

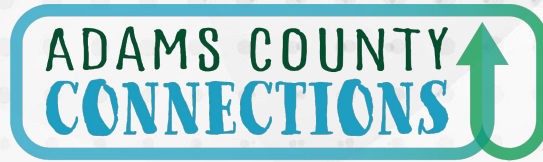
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Adams UPK Information Session and Office

September 2025





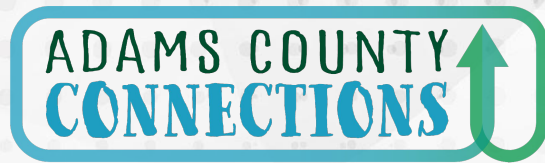
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MISSION:

Adams County Connections aligns organizations and resources to ensure high quality early childhood service delivery is seamless for families, providers, and most importantly, children.

VISION:

Every young child in Adams County has equitable access to high quality early childhood education and care that sets them on a path to success.

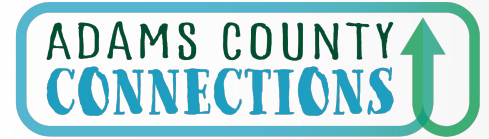


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VALUES:

- **We Partner:** We recognize all members of the Adams County community as valued allies in supporting our youngest residents, welcoming their ideas, contributions and collaborations with open arms.
- **We communicate:** We value human connection and will always personally respond to questions, requests, emails and calls.
- **We support quality childhood experiences:** We work to have all Adams county youngest learners in a high quality preschool experience
- **We value those who dedicate their lives to serving children:** We recognize the hard work that goes into caring for our youngest residents and find ways, big and small, to acknowledge, validate, and celebrate their impact.
- **We empower:** We continue to support partners, families, and communities until they are confident and equipped with the capacity to thrive on their own.
- **Continuous improvement:** We see challenges as learning opportunities, and continually evolve to better serve children, families, communities, and partners.
- **Empathy:** We strive to recognize and understand the perspectives, feelings and lived experiences of others, including *and especially* those most different from ourselves, and give one another grace.
- **Justice and Equity:** We affirm the dignity and worth of each member of our community, while recognizing and working to combat the structural forces (such as racism) that have harmed some groups while benefiting others.

Introductions, Purpose and Objectives



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Introductions and Purpose

- Provide local support to providers participating in the UPK program.
- Share the most recent updates from CDEC and answer provider questions.

Objectives

- To create a safe space for providers where they can share experiences and build relationships with Adams County Connections LCO staff and other providers within our catchment area.
- To promote networking, best practices and collaboration among participants.

Stories of Success



Total and Open Seat Report as of 9/12/2025

Row Labels	Sum of Total # All Seats	Sum of Total # Open All Seats	Sum of Total # Open GenEd Seats	Sum of # Open IEP Seats
Extended Day: 41+ Hours per week	1001	311	307	4
Extended Day: 41+ Hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	163	61	61	0
Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week	1277	289	225	64
Full-Time: 30-40 Hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	326	80	65	15
Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week	610	215	168	47
Half-Day AM: 15 hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	83	43	28	15
Half-Day PM: 15 hours per week	396	204	153	51
Half-Day PM: 15 hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	76	48	33	15
Other: 12 hours per week	14	0	0	0
Other: 16 hours per week	48	26	26	0
Part-Time AM: 10 hours per week	1205	387	147	240
Part-Time AM: 10 hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	6	6	6	0
Part-Time PM: 10 hours per week	1166	561	304	257
Part-Time PM: 10 hours per week (Dual Language - English and Other Language Only)	5	5	5	0
Grand Total	6376	2236	1528	708

Total Statewide Enrollments 9/16
44,206

Adams
3,884 Enrolled
82 Accepted/offered
81 Selected

Gen Ed. Enrollments Year over Year

Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26																																										
Enrolled Gen Ed.	3659 *1/10/24	3628 *6/11/25	3884 to date *9/16/25																																										
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Resource Bank and UPK Rule



[Colorado Universal Preschool Resource Bank](#)

Resource Checklists

- [Healthy Development](#)
- [Family and Community Engagement](#)
- [Instructional Practice Policies and Procedure](#)

[Read the full Quality Standards](#)





COLORADO

Department of Early Childhood

September 2025 Provider Updates

CDEC Accessibility Statement 1

Accessibility Statement

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is committed to providing all Coloradans with equitable access to our services. CDEC is committed to providing timely responses to reports of inaccessible information or technology, or requests for a reasonable accommodation or modification. Such a report or request can be made to CDEC_ADA@state.co.us or by calling (720) 947-5020.

