



**DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

**Monday, January 9, 2023
(In Office and Remote)**

A G E N D A

(Times listed are estimates and may fluctuate depending
on length of discussion.)

Time*

10:00 a.m.

**Department of Early Childhood – Universal Preschool
Informational Memo**

Economic Foundations Initiative Review

Agenda Item

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2023
TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THROUGH: DOUG DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: DAN MAKELKY, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF DIANE SMITH, DIRECTOR DOUGLAS COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - Universal Preschool Informational Memo**

All Douglas County children who will be 4 years old by October 1, 2023, are eligible for a minimum of 10 hour of preschool per week beginning with the 2023/2024 school year. Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado allows families to choose the right setting for their child, whether it is in a licensed community-based, school-based, or home-based preschool setting.

Beginning on January 17, 2023, families of children in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten, and qualifying 3-year-olds, can register for UPK Colorado for the 2023-24 school year

- Application process
 - Online application available beginning January 17, 2023.
 - Initially, applications will be processed in rounds.
 - The process will do its best to match families with their most preferred providers.
- Douglas County Projections
 - 221 Douglas County providers that may provide preschool.
 - 2,479 Douglas County potential preschool slots for students.
 - 2,700 Douglas County potential preschoolers.
- Oversight
 - Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) – State Level
 - Douglas County Early Childhood Council & Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) – Local Level.
 - Director, Diane Smith drsmith@dcsdk12.org
 - LCO Project Manager, Gigi Whalen gwhalen@dcsdk12.org
- Fiscal
 - Providers will be paid based on school calendar, quarterly directly from the CDEC. Payments below reflect per student, anticipated annual payment.
 - Part-time payment amount \$4,662.16
 - Half-day payment amount \$5,825.82
 - Full-day payment amount \$10,449.21

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Staff will provide an overview of the current list of initiatives for Board discussion and update for 2023.