

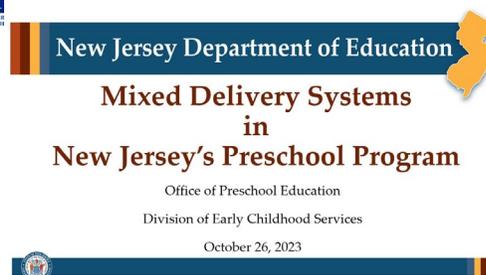
VIDEO 5: Mixed Delivery System



New Jersey Preschool Expansion Webinar Series: Mixed Delivery System



This video describes the mixed delivery aspect of New Jersey's state funded preschool program. Although your application for Preschool Education Aid does not have a section specifically dedicated to mixed delivery, throughout the application you'll be asked to address how the district will work with Head Start and child care providers to serve your population of resident preschoolers.



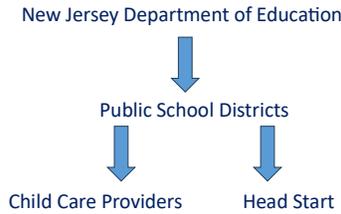
<https://www.nj.gov/education/earlychildhood/preschool/>
"Program Planning" Dropdown

For additional information, the NJDOE has a PowerPoint presentation, entitled "Mixed Delivery Systems" that you can review on the DECS website under the "Program Planning" dropdown.

State-funded preschool in New Jersey is built on a mixed delivery model, meaning that children are served in state-funded preschool classrooms located in district, Head Start, and child care settings. All classrooms, regardless of location, are required to follow the same high-quality standards, including a maximum of 15 children per classroom with a P-3 certified lead teacher and a trained assistant.



Flow of Funding



Preschool funding flows from the state, to districts, to contracted child care centers and Head Start programs. At this time, a district must contract with a private provider for a full classroom of students and cannot serve children from multiple classrooms in the same room. You can also look across district and county lines to find providers to work with, so don't let district boundaries hold you back! Each county has a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency that can assist in identifying licensed providers. If possible, take a trip over to neighboring private providers to meet the administrators and see their space.

They do need to meet NJDOE's classroom space requirements but remember that they don't need to meet all of the NJDOE's high-quality standards until you start collaborating with them – the state-funding that you provide them will help increase quality to meet all of the state standards.

The district is ultimately responsible for program quality across all settings, so you'll provide administrative oversight for all classrooms. However, the Director of the center will oversee daily operations within their own site. State-funded preschool teachers in provider settings are typically employees of those centers and are not district employees. However, they need to be paid comparably to their in-district peers, so it is important to share your salary scale.



LEAs must document all efforts to engage with licensed providers and Head Start programs.

5. Indicate the number of licensed providers in your community and/or neighboring towns identified using the Licensed Child Care Locator link on the line below:

Program Name				
Contact Name				
Contact Method (email, phone, etc.)				
Date Contact was Initiated				
Response from Program (Y/N)				
Date of Follow Up Contact (if no response)				
Program Interested in Collaboration (Y/N/Unsure)				
Provide Reason(s) for "No" or "Unsure"				
Number of Rooms for Collaboration that Meet DOE Standards (Please indicate "0" if no classrooms meet DOE standards)				
Letter of Intent Included in LEA Application (Y/N)				

The state places significant emphasis on maintaining and strengthening the mixed delivery system, including typically awarding priority points on the application to districts that plan to collaborate with Head Start or child care providers. All districts must reach out to their local Head Start programs to invite them to participate in the state preschool program. Additionally, the PEA application typically requires that districts also offer to collaborate with all child care providers in and around the district who may want to participate. Keep in mind that priority points are only awarded to districts that reach a base score of 70 points on the application.



You've reached the end of The Mixed Delivery System

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<https://nieer.org/new-jersey-preschool-expansion-webinar-series>

That brings this video describing New Jersey's mixed-delivery system to a close. For more information on the PEA application, see our library of other videos on a variety of useful topics.