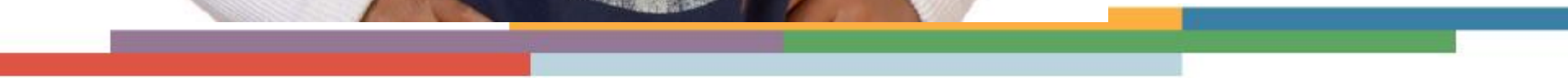




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# Welcome

## Provider Information Session

*Thank you for joining us!*



# Topics

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1 About the Preschool Promise how it works

2 Becoming a Preschool Promise provider

3 Steps to receive Preschool Promise funding

4 Timeline

# About the Cincinnati Preschool Promise

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## Mission: Expand Access to Quality Preschool

**Tuition Assistance** will help families pay for quality preschool

**Quality Improvement Grants** will help preschool providers improve their Step Up To Quality rating

# Expanding Access to Quality Preschool Tuition Assistance

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## Child Eligibility

- Families living in the CPS district boundary.
- CPP intends to prioritize funds according to the following schedule:
  - First - 4 year olds up to 200% FPL
  - Second - 4 year olds up to 300% FPL
  - Third - 3 year olds up to 200% FPL
  - Fourth - 3 year olds up to 300% FPL
  - Fifth - All 4 year olds, then 3 year olds above 300% FPL.

# Expanding Access To Quality Preschool Tuition Assistance

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## Which providers are eligible to receive Tuition Assistance reimbursements?

- Families select a Cincinnati Preschool Promise-approved provider:
  - Located in the CPS district boundary.
  - Rated 3, 4, or 5 on Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" rating scale.
- Funds pay for educational-based programs during either a half day or the full school day (6.5 to 8 hours) during the school year.

# Expanding Access to Quality Preschool Tuition Assistance

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## How are eligible providers reimbursed?

- Funds are transferred directly to the provider on behalf of the families.
- Credits can be used for the two years prior to entering kindergarten.

# Expanding Access to Quality Preschool Tuition Assistance

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## Amount of Tuition Assistance

- The amount of Tuition Assistance will depend on:
  - The provider's Step Up to Quality rating.
  - Length of the school day (half day or full day).
  - Number of days per week the child is enrolled.
  - The child's family income level.
- Parents must first leverage all other public funding options.



# Expanding Access to Quality Preschool

## Quality Improvement Grants

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### Which providers are eligible?

- Providers not yet rated or rated 1 or 2 on the state's Step Up To Quality rating system.
- Located in the CPS district boundary.

# Expanding Access to Quality Preschool

## Quality Improvement Grants

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### Components of grant size

- Grant size based on what is needed to obtain a higher quality rating, as assessed by an expert coach.
- Grants will support professional training and development, access to curriculum and assessments, and other supports that tie to Step Up To Quality standards.

# Becoming a Preschool Promise Provider

## Required Documentation

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Eligible providers who are interested in becoming Preschool Promise providers must submit the following documentation to the Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP):

- Preschool Promise interest form
- **Preschool Promise provider application and signed contract**
- Copy of current ODE or ODJFS license
- Copy of current Step Up To Quality rating certificate
- Copies of preschool classroom teachers' credentials
- Proof of General Liability, Worker's Compensation, and Automobile insurance

# Becoming a Preschool Promise Provider

Providers who have applied for 3,4, or 5-star ratings

- If an unrated, 1, or 2-star rated provider has a pending application with the state for a 3,4, or 5 rating on Step Up To Quality, the provider MAY qualify for Tuition Assistance funds
  - Providers should submit the required documentation, and CPP will make a determination on whether the provider qualifies to receive Tuition Assistance funding

# Becoming a Preschool Promise Provider

## Provider Contract

### Documentation and records to submit to CPP

#### Examples

- Obtain and retain copies of all family/student eligibility information and parent consent forms to send to CPP for verification
- Submit monthly attendance and enrollment\* reports to CPP
- Notify CPP of any enrollment or staffing changes immediately
- Provide documentation to indicate how CPP funds were “last dollar”

\*Actual enrollment report submission frequency to be determined, but at a minimum, monthly reporting will be required

# Becoming a Preschool Promise Provider

## Provider Contract

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### License maintenance and compliance

#### Examples:

- Maintain a license in good standing either through the ODFJS or the ODE
- Provide CPP with copy of forms and documents required by the ODFJS or ODE as proof of licensure
- Inform the CPP Executive Director of any Serious Risk Non-Compliance within 5 business days of licensing visit.

