

## Colorado's Universal Preschool Program (UPP) Vision

**Providing access to high-quality, affordable preschool prepares Colorado's children for kindergarten and beyond.**

### Assumptions:

- UPP collaboration with other CDEC Divisions, Colorado State Departments, and system partners improves the program's ability to achieve its outcomes.
- Dividing program functions among state and local actors increases efficiency and responsiveness.
- UPP funding is sufficient to support quality providers and workforce.

### STRATEGIES

Develop and activate a long-term communication strategy

Enroll a variety of licensed center-, district-, and home-based providers  
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Minimize burden and barriers for providers

Set and assess quality standards  
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Respond to providers' quality improvement needs to meet learning goals for children

Fund up to 15 hours/week of preschool for all children or up to 30 hours/week for those with qualifying factors  
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Seamlessly connect families to right-fit providers

### PRIMARY OUTCOMES

#### AWARENESS

Families, providers, and the general public are aware of and educated about UPP

#### AVAILABILITY

Enough providers are enrolled in UPP to meet demand across the state

#### QUALITY

More UPP providers are implementing best practices to meet UPP learning goals for children

#### ACCESS

Preschool is more affordable for families  
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Families have equitable access to enroll their child in a high-quality preschool of choice

### END GOALS

**More Colorado children in the year before kindergarten are enrolled in affordable preschools that meet learning goals**

**Kindergarten readiness improves across Colorado**