Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal

Informational Webinar

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Agenda for PDG Informational Webinar

- **Preschool Development Grant Overview**

- **PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities**

- **Arizona's Goals & Objectives for PDG B5**

- **Updated Timeline for Implementation**

- **Questions & Answers**

Preschool Development Grant Overview
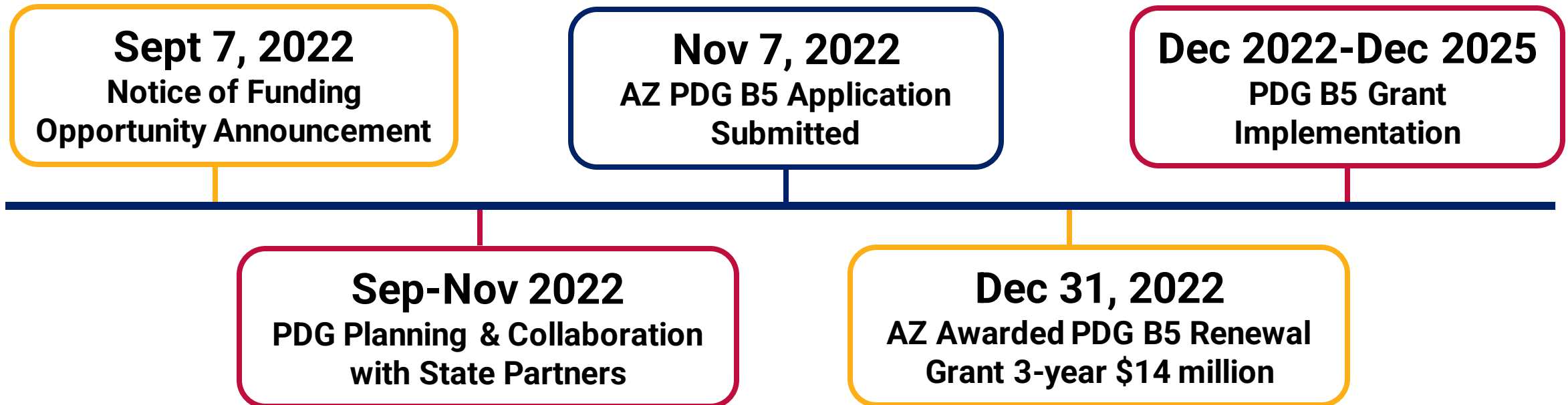
Initial Preschool Development Grant (PDG)

