



Universal PreK (UPK) Café

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Welcome to a new school year! The Early Education team is ready to provide you with new issues **UPK Café** giving you a variety of research and evidence-based resources, hot topics, news items and professional articles relevant to your daily work and practice as an Early Childhood Educator and Early Childhood Special Educator.

This issue will provide you with updated information and links to Teaching Strategies GOLD® (TSG) for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope that this can help navigate the day to day questions you may have and give you learning opportunities to support and help you in your daily practice.

1) [My Teaching Strategies GOLD® Requirements and Guidelines](#)

This document supports users of TSG with information such as the process of site naming and check point dates during the school year.

2) [Teaching Strategies GOLD® Transfer Request](#)

This form is to be used when a child transfers from program to another. Please be sure to have both sending and receiving providers complete and sign where applicable for processing.

3) Visit the [Early Childhood Education Assessment](#) page for more information about Teaching Strategies Gold.

4) **Vermont Agency of Education's definition of High-Quality Effective PreKindergarten Education**

What defines Vermont Universal Prekindergarten Education (UPK) is the implementation of high-quality, effective instruction by licensed educators who use evidence-based practices within intentionally designed early learning environments.

Early educators align curriculum with the [Vermont Early Learning Standards](#) while adapting experiences to support the full participation of each and every child to realize their full potential and promote successful outcomes.

If you have a resource you'd like to share on **UPK Café** or have been forwarded this issue and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Leslie at leslie.freedman@vermont.gov.

Thank you!