refresh the screen by clicking on the “Locations” menu and re-open by clicking “Get Started”, and try to slow down clicking from page to page. If you continue to have problems, please contact the helpdesk.

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Edit profile

Selected	Matched	Accepted	Placed	Waitlisted	Enrolled
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Programs

Extended Day: 41+ Hours per week

1 students / 5 IEP seats
1 students / 20 Standard seats

Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week

0 students / 6 IEP seats
1 students / 8 Standard seats

Register for the 2025 Universal Preschool Program (UPK) Colorado
Complete this form to register as a participating provider with UPK Colorado

Get started →

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2. Review information needed to complete the form

On the first screen (shown below), you will see a list of the items required to complete the form.

Note There is a progress line at the top of each page, which allows you to see your progress throughout the setup form.

Welcome to the Colorado Universal Preschool Provider Program Setup Form!

Thank you for beginning the process of setting up your preschool location(s) with Colorado Universal Preschool. This form will guide you through entering your program and seat information.

1. Before You Begin, Please Have This Information Ready:

- Your location's **kindergarten eligibility date**.
- **The school district** where your location resides. You can [click here](#) to identify the school district.
- **Your program(s) and start date**. Please refer to the [Provider Handbook](#) for program and seat definitions.
- You will **submit** your program's entire calendar, verifying this start date and your UPK service hours.
- **The number of seats available** in each program.
- **Your Authorized Representative's contact information**. The Authorized Representative is the leader authorized to sign the Provider Contract on behalf of your organization (e.g., CFO, Superintendent, business owner).

2. Complete the Form

Once you have gathered the information above, click **Next** to complete the Program Setup Form. You will be able to enter details for each location you wish to register.

Important Legal Information

Please be advised: By submitting this form, you are agreeing to participate in Colorado Universal Preschool. Upon completing this form, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) will send a Provider Contract to the Authorized Representative for signature and CDEC will finalize your Contract as Colorado Universal Preschool Provider.

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3. Complete the provider kindergarten eligibility date and program overview questions

The following screen asks you to verify the provider kindergarten eligibility date. On this screen, you can select an eligibility date of 10/1, or an eligibility date of the school district where this facility is located. This helps the system understand the age eligibility dates. After you make a selection, you will be able to click the Next button.

Verify Your Provider Kindergarten Eligibility Date *

There are a variety of kindergarten eligibility dates for children enrolling in preschool in Colorado. Please validate this location's kindergarten eligibility date below.

☐ Select this box if you utilize the state default date of 10/1.

☐ Select this box if you use the eligibility date of the district in which your facility is located.

Clear response

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Enter the eligibility date for the school district where your facility is located, if you selected that option on the previous screen. Note: If you selected to use the state default date of 10/1, you will not see this screen.

Enter Your Provider Kindergarten Eligibility Date *

Please select the Eligibility Date for your location.

Note that this date will be different than enrollment date or preschool start date.



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Next, please indicate the school district where this facility is located through the drop-down menu.

School District *

Please validate the school district of this location. [Click here for a list of school districts and the counties they serve.](#)

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After indicating the school district where this facility is located, please verify the start date for this location using the date selection.

The start date is the first day that UPK programming begins and should match the first day of programming you select when submitting your UPK Calendar.

Click the calendar icon to select a start date, and then you can click the Next button.

Verify Your Provider Preschool Start Date *

Please select the Start Date for your location. This is the first day that UPK programming begins, or, your first day of school.

Please note the start date may be different from an enrollment date. Enrollment dates are identified at a student level and reflect the date the student begins attending.



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Following the Preschool Start Date, select all of the program overview requirements that apply to this location.

Program Overview *

To help us better understand your program and inform your available decline reasons in the system, **please select all of the requirements that apply** to the location represented in this form.

