

2025 End of Session Webinar

Community Briefing

May 8, 2025



Our Issues



K-12 Education

Early Childhood

Health

Economic Security

Successful Session for Kids!



- **733 Bills & Resolutions Introduced**
 - 360 in the Senate
 - 373 in the House
 - 444 sent to Governor
 - 2 already vetoed
- \$1.2B in budget cuts—but programs for kids largely saw *increases*

Advocacy Mattered in the 2025 Session



- More students will receive the support they need to **succeed in school**
- More children will enter **Kindergarten ready** to learn
- More children will have access to **health coverage** and care
- Families in deep poverty will get more **resources to meet basic needs**



Session by the Numbers



Increase in K-12 funding:

\$250m+

4-year-olds enrolled in UPK through Jan. 2025:

42,517

Kids and pregnant adults with insurance under Cover All Coloradans:

16,000+

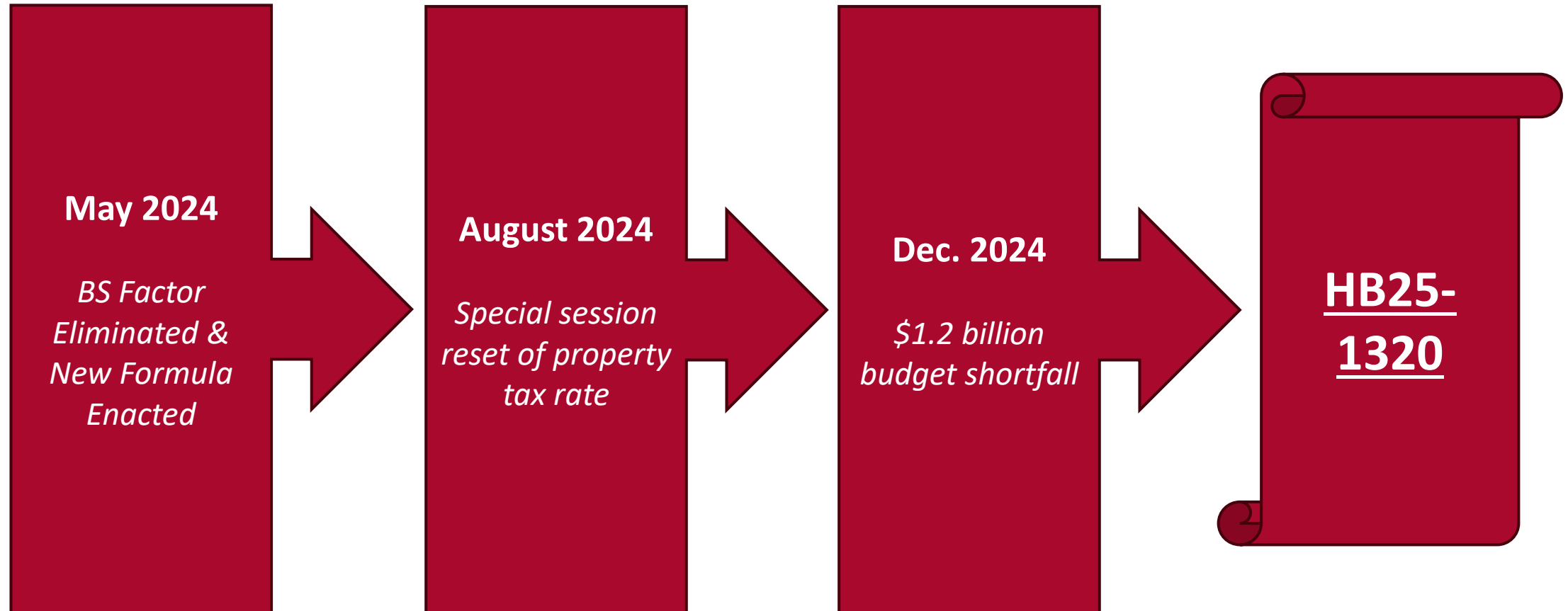
Monthly cash assistance for TANF families:

\$620, a 4.8% increase

K-12 Education



Activating the New School Funding Formula



HB25-1320: The 2025 School Finance Act



**BEGINS IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE NEW SCHOOL FUNDING
FORMULA**



**BEGINS PHASING OUT
ENROLLMENT AVERAGING AS
THE STATE PHASES IN THE NEW
FORMULA**



**TOTAL K-12 APPROPRIATION IS
\$10B, OR A \$256 MILLION
INCREASE OVER 2024-25.**

\$\$\$ BUDGET WIN!