For questions regarding the Colorado Universal Preschool Program ("UPK"), please contact the Program directly at cdec_upk-program@state.co.us.

CDEC Accessibility Statement 2

CDEC shall make reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures in an effort to ensure CDEC programs are accessible to individuals with disabilities and to ensure nondiscrimination against persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, in addition to and beyond CDEC's efforts regarding reasonable modifications to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, CDEC is committed to ensuring access and preventing discrimination against all persons, and is committed to providing access and services for individuals whose first language is not English.

Agenda

- Reminders
 - Direct Enrollment
 - Provider Agreement
 - Supplemental Hours Information
- 2025-2026 Calendar Submission
- 3 Year Old Funding & Payments
- Provider Resources
 - CDEC Website Calendar

Reminders- Payments

- Please review the [Four-Year-old Preschool Services Funding and Payments \(25-26\) Operation Memo](#) for information on funding and payments.
- Providers must be licensed by CDEC to deliver program services to eligible children and must have a signed Universal Preschool provider agreement with CDEC.
- CDEC will not make provider payments for services provided before the agreement is executed.
- Providers must enroll eligible children in their preschool program to qualify as participating providers.
- Providers must complete an enrollment form and have children enrolled via the Application Portal to be eligible for payment.

Reminders- Provider Agreement

- If you haven't already please submit your [2025-26 Colorado Universal Preschool Program - Provider Interest Form](#). This form will guide providers through questions that will determine their Colorado Secretary of State registration requirements, insurance requirements, and will act as the system of record for affirmation of acceptance of the terms of the agreement.
 - The submission of this Google form is required for all providers, and will capture all of the items required for contract execution.
 - If you are struggling with submission of this form due to document uploads please email Elizabeth Wallace at elizabeth.d.wallace@state.co.us
- Please reach out to your LCO if you have any questions.

Reminders- Supplemental Hours Information 1 of 2

An email with these details and visuals for reference will be sent out to all providers.

The Provider download report includes information about children's eligibility for supplemental hours. Please see the details and instructions below on how to access and read your report.

Ensure you are in the correct program year > 2025-2026

- Navigate to the Matched tab
- Select any filters of location or status that you would like.
 - Selecting no filters will show students in all statuses, but when downloaded, it will show only students in 3 statuses (Selected, Accepted, Matched).
- To download only the Accepted students
 - Matched menu > filter status to Accepted > click the three dots next to status and select the “export to CSV for Excel” to download your report.
- If you want to pull only Enrolled students, there are 2 methods:
 - Matched > filter status to Enrolled > Download
 - Navigate to the “Students” menu and download.

Reminders- Supplemental Hours Information 2 of 2

Note: Your download will be titled something similar to “Matched-MM-DD-YYYY” with a timestamp indicating the date and time you pulled this report. You may need to expand the column and wrap the text to see all of the information in each cell.

Please note that verification for supplemental hours is a manual process and may take 4-6 weeks to complete.

Reminders-Supplemental Hours Information cont.

Report columns meaning:

Column P - Child Soft Eligibility: Hours Per Week (HPW)

- This indicates what a family will likely qualify for based on what they submitted in their UPK application. These hours have not been verified or awarded. This column will say either 15 HPW or 30 HPW (supplemental Hours)
- This states either:
 - “Yes, 30 HPW awarded,” which means supplemental hours have been awarded, and this family qualifies for supplemental hours.
 - “No, Standard HPW Award,” which means this family qualifies for 15 hours per week
 - “To be Determined,” which means this application has not yet been reviewed for supplemental hours.

Column R - Family Supplemental Hours Award Determination Date

- The date in this column indicates the date this application was reviewed and verified for eligibility for the standard HPW or was awarded supplemental hours.
 - If there is no date, it means that this application has not yet been reviewed for supplemental hours.

3-Year-Old Funding and Payments

- Please see the 3-Year-Old Operation Memo: [Three-Year-Old Preschool Services Funding and Payments](#).
- If you are a School District ensure you read and understand this memo.
- Moving forward, funding for 3-Year-Olds will be based on monthly enrollment reporting.
- Questions can be submitted through this [Provider Questions Submission Form](#).
- 3 Year Old FAQ coming soon!

