



Universal PreK (UPK) Café

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We are a few weeks into the new school year – new routines, new faces and new locations – for everyone! The AOE’s Student Support Services Division (the home of Early Education Team) is moving! We are currently in our final days in Barre and will be officially in our new location of the National Life building on Monday, October 7. Phone numbers will change, but email addresses will stay the same, and is the most reliable way to connect our team. We will update the field with our new numbers once we have them.

With the school year in full swing, many questions have been coming up about Teaching Strategies GOLD® (TSG), we thought that another issue with updated information about TSG would be helpful. Please check out the links to the items below – many of your questions can be answered on the website so you don’t have to wait for email responses! Once again, we hope that these resources 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. Please feel free to share with your co-workers!

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!