

Douglas County Early Childhood Council Update

March 2025

Colorado Universal Preschool opened for the 2025/26 school year on December 17th. As of March 3, there are 2871 students enrolled.

[SB24-002](#) - Local Property Tax Credits Rebate – The County Commissioners have given approval to investigate and make a proposal for giving a tax rebate to childcare providers. We currently have a working group looking into this possibility.

The Request for Application to continue to serve as the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for Universal preschool was submitted on March 7. It is anticipated that this application will be accepted and DCECC will continue to serve in this role. The documents required were a completed Budget Template, An updated LCO Community Plan and an application with details about the capacity, experience, and connections with other community organizations required to do the work of an LCO.

The Request for Information documents for DCECC were submitted to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood on March 12. Early Childhood Councils are required to submit these documents every 5 years based on Statue. The documents required to be submitted are for the following grants: Systems Building, Colorado Shines Quality Improvement and Ensuring Quality for Infants and Toddlers. Here is a list of the required information.

Council Data

- Letter identifying designated service area
- Registered business name with Colorado Secretary of State
- SAMS.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number with certificate
- Council/Vendor Information Sheet

Governance

- Council Membership List
- Signed MOUs from Members
- Copy of the Current By-Laws

Council Documentation

- Current Strategic Plan
- School Readiness Plan (See [SRQIP Rule](#) for plan requirements)

Contract Documents

- SOW – Statement of Work
- Budget(s)
- ECC budget related to Allocation
- EQIT budget, if applicable
- Vendor Information Sheet