- ☐ I am a co-op and may require family participation as part of my programming
- ☐ I am an immersive or dual language provider, and children may need to be screened to participate in my program
- ☐ I am a school district or charter school provider and may require families to live in my school district or charter school boundary
- ☐ I am a Local Education Agency (LEA) or contracted partner that serves students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and may require specific ratios and placements
- ☐ I am a Head Start grantee, and families may need to meet additional factors to enroll
- ☐ None of these requirements apply to my program

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4. Program Details

The following three screens will ask for details about each program at this location, one at a time. The information you provide will cover the program's hours, language, and number of seats.

You'll repeat these three screens for every program you selected. You can edit some of these details later, but for now, please provide the most current information you have.

For more information on program definitions, refer to the section Key Terms in the [Provider Handbook](#).

Add programs for each provider location

At this point in the Program Setup Form, you will begin to add your programs, starting with defining the Program Duration options you offer.

For this guide, you will find *examples* for setting up programs with the following three Program Durations.

- Example 1: Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week
- Example 2: Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week
- Example 3: Other: 18 Hours per week

Please start by adding your Program Duration options at this location. Your options include:

- Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week
- Half-Day: 15 Hours per week (either AM or PM)
- If this location offers weekly hours that do not fit into these categories, you may use a Program Duration beginning with "Other". For example "Other: 18 Hours per week" as shown in the example below.
- Part-Time: 10 Hours per week (either AM or PM),
- Extended Day: 41+ Hours per week

Program Duration *

Please tell us more about the programs you offer. Select all of the program durations you plan to offer - in the following pages, we will ask additional questions about each program duration you select.

Important: You must select the programs you have available by the total hours families will attend -- **not** by the hours of funding families are awarded.

Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week × Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week ×

Other: 18 Hours per week ×

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If you don't see the Next Button, click anywhere outside the dropdown menu to close the list to see the button.

You will now be asked to further describe the programs offered during those Program Duration selections.

Example 1: “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week”

Indicate the Language(s) of Instruction for the first Program Duration, “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week”.

This example location offers two different language programs for the “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week” Program Duration, English (only) AND Native Spanish (only). The screenshot below shows how this will look.

Please tell us more about the *Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week* program(s) you offer. *

Select the primary language(s) of instruction for this program.

If you have separate programs with different primary languages of instruction, please select all that apply. On the following screens, you will be asked to provide details for each program separately.

☒ English (Only)

☒ Native Spanish (Only)

☐ Other Native Language (Only)

☐ Dual Language (English and Other Language)

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Based on the combination of Program Durations and Language of Instruction, please add the number of seats for each program. The “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week - English (Only)” program has 30 non-IEP seats, and 10 IEP seats. If you serve students with IEP’s, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.

Please tell us more about the **Full-Time: 30-40**
Hours per week - **English (Only)** program. *

Please provide the number of standard seats and the number of IEP seats for the program.

The sum of these two numbers should equal the total number of seats you are offering for this specific program.

How many standard seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? *

30

How many IEP seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? (What is an IEP seat? An IEP seat is filled by your school district, Head Start designee, or AU because you have a contract with one of these parties to provide preschool special education services.) *

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The “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week - Native Spanish (Only)” program has 18 non-IEP seats, and 2 IEP seats. If you serve students with IEP’s, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.

Please tell us more about the **Full-Time: 30-40**
Hours per week - **Native Spanish (Only)** program. *

Please provide the number of standard seats and the number of IEP seats for the program.

The sum of these two numbers should equal the total number of seats you are offering for this specific program.

How many standard seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? *

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How many IEP seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? (What is an IEP seat? An IEP seat is filled by your school district, Head Start designee, or AU because you have a contract with one of these parties to provide preschool special education services.) *

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This completes the questions associated with “Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week” programs.

Example 2: “Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week”

Next, we will move on to “Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week” program selection, starting with the Language of Instruction screen.

This location offers two “Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week” programs, one in “Other Native Language (Only)” instruction, and another for “Dual Language (English and Other Language)” Instruction. These selections are reflected in the screenshot below:

Please tell us more about the **Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week.** *

Select the primary language(s) of instruction for this program.

