



UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE

5.4.26

PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

UPDATES

Payments for 2025-26

May 15 is the end of the 2025-26 UPK year. It is also the day that you will receive your payments for April. Payment for May 1-15 will be made on May 29, unless you received an August payment. If you received an August payment for a child, your last payment for that child will be on May 15. Any reconciliation requests for March thru May must be submitted by **June 5** to <mailto:coupkpayments@metrixiq.com>.

Expenditure Reporting

Your Quarter 3 expenditure report is due by **June 30** in your Metrix Enroll account.

Calendar Submission

If you have not yet submitted your calendar for 2026-27, please do so using the [form HERE](#).

The calendar submission FAQs are on the JI site at Jointinitiatives.org/upk

Annual UPK Service Standards Report

ALL programs must also complete the Annual UPK Service Standards Report by **June 15**; a link should be coming out to all programs early next week.

Quality Standards

CDEC has released an operational memo on the UPK Quality Standards that are going into effect on July 1, 2026. The link can be [found HERE](#).

Please be careful to read this memo all of the way through as it refers to the resource bank, curriculum and other expectations. There is also a guidebook that can be found [HERE](#).

These notes were shared with us by CDEC to pass along to you:

- Providers will NOT need to adjust their curriculum plans for the 2026-27 program year based on the approved list.
- Observation requirements are paused in alignment with the QRIS refresh pause.
- Ratio requirements are under review following last week's RAC meeting. Please stay tuned for more information on how expectations may be adjusted.
- The guidebook, though extensive, along with the office hours (which will be recorded), may be the most useful resource for providers to understand all the outlined requirements.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A LIST OF ALREADY APPROVED CURRICULA IN THE RESOURCE BANK. If your curriculum is not on that list, you will need to submit your curriculum to the UPK Resource Bank using the following [form HERE](#). As long as you have done that by **June 15**, you will be able to use your current curriculum through the 2026-27 year while your curriculum is being reviewed.

The following are the remaining Quality Standards office hours. We strongly urge all providers to attend one of these so that you are clear as to the requirements and expectations. We are told that they are being recorded and as soon as we have the recordings, we will post them on JI's UPK page. **Because we want you to attend one of these, we will NOT have a JI Roundtable in May.**

Tuesday, May 5th from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: School District presentation

- [Video call link](#)
- Or dial: (US) +1 858-324-6392 PIN: 860 574 236#

Tuesday, May 12th from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm: Family Childcare presentation

- [Video call link](#)
- Or dial: (US) +1 314-730-0869 PIN: 694 079 322#

Tuesday, May 19th from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: Community-based presentation

- [Video call link](#)
- Or dial: (US) +1 858-324-6392 PIN: 860 574 236#

Tuesday, May 26th from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm: General standards questions.

- [Video call link](#)
- Or dial: (US) +1 314-730-0869 PIN: 694 079 322#

Finally, if you run a 10 month program and will be closed for the summer, will you please send an email to me at nglt@mac.com letting me know when you will be closed and how you can be reached over the summer. We don't want you to miss something important!

Please reach out to me or Heather if you need assistance. Noreen is nglt@mac.com or 719-338-7223 (email preferred). Heather can be reached at upk@jointinitiatives.org, hmayheu@jointinitiatives.org or 719-630-0927. You may also 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.