

# Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)

- The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) helps families that are homeless, working, searching for work or in school find low-income childcare assistance. Families that are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program can also use CCCAP services.
- Each county's Department of Social/Human Services and the Colorado Department of Early Childhood, Division of Early Care and Learning manage the CCCAP program. Each county sets eligibility requirements for families but must help families that have an income of 185% or less of the federal poverty guideline. Counties will not serve families that have an income over 85% of the state median income.
- [View the Family Income Guidelines for CCCAP eligibility.](#)

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-child-care-assistance-program-for-families>

# Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

- [Universal Pre-K \(UPK\)](#) is beginning in Colorado in the fall of 2024 and offers 15 hours of childcare covered by the state for 4-year-olds from August through May. They will perform mutual matching over 3 application rounds, and continue year-round to account for those who may move. The first application has already started and matches will be sent around 4/26/23. Parents and providers will accept or reject their matches individually. To be accepted somewhere, both the parent and provider must accept each other.

- Teddy Bear Preschool is participating in UPK. Children already at Teddy Bear who choose to stay for UPK will be confirmed and we will be able to see the number of openings we will have. We will begin to reach out to those on our waitlist to offer open spots.
- In order to ensure you receive a spot if potentially offered one, you must request Teddy Bear or Dolores School District in your UPK application. If you are on our waitlist and offered a spot, but have not requested Teddy Bear in UPK, you will not receive a spot. This will be out of our control as filling our UPK spots has to be coordinated with the state. Each matching round allows families to match and re-select programs, so it may take multiple rounds until our pre-K classroom is finalized.
- Please sign up or edit your application for UPK to request Teddy Bear Preschool as one of your providers [here \(https://upk.colorado.gov/\)](https://upk.colorado.gov/). You can match and accept another provider in the 1st round to ensure you have UPK. Then, if Teddy Bear is your ideal provider, and we have openings after 1st round matches, we will contact you to help you re-match to our program and help secure an opening.