Funding Equity for Public Charter Schools



- **Full Mill Levy Equalization** for state-authorized public charters
- Phasing out **At-Risk Supplemental aid**
- Increasing the cap on the **Moral Obligation Program**



Sustaining Healthy School Meals for All



- **HB25-1274**: Refers two measures to the 2025 ballot to fully fund the Healthy School Meals For All program
- **SB25-214**: Restructures the Healthy School Meals for All program if the ballot measures fail

Supporting Students and School Climate



HB25-1248 Better Data on Restraint and Seclusion

District Profile Reports

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Learning Environment District Profile Reports

As part of the implementation of HB 22-1376, the following district profile reports were created for the state, every school district, and the Charter School Institute. Data covered in this report are related to learning environments, including attendance, discipline, school climate, and other measures.

| Home Page | Statewide | District Level | District Comparison | Data Description | Data Sources |
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- Chronic Absenteeism
- Discipline Incidents
- Student Behavior
- Student Discipline
- Other Actions
- Service Provider Ratios
- School Climate Surveys
- Other Measures

Dashboard Information

Tutorial

Questions?

Welcome to the Learning Environment District Profile Reports!

In this dashboard, you will find data related to the learning environment. Each measure featured here is required as part of House Bill 22-1376: Supportive Learning Environments for K-12 Students. This data is intended to guide growth and inform plans to support students. The buttons across the top allows you to see the data at a state level or district level. The buttons on the left will navigate to specific data points. The white buttons on the left and the top provide additional information about the data that is being viewed and tips for using the dashboard.

Make sure to click on the white buttons on the top and side in each section to see the information for each data type. You can start using this dashboard by selecting the data you would like to see on the left side.

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Early Childhood



Modernize Tony Grampsas Program



SB25-197 updates and streamlines Tony Grampsas Youth Services and increases access for small organizations



Sustain and Expand Universal Preschool



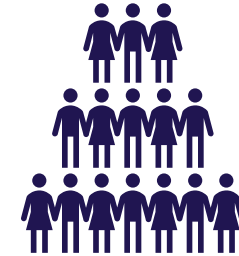
UPK received a budget increase!



Provider rates



**Local Coordinating
Organizations**



Expanded capacity



Protect Child Care Access & Affordability



- **SB25-004**: Child Care Waitlist Fees
- Protecting child care subsidies through the **Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)**

\$\$ BUDGET WIN!



Protect Services & Ensure Accountability



- **Early Intervention:** Advocate for long-term funding fix that mitigates any negative impacts on children and families.
 - *Short-term funding fix approved*
- **Leverage Third-Party Evaluations & Rule Re-Writes:** Guide meaningful reviews of CDEC, UPK, and CCCAP.
 - Children's Campaign named to steering committee for CDEC review and CCCAP rule re-write.



Children's Campaign is Hiring



- The Campaign is looking for a new **Director of Early Childhood Policy**.
- More to come on Early Childhood advocacy this summer.



Health



Protecting Health Coverage in the State Budget



\$\$ BUDGET WIN!

✓ **Protecting Child Health
Plan Plus (CHP+) Coverage**



Protecting Health Coverage in the State Budget



✓ **Implementing & Continuing
Cover All Coloradans**

\$\$ BUDGET WIN!

Protecting Health Coverage in the State Budget



✓ **Beginning Continuous Coverage for Babies and Toddlers**

\$\$ BUDGET WIN!



Sustaining OmniSalud ([HB25-1297](#))



Bill Failed

This bill aimed to ensure the **OmniSalud program**, a private health insurance option for undocumented Coloradans, continues to be funded.



Economic Security



Accountability for the TANF Program



HB25-1279 will maximize TANF spending to reduce deep child poverty through better data collection

Protecting Kids in Deep Poverty



**Increase in TANF
cash assistance**
protected for
families with kids
in deep poverty



\$\$\$ BUDGET WIN!

Family Affordability Tax Credit



HB25-1335

ensured the **Family Affordability Tax Credit** is protected for families with kids

\$\$ BUDGET WIN!

Questions?



Annual KIDS COUNT in Colorado! Release



Annual KIDS COUNT in Colorado! Release event

Wednesday, May 28

- In-Person: 8:30-10:30 AM
 - The Colorado Health Foundation
- Virtual: 9:00-10:00 AM
 - Zoom

**KIDS
COUNT!**
in Colorado

2025 DATA BOOK

**Learn More About the Updated
Data Points for 2025!**



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Take a look back at the Children's Campaign's impact, and a look forward at what's to come.

VIP Reception
4:00-5:30pm
General Event Begins
5:30-10pm

September 24, 2025
Hangar Club Denver
7600 E 1st Pl, Denver,
CO 80230

40th Anniversary
Video
Paddle Raise
Other great
surprises

For more information or details, please reach out to Shawna Mounsey, VP of Development, at shawna@coloradokids.org. To purchase tickets and sponsorships, or for additional information, visit <https://www.coloradokids.org/40th-anniversary>.

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Thank you!

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