



UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE

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PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

UPDATES

2nd DAA Matching Round

The second matching round ran yesterday at about 3:45 and included applications that were submitted prior to March 6. As noted in the timelines, you will receive your proposed matches tomorrow around or before 5:00 p.m. The state takes a few days to make sure there were no issues with the matching before they send you proposed matches. You will have through March 23 to review and decline matches (if you have a reason to do so) and on March 24, families will be notified of their second round matches and must accept or decline by March 31. On April 1, direct enrollment begins.

Speaking of Declines...

Unless you checked off a reason in your set up form that you qualify for a decline, you are not permitted to decline a family matched with you, even if you have filled open seats with tuition children. After March 24, the family may accept or decline the provider. If you have an issue, please reach out to me or Heather and we will try to resolve it, but please do not decline as it will be kicked back to us by the state.

Payment Holds

I have heard from some of you that your February payment (paid in March) was held because does not have your Q1 expenditure report (payments received in August through November). That is completed in Metrix Enroll and unfortunately, we cannot help you with that. If you need assistance or clarification, please contact Metrix IQ at coupkpayments@metrixiq.com or call 720-729-9383. Your 2nd quarter Expenditure report is due by March 31 so please be sure to get it in by that date. It includes payments received in December, January and February.

Roundtables and Resources

The UPK JI page has been updated and can be found at www.jointinitiatives.org/upk. The state has formatted the provider handbook differently and added new information. The link is on the JI UPK page. Also on that page is information on roundtables, recordings of roundtables and information about quality standards. Please bookmark that page and refer to it as needed. The last roundtable included a UPK 101 for anyone who is new to their position or is a new provider. Please take some time to watch that and review the slides. The next roundtable will be April 9 at 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. The updated/corrected zoom link is on the UPK page.

And finally...

When you are contacting Heather or me to request assistance with an application, please remember that we need the child's name (spelled correctly) OR the child's application number. We cannot do much without that information! We do NOT need the DOB as we cannot look up anything using that.

To request assistance, you can call me at 719-338-7223, Heather at 719-630-0927 or email me at ngl@mac.com or Heather at hmayheu@jointinitiatives.org, or submit to the help desk at upk@jointinitiatives.org or visit help.upk.colorado.gov. You may also refer families to any of these methods for assistance.