

Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant

Universal Application Project

Southwest AEYC Conference

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Presentation Outline

- Temperature check
- Project History
- PEAK Today - Programs and Functions
- PEAK Tomorrow - New Programs
- Timeline
- Resources
- Questions

Temperature Check

By show of hands:

- Who has heard of PEAK Colorado?
- Has anyone used PEAK?
- Who has heard of the Universal Application Project?
- Who do we have in the room: Teachers, Parents, Early Childhood Councils, County Staff, others?



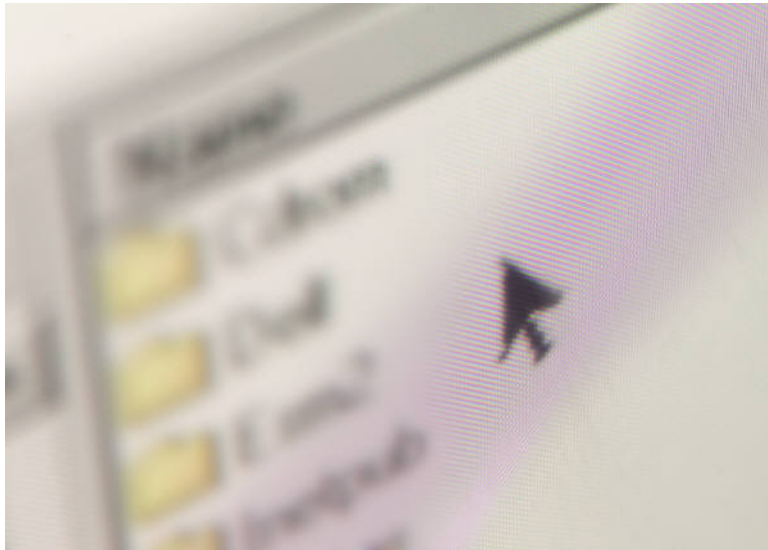
Project History

- House Bill 2010 - 1028-Establishes the Early Childhood Universal Application Subcommittee of the Government Data Advisory Board.
- Subcommittee membership included State Agencies, Governor's Office, Community Colleges, and Program Representatives of services from the legislation.

“Vision: All families will easily and efficiently access and receive the benefits and services for which they are eligible.”

Project History

- House Bill 2010 - 1028-Target the following programs for a common online application:



- Medicaid, Children's Basic Health Plan, Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program, Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, Free & Reduced Lunch, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Colorado Works, Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children, Food Stamps, Early Childhood Councils, Low-Income Energy Assistance, and Affordable Housing.

Project History

- Colorado is awarded the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant of \$44.8 million.
- Colorado has focused on the following priorities with this grant:
- Through the grant Colorado was able to invest in the Universal Application vision established by legislation.



PEAK Today

- PEAK today supports Colorado Families applying for Medicaid, Food Assistance, Cash Assistance, Children's Basic Health Plan, and Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children.
- Currently programs from both the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing use this system.
- Families utilizing PEAK have access to 3 features: "Am I Eligible," "Apply for Benefits," and "Manage My Account."

<https://coloradopeak.force.com>

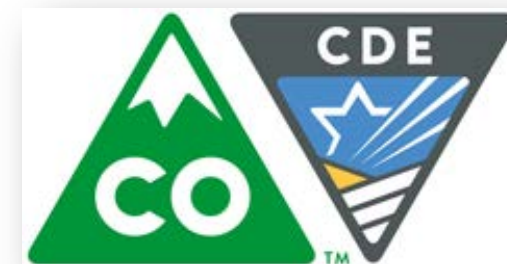
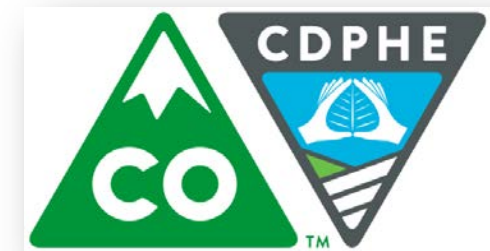


PEAK Today

- In September 2014:
 - **5,474** families used the Am I Eligible tool,
 - **3,529** were found potentially eligible, and
 - **1,289** were specifically potentially WIC eligible.
 - Over **304,000** anonymous screenings have occurred since launch in Oct. 2009.
- In September 2014:
 - **16,820** families used the Apply for Benefits tool,
 - Over **530,000** online applications have occurred since the sites launch.