If you have separate programs with different primary languages of instruction, please select all that apply. On the following screens, you will be asked to provide details for each program separately.

☐ English (Only)

☐ Native Spanish (Only)

☒ Other Native Language (Only)

☒ Dual Language (English and Other Language)

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Next, Based on the combination of Program Durations and Language of Instruction, we will add the number of seats for each program.

The “Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week - Other Native Language (Only)” program has 18 non-IEP seats, and 2 IEP seats. If you serve students with IEP’s, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.

Please tell us more about the **Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week - Other Native Language (Only)** program. *

Please provide the number of standard seats and the number of IEP seats for the program.

The sum of these two numbers should equal the total number of seats you are offering for this specific program.

How many standard seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? *	How many IEP seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? (What is an IEP seat? An IEP seat is filled by your school district, Head Start designee, or AU because you have a contract with one of these parties to provide preschool special education services.) *
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The “Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week - Dual Language (English and Other Language)” program has 18 non-IEP seats, and 2 IEP seats. If you serve students with IEP’s, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.

Please tell us more about the **Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week - Dual Language (English and Other Language)** program. *

Please provide the number of standard seats and the number of IEP seats for the program.

The sum of these two numbers should equal the total number of seats you are offering for this specific program.

How many standard seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? *	How many IEP seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? (What is an IEP seat? An IEP seat is filled by your school district, Head Start designee, or AU because you have a contract with one of these parties to provide preschool special education services.) *
18	2

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This completes the questions associated with “Half-Day AM: 15 Hours per week” programs.

Example 3: “Other: 18 Hours per week”

Next, we will move on to “Other: 18 Hours per week” program selections, starting with the Language of Instruction screen. This location offers only one language of instruction, English (Only). This selection is reflected in the screenshot below:

Please tell us more about the Other: 18 Hours per week. *

Select the primary language(s) of instruction for this program.

If you have separate programs with different primary languages of instruction, please select all that apply. On the following screens, you will be asked to provide details for each program separately.

☒ English (Only)

☐ Native Spanish (Only)

☐ Other Native Language (Only)

☐ Dual Language (English and Other Language)

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Based on the combination of Program Durations and Language of Instruction, we will add the number of seats for this program.

The “Other: 18 Hours per week - English (Only)” program has 13 non-IEP seats, and 6 IEP seats. If you serve students with IEP’s, please work with your AU to ensure the # of seats you will offer.

Please tell us more about the Other: 18 Hours per week - English (Only) program. *

Please provide the number of standard seats and the number of IEP seats for the program.

The sum of these two numbers should equal the total number of seats you are offering for this specific program.

How many standard seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? *

How many IEP seats in this program are you estimating for UPK? (What is an IEP seat? An IEP seat is filled by your school district, Head Start designee, or AU because you have a contract with one of these parties to provide preschool special education services.) *

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This completes the section of Program Details for the Program Setup Form.

Click next to answer a few more questions to complete this Program Setup Form.

Provider Attestation: The next question asks for the provider to attest to serve the total number of seats indicated in this form.

Provider Attestation *

Please review and confirm your program details. If any information is incorrect, use the **Back** button to make changes before you confirm.

By clicking the box below, I confirm that I can serve the number of seats indicated through this process based on capacity. I attest that this provider location is able to serve the total number of seats that has been indicated in this form. I understand that not all seats are guaranteed for universal preschool funding.

☒ I confirm

Clear response

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5. Indicate the Authorized Signer for the location

After completing the Program Details, you will be asked to provide contact details for the Authorized Representative to be sent the Provider Contract for signature. You will also be asked if this licensed provider is a single location or part of a larger entity. While one Provider Contract is required for a larger entity, like a school district or corporation, each location must have a signed Provider Contract completed to be eligible for funding.

Provider Contract Contact Details *

You are almost done! Please provide the contact information for your organization's Authorized Representative. The Provider Contract will be sent to this individual's email address for signature.

The Authorized Representative is a leader (e.g., CFO, Superintendent, business owner) authorized to sign on behalf of your organization.