# Becoming a Preschool Promise Provider: Provider Contract

## Commitment to Quality Improvement

### Examples

- **Ongoing coaching to improve and maintain quality ratings**
- **Commit to a continuous improvement mindset**
- **If receiving TA funds**: Participate in Ohio's Step Up to Quality initiative and maintain a 3-, 4-, or 5-star rating
- **If receiving QI funds**: Commit to earning a minimum of a 3-star rating according to the following timelines:
  - Unrated programs must commit to apply for a 1-star rating within one year of assessment, a 2-star rating within two years, and a 3-star within three years
  - 1-star rated programs must commit to apply for a 2-star rating within one year and 3-star within two years
  - 2-star rated programs must commit to apply for a 3-star rating within one year

# Steps To Receive Funding Tuition Assistance Reimbursements

If your program is rated as a 3, 4 or 5 on Step Up To Quality, you may apply to receive Tuition Assistance reimbursements (on behalf of eligible families). Below are the steps that must be completed to receive the funds:

- 1 Provider submits Interest Form to CPP
- 2 Sign Preschool Promise Provider contract
- 3 Help eligible families apply for Tuition Assistance
- 4 CPP calculates Tuition Assistance credits
- 5 CPP transfers funds to provider on behalf of the eligible children

Note: Attendance will be reconciled on an ongoing basis to ensure accurate reporting of fund usage



# Steps To Receive Funding

## Helping parents apply for Tuition Assistance

Preschool Promise providers receiving Tuition Assistance reimbursements are expected to help families apply for Tuition Assistance during the enrollment process. This includes the following activities:

- Attending Preschool Promise orientations and trainings
- Collecting the required documentation (household income, child age, proof of residency, other public funding sources) from parents to submit with the Tuition Assistance application
- Submitting parent applications to CPP

# Steps To Receive Funding

## Quality Improvement Grant Process

If your program is unrated, or rated as a 1 or 2 on Step Up To Quality, you may apply for Quality Improvement Grants. Below is a summary of the process:

- 1 Provider submits assessment application to CPP
- 2 CPP assign a coach who performs an assessment
- 3 Coach sends recommendation to Preschool Promise
- 4 CPP QI Council selects grant recipients
- 5 CPP QI Council develops action plan for selected providers
- 6 Partner coach provides direct on-site support and SUTQ application support

# Steps To Receive Funding

## Grant Selection: Quality Improvement Council

A Quality Improvement Council will be responsible for selecting providers that will receive Quality Improvement Grants

### Structure of the Quality Improvement Council

- CPP Executive Director: Manages all CPP processes
- Quality Improvement Manager: Oversees QI process, provider relationships
- Master Coach: Supports and guides all partner coaches
- Evaluator: Assesses the impact of the QI program

# Steps To Receive Funding

## Grant Selection: Prioritization

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The Quality Improvement Council will use the assessment data to select which providers will receive quality improvement grants. Based these assessments, the Council will prioritize the following providers:

- Providers located in neighborhoods without enough highly-rated quality seats for the children residing in those neighborhoods
- Providers who require minimal time and effort required to achieve quality, based on assessment by QI council
  - Generally, this will include providers that can reach a SUTQ rating of 3,4, or 5 within 12 months from when the assessment is conducted

# Steps To Receive Funding

## Quality Improvement Coaching Collaborative

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The CPP will rely on a Coaching Collaborative, or group of qualified coaches, who will provide the capacity needed to serve unrated, 1 and 2-star rated Community Providers.

- CPP is currently soliciting support from a variety of qualified coaching vendors to be a part of the Coaching Collaborative

# Timeline

Provider Timeline		March	April				May				
		3/27	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	
General	Submit interest forms	[Timeline bar from 3/27 to 5/22]									
	CPP reviews interest forms			[Timeline bar from 4/10 to 5/22]							
Tuition Assistance	CPP releases provider contract for TA							[Timeline bar at 5/8]			
	CPP notifies providers selected to receive tuition assistance credits								[Timeline bar from 5/15 to 5/22]		
	Training on parent enrollment								[Timeline bar from 5/15 to 5/22]		
Quality Improvement Grants	Apply for QI assessment						[Timeline bar from 5/1 to 5/22]				
	Coach runs the QI assessment								[Timeline bar from 5/15 to 5/22]		
	CPP issues grant amount and contract based on results of assessment						[Timeline bar from 5/1 to 5/22] with arrow pointing to June/July				



Thank you for attending! Please complete your  
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