



Universal PreK (UPK) Café

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Welcome to Issue 15 of the Agency of Education Early Education Team's **UPK Café**! We will continue to share 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. Some weeks will be short with a few tidbits and some weeks will offer longer strands that are connected to a certain subject. We hope you will use **UPK Café** as a regular resource to support and inform your practice.

We will continue this issue with more Teaching Strategies Gold tools and supports for you as we are nearing the December 15th Fall Checkpoint deadline.

1. [Webinar: Saving Time Using GOLD® for Teachers](#)

Join TSG for a free, live webinar on December 5, 2019, 3:30-5:00 (EST) when they will share information for teachers on the features and functionalities that can be used in MyTeachingStrategies® to engage with family members.

This webinar will be archived if you are unable to join!

2. **Utilizing Teaching Strategies GOLD® Resources!**

You can quickly and easily find the support you need by browsing articles or videos from the TSG resource library, or you can use the search bar on the [Teaching Strategies Support Page](#) by simply typing your question.

3. [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.

4. Visit the [Early Childhood Education Assessment](#) page for more information about Teaching Strategies GOLD® .

5. **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!