2025-2026 Calendar Submission 1 of 3

All providers are to submit their official Universal Preschool Calendar for the 2025-26 school year. As mentioned in the provider agreement under reporting requirements, annual calendars are going to be requested as a reported document moving forward in each school year. The purpose of this submission includes the following:

- Verification of weekly hours provided to families
- Verification of annual hourly requirements for UPK
- Clearly define which hours of service are not allowable to charge families, and, concurrently, delineate the permissible hours.
- Resource for the CCCAP team to reference for stacking funding.

You will submit your calendar via this [submission link](#), there are two options available:

2025-2026 Calendar Submission 2 of 2

- You may choose a default calendar as your official UPK calendar
 - Depending on the program(s) you are reporting on, you may choose any of the following options provided:
 - 10 hours /week (360 total hours required)
 - 2 hrs/day (usual schedule of 5 days/wk) = 180 school days
 - 2.5 hrs/day (usual schedule of 4 days/wk) = 144 school days
 - 5 hrs/day (usual schedule of 2 days/wk) = 72 school days
 - 15 hours /week (450 total hours required)
 - 3 hrs/day (usual schedule of 5 days/wk) = 150 school days
 - 5 hrs/day (usual schedule of 3 days/wk) = 90 school days
 - 7.5 hrs/day (usual schedule of 2 days/wk) = 60 school days
 - 30 hours /week (900 total hours required)
 - 6 hrs/day (usual schedule of 5 days/wk) = 150 school days
 - 7.5 hrs/day (usual schedule of 4 days/wk) = 120 school days
 - You will also be expected to define the typical hours each day designated to UPK (ie. 9am-11am)

2025-2026 Calendar Submission 3 of 3

OR, You may choose to submit your calendar details as follows:

- Start and end dates
- Number of hours per day in general (as awarded to families) with start and end times
- All days off where no provided services will be offered.

The submission of your official UPK calendar is due by September 15th, 2025. Please reach out to [your LCO](#) if you need further support. We appreciate your participation in Colorado Universal Preschool and wish you a successful year ahead.

We will not be holding office hours on calendar submissions but will message the opportunity to submit any further clarifications to this [Partner Question Submission form](#), and we will continually update the FAQ with responses to those submissions.

Provider Resources

Handbooks

- [Provider Handbook](#)- Updated 07/30/2025
- [UPK Family Handbook](#)-Updated 03/20/2025

Helpdesk

- [Colorado Universal Preschool Helpdesk](#)

Provider Questions for Office Hours

- [Provider Questions Submission Form](#)

CDEC Resources

- [CDEC Website](#)
 - Scroll down on the website for the CDEC Website Calendar. Includes links for provider meetings.
- [Colorado Universal Preschool Newsletter](#)
- [Sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences](#)

Provider Payments

- [Submit a UPK Payments Request](#)

Adams County Universal Preschool Mapping Project

Moving Data to Action
at the Local Level

Lisa Piscopo



[Loom Video](#)



UPK Meta Ad Campaign for Adams County Connections

Phase 2 of Campaign - July 2025

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UPK PROVIDER MEET & GREET

Wednesday, Sept. 17th

Drop in Between 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Appetizers will be served

Los 3 Garcias
5175 W. 68th Ave.
Arvada, CO 80003

DON'T MISS OUT!



REMINDER

TODAY FROM 5-7 PM



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Next Up:

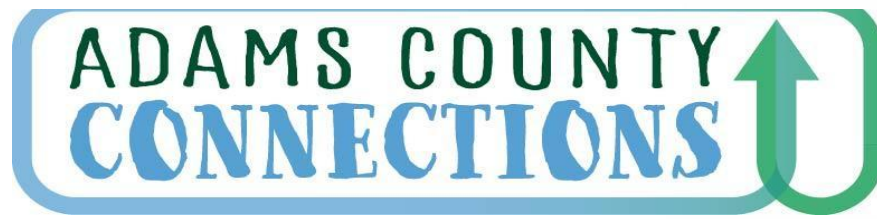
- ACC Provider Survey in October
- 26-27 Provider Set Up Forms (PSUF) anticipated in October
 - Calendar
 - Hours min.
 - Program adjustments
 - Start / End Dates (Calendar)
 - Fees



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Our best initial contact is the Help Desk:

- **Adams UPK Helpdesk**
- Phone: 303-866-5223



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Mark your Calendar!

Adams UPK Monthly Information Meeting
Third Wednesday of the month
Wednesday, Oct. 15
1:00 - 2:00pm



[Register Here](#)

