



## **COVID-19 Extended Learning Session Provider Frequently Asked Questions**

Thank you for your willingness to partner with the Cincinnati Preschool Promise to expand access to quality preschool. These frequently asked questions (**FAQ**) supplement the 2019-2020 Tuition Assistance Overview and provide a quick reference to the core components of this new initiative. Please contact any members of the Cincinnati Preschool Promise team for more information and plan to attend a virtual Provider briefing session.

### **Q. What is the Extended Learning Session (ELS)?**

*The Extended Learning Session is an opportunity for Cincinnati Preschool Promise children to return to classroom following the Pandemic closure of child care programs ordered by the State of Ohio.*

### **Q. Why is the Extended Learning Session needed?**

*ELS is designed to slow down the learning loss children may have experienced during the Pandemic closure and to help Preschoolers continue on the path to becoming kindergarten ready.*

### **Q. Which Providers are eligible to participate in the ELS?**

*Cincinnati Preschool Promise Community Providers rated at 3 Stars or above in the Step Up to Quality rating system and approved as Tuition Assistance Providers are eligible to enroll families during the Extended Learning Session. Ongoing compliance with CPP's Tuition Assistance policies and procedures is required, including updating any expired documents.*

### **Q. How do families enroll in the ELS to receive Tuition Assistance (TA)?**

*Families who were enrolled with CPP prior to the Pandemic closure need to complete the Extended Learning Session Enrollment Form to confirm their income eligibility and residence has not changed. If there have been changes, Families need to submit new documentation along with the application. Families that were not previously enrolled with the Cincinnati Preschool Promise will need to complete the standard enrollment form available at [www.cincy-promise.org](http://www.cincy-promise.org). CPP requests that Community Providers prioritize enrollment for 4 year olds and 5 year olds that are preparing to enter Kindergarten in fall 2020.*

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**Q. What is the attendance policy for ELS?**

*TA will be paid based on **attendance** rather than **enrollment**. Students must meet the attendance requirement outlined in the updated 2019-2020 Tuition Assistance Overview. If a student has 3 days of unexcused absences in any month, TA will be prorated for the remainder of the month. If a Provider is ordered by a state agency to close temporarily because of Pandemic exposure, student absences will be excused through the end of the month. If there is a mandated statewide or regional closure of child care programs, Tuition Assistance will not be paid during the Extended Learning Session.*

**Q. How will TA payments be made to Community Providers?**

*TA payments will continue under current practices and policies outlined in the Tuition Assistance Overview. Submission of attendance forms, completed in their entirety, by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month is required to process Tuition Assistance payments.*

**Q. Can CPP help with recruiting children to enroll in my Family Child Care Program or Center?**

*Yes, CPP can help promote available Preschool seats in your Family Child Care Program or Center. Please respond to the surveys and send your request for marketing assistance to [marketing@cincy-promise.org](mailto:marketing@cincy-promise.org)*

**Q. What should I do if I have reached student capacity at my site and cannot enroll any additional students?**

*Please let Parents know as soon as possible about changes in your capacity based on the new teacher to student ratios and physical environment requirements. CPP has also communicated to Parents that they should expect changes in all programs to keep everyone healthy and safe. Every effort will be made to continue offering CPP families access to quality preschool seats with CPP Providers. Ask families to contact CPP at 513-447-4277 **and** share contact information with a CPP team member so we can help families find a Preschool.*