New PEAK and Universal Application



Universal Application Programs

CDHS: Early Intervention, Low-Income Energy Assistance, Child Care Assistance Program



CDE: Colorado Preschool Program, Child Find, School Nutrition Programs



CDPHE: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children



Non-state agency programs: Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Steps, Parents As Teachers, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, and Head Start

Functionality



- “Am I Eligible”: CCCAP, Head Start, NFP, PAT, HIPPIY, LEAP, WIC, School Nutrition, Healthy Steps, Child Find, and Early Intervention (11 of 12)
- “Apply for Benefits”: CCCAP, Head Start, NFP, and LEAP
- “Manage My Account*”: CCCAP

* Manage My Benefits is accessible to the public whether or not the apply through PEAK Online

Functionality

Apply For Benefits

Welcome! For most people, it will take 30 to 60 minutes to fill out an application. Make sure you have all the information you will need by clicking here, "[Before You Begin](#)".

Then, please choose from the options below to apply. You can:

- Start a new application and create an account so you can save the application as you go and track it after you submit.
- Edit or finish an application that you already started and saved through your PEAK account.
- Apply as a guest without creating an account and without giving an email address. If you apply as a guest, you need to complete the whole application at once. You cannot save it and return to it later.

Use the grey "Next" and "Back" buttons in the bottom right corner of each page to move through the application. Do not use the arrow and "Stop" buttons on your web browser.

When you're finished, we'll tell you if you might be able to get help through programs that provide:

- Food Assistance
- Cash Assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The Am I Eligible screening tool does not work for **Medical Assistance** at this time. If you want to see if you qualify for **Medical Assistance**, please [click here](#) and fill out an application.

Sign in if you have an account

Sign In

Don't have an account?

Create Account

- About PEAK
- WIC
- Food Assistance
- Medical Assistance
- Colorado Works / TANF
- Adult Financial

Provider Entry Quick Links Learn More Reso

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2014-15 Timeline

June Release

WIC

November 9th Release

NFP
CPP
PAT
HIPPY
Healthy Steps

March 22nd Release

CCCAP
Head Start
EI
Child Find
LEAP
School Nutrition

Universal Application Resources



Universal Application

Expansion of the current universal application system is occurring in the year of 2014. The current PEAK system allows parents to use a single portal to apply for various forms of family assistance.

We will expand PEAK by adding 12 Early Childhood Focused programs. These will be released in a 3-phase approach with target dates in June, November and March of 2015.

LIVE! The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), operated by CDPHE, is the first of 12 programs focused on young children and their families to go live on the PEAK website.

<http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com>

Universal Application Resources

PEAK Outreach Initiative

Upcoming Webinar Schedule

Application Walk-Through:

Monday, November 10, 2014

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Click here to register](#)

PEAK Enhancements - November 2014:

Friday, November 7, 2014

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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PEAK Enhancement Training Sessions

Register for a Training Session

The PEAK Outreach Team is hosting training sessions around the state between October 17 through November 5.

[Home](#)

WELCOME to the PEAK Outreach Initiative's Outreach & Training site!

The PEAK Outreach Initiative is charged with providing outreach and training resources for Coloradans accessing health and human service benefits through Colorado PEAK. Colorado PEAK is the online Program Eligibility and Application Kit developed by the State of Colorado. PEAK provides applicants and clients with fast and easy access to Medical, Food and Cash Assistance benefits.

Please browse our outreach and training site resources and join us in our efforts to ensure that every eligible individual, child and family is enrolled in the health, nutrition and financial self-sufficiency benefits that help them thrive.

PEAK Outreach Materials

PEAK outreach materials are available upon request. Please visit the [PEAK Outreach Materials](#) page to view, print or order materials for your organization's outreach efforts.

File name ^	Description
▶ PEAK On-Demand - Recorded Webinars	
▶ Printer-Friendly PowerPoint Presentations	
▶ User Instruction Guides	

[PEAK New Tips and User Guides](#)

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The PEAK Outreach and Training Team has added [Resources page](#) under User Instruction Guides.

The guides and tips include:

[Tips for Real Time Eligibility](#)

[TIPS TO APPLY - Applying for Insurance after](#)

[TIPS TO APPLY - Insurance Transitions](#)

[Level of Care Self-Assessment](#)

[Mail Center eNotifications](#)

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/peakoutreachinitiative/>

Questions?



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