

Information Sheet for Learning Providers: Learning Dollars Initiative



This document provides information for learning providers and vendors about [The Learning Dollar Initiative](#), including [how to list your program or resource](#) as an option for families participating in the program.

The Learning Dollars Initiative was launched by [RESCHOOL](#), a Colorado-based nonprofit organization along with partners in communities across Colorado including Transform Education Now (TEN) and Cultivando in the Denver Metro Area, Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs, Mesa County Valley School District 51 in Grand Junction, the Roaring Fork School District in the Roaring Fork Valley and Vilas School District Re-5 in Vilas, CO.

If you ever need support or have additional questions throughout the process you can reach out to RESCHOOL by emailing info@reschoolcolorado.org.

[What is the Learning Dollars Initiative?](#)

Children spend 80 percent of their waking hours outside of school; however, accessing learning resources and experiences after school, during school breaks, or over the summer comes with barriers (often costs) that prevent some kids from participating, thereby creating equity gaps in terms of who gets access to these important opportunities to children's development and growth.

The Learning Dollar Initiative creates learning accounts for families from lower income households, managed on the ClassWallet platform. Approved families will receive \$500 per child (ages 5-17). The funding will be deposited into an account managed by [ClassWallet](#). **Families can spend funding as they wish on learning resources and experiences for their children on the ClassWallet platform.** This may include tutoring, a summer camp, art supplies, books, or a variety of other in person, online, or at home activities. **We want families to be able to access a broad array of services and supports, so if you provide resources such as art supplies, support such as tutoring, or experiences such as summer camp, you are an eligible provider.** You can find an overview of the types of activities we expect families to spend their resources on this summer [here](#).

We know that it is time-consuming and difficult for families to know what organizations offer activities and resources that meet their families' needs and their children's interests. RESCHOOL created [DISCOVER](#), a free resource for families to explore organizations that provide activities for kids and teens anytime they're not in school. This makes DISCOVER a great tool for families to use to narrow down what they're looking for before spending their learning dollars on ClassWallet. **Because DISCOVER and ClassWallet complement each other, and it's free for providers to be listed on both, we hope all providers will choose to be listed on ClassWallet and DISCOVER.**

RESCHOOL and its partners are actively sharing The Learning Dollars Initiative and DISCOVER with its family networks, **giving learning providers additional exposure for free.**

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We know that all families want access to activities and resources for their children, and children are craving enriching, fun learning with their friends; however, with the economic impacts and uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, these items and experiences may be more out of reach today more than ever for too many families. We also know that many out of school learning providers have been hit hard by the pandemic and are looking for creative ways to reach families with programming for their children that aligns with their comfort, needs, and resources. If you, like many providers, are continuing to offer online and take home activities that children or teens can access regardless of where they live, becoming a partner of the Learning Dollars Initiative will support you in reaching families in different parts of Colorado. This program will connect families and learning providers and hopefully prove to be a win-win for all involved.

The Learning Dollars Initiative will serve at least 600 children from June through August 2021.

The Learning Dollars Initiative also provides us with an opportunity to learn. We are working with evaluators to understand how well the program functioned this summer and what changes are needed in order to make future efforts even more successful. By participating in the Learning Dollars Initiative and signing up as a provider on ClassWallet we will ask you to share information about your experience with our research partners.

[How do I sign up?](#)

To partner with us on the Learning Dollars Initiative, [please fill out this form](#) if you are interested in being listed on ClassWallet and [this form](#) if you are interested in being listed on [RESCHOOL's DISCOVER learning resource](#).

Logistics for signing up on ClassWallet

Once you fill out that information, you will be listed as a provider on the ClassWallet website, the online marketplace families will use to spend their learning accounts. You will need to complete your account so you are able to receive direct payments from ClassWallet when families choose to participate in your programming. Learning providers who list their programming or resources on the ClassWallet site will be required to pay a 2.5% fee for each learning dollar transaction, similar to credit cards.

Through your agreement with ClassWallet you will receive a direct payment for goods or services purchased by families. ClassWallet can answer any questions you may have about the platform. You can connect with them by email at help@ClassWallet.com or phone 877-969-5536.

Families will have until 11:59pm on August 31, 2021 to spend the funds in their learning accounts.

If you have any questions about being listed on DISCOVER or ClassWallet, you can also reach out to RESCHOOL at info@reschoolcolorado.org.

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Thank you to all of the community-based partners working with families on the Learning Dollars Initiative!