Reminders:

- The emailed Provider Contract will be sent through DocuSign for all preschool locations for signature from the Authorized Representative. If you are part of an entity that has multiple locations, only one Provider Agreement will be sent to the Authorized Representative, and that will include all locations participating in the Colorado Universal Preschool Program. An attestation must be completed for each licensed provider location.
- List the name and contact information for the person who is required to sign the Provider Contract. Do not leave this form blank.
- The Provider Contract for **each** location **MUST** be signed and executed by 8/1/2026 to be eligible for the first payment for the 2026-2027 school year. If the agreement is signed after 8/1/2026, please review the [Provider Handbook](#) for next steps.
- Please note that submitting this form begins the enrollment process but does not complete it. After reviewing your submission, our team may require additional documentation, such as your school's insurance certificates or Secretary of State registration. Once all requirements are met, you will receive the provider contract via docuSign, please sign, when fully executed you will receive a completed docuSign which will complete the process.

Authorized Representative's first and last name *

Authorized Representative's email address *

Authorized Representative's phone number *

Iluvia test

testadmin@test.com

(911) 111-1111

Please indicate if you are a single location provider or a part of a larger entity (i.e. school district, corporation, etc.) *

I am a licensed provider with a single location.

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6. Next Steps and Submit: Review your next steps to complete after submitting the setup form

The critical next step in the process is for your Local Coordinating Organization to review and verify the setup form you have submitted for your programs. Upon verification, your programs will be published at the end of the month. Click 'Next' to finalize and submit your setup form.

****Please note: the timeline from when you submit your PSUF and when the Docusign is sent may be many weeks. Thank you for your patience.****

Next Steps

Thank you for completing your program setup form. Your UPK Provider setup will not be complete until you follow the next steps. Your participation in Colorado Universal Preschool will impact the lives of Colorado children and families for years to come.

What Happens Next

- Your [Local Coordinating Organization](#) will verify your program details before they are published.
- Your program Authorized Representative will receive an email from Docusign to sign the Provider Contract. Once signed, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood authority will countersign, and you will be approved to participate and enabled to receive payment.
- Provide required proof of insurance documentation within 7 days of execution of the Provider Contract. You can find more details about this in the [Provider Handbook](#).

Important Actions You Must Take

- Please review all [quality standards expectations](#) that are in effect as of July 1.
- You must submit your [UPK calendar](#).
- You can update your Provider Profile on the [Program Portal](#) at any time to promote your program to families. *Changes made to your profile are immediately visible* so for changes that only apply to the 2026-27 school year, be sure to explicitly note this in your profile.

Resources

- Visit the [Colorado Universal Preschool](#) website for more information and to stay connected.
- Contact your [Local Coordinating Organization](#) if you have any questions.

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End: Thank you for completing this form!

A confirmation email will be sent to the user who “Creates” the form (this is the person who first opens the form for your location), not the one who submits it. To view form responses, navigate to your “Locations” tab, select the “Review” button (available after the form is submitted). If you need to make changes to your programs/form responses after submission, your LCO will need to review and edit the Provider Program Setup Form for you. When the LCO edits and saves the PSUF responses, providers can click the “Review” button to validate that the changes are correct with the new answers to questions.

Locations

+ Add location

13 Universal Preschool Provider 2

2300 Steele St, Denver

Last updated Sep 8, 2025

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Completed

Start Program Set Up Form for 26-27

Review

Confirmation Email:



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Department of Early Childhood

Dear provider,

Thank you for submitting a 2026-2027 Program Setup Form! Please review the "locations" tab in the [provider portal](#) for a record of your form submission.

We are working to improve the Colorado Universal Preschool application process and need your help.

Please take a few minutes to [share your feedback about the 2026-2027 Colorado Universal Preschool Provider Program Setup Form \(PSUF\)](#) you just submitted.

Your responses will be anonymous unless you agree to provide contact information for follow-up.

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Thank you!

