

Broomfield Early  
Childhood Council  
Community Conversation

# UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

What does this mean for Broomfield County and our families

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# Review of Agenda

## Introductions

## History and Context:

- Early Childhood Council s
- Early Care & Learning system and investment

## Universal Preschool and Local Coordinating Organizations

## Discussion:

- Impact on Broomfield families and organizations

## Discussion:

- A Path Forward, what are the options

## Wrap up:

- Next Steps

Thanks for coming!

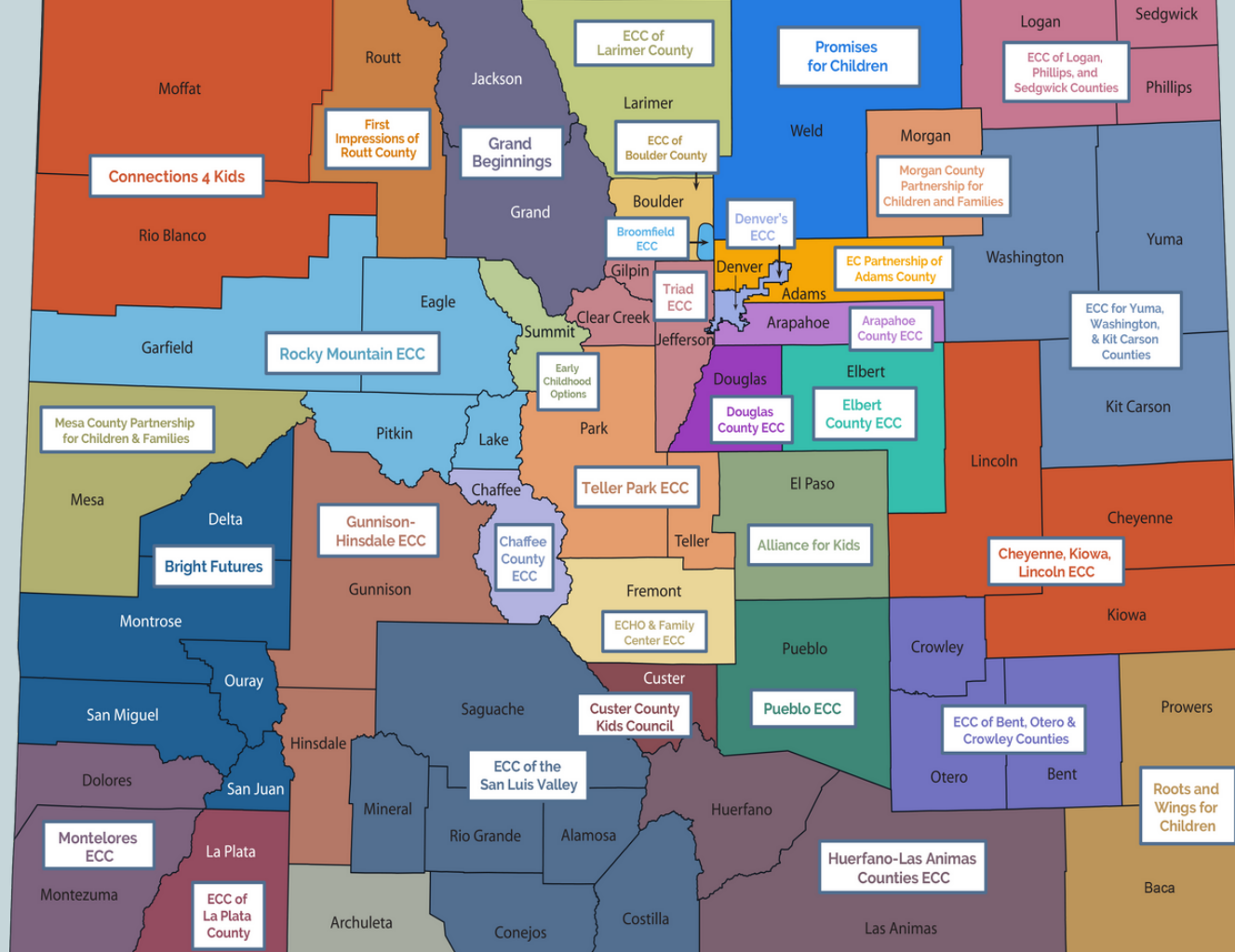


# History & Context

Councils began as early as 1996 in some counties

HB 07-1162 formed Councils to be the primary system support for early childhood

34 Councils across Colorado



Aligning &  
Coordinating efforts  
to increase quality in  
early care and  
learning

Support access to  
social-emotional  
services for young  
children and families

Increase knowledge  
and capacity of early  
childhood  
professionals



# Universal Preschool

Beginning July 2023, all Colorado children will have access to 10 free hours per week of voluntary, high-quality preschool the year before they enter Kindergarten through a mixed-delivery system.



*Mixed Delivery to  
ensure Colorado  
families can choose  
where to send their  
child*

# Local Coordinating Organization

Determined collaboratively by a community, giving responsibility of:

- 01. Supporting Access & Delivery
- 02. Fostering partnerships
- 03. Creating alignment within systems
- 04. Establish a comprehensive, locally supported plan for early childhood and family support programs equitably





*Governor Polis has signed the bill!*

Moving fast!

Anticipate the RFP coming within the month.  
Allowing one year for the LCO to implement UPK

timeline



# More Info continues to emerge

- LCO cannot split school districts
- Entities may apply singly or in partnership with other entities
- MUST have collaborative support from the community

catchment area





# QUICK QUESTIONS