



## UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE 12.9.25

### PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

### UPDATES

**Family registration has opened as of 12:00 Noon today (December 9, 2025).** Pre-registration runs through February 2nd, with the first matching round held on February 16. Remember that we are now running two years at the same time: 2025-26 and 2026-27. Be sure that you are in the correct year for whatever you are trying to do, and be sure that your families are completing the application for the correct year. Finally, never encourage your families to submit a second application. If they make a mistake on the first one, have them contact us and we will help them fix it. Duplicates are not good!

The state announced today a last minute change on how verification of Continuity of Care status will be completed. Attached is the guidance; please read this carefully as it changes the process that is in the handbook and has been discussed.

**There is NO NEED to panic here.** First, this change will ultimately make it easier for you to accept the children who are supposed to be with you. And second, please remember that this is NOT A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED program. Priority registration seats get filled first before anyone else gets a seat, up until February 2 when pre-registration ends, and your remaining seats are filled through a lottery system.

If you have any questions about pre-registration or using the provider link to invite families - or anything else for that matter - please review the [Provider Handbook](#) before contacting us.

If you still need assistance, please reach out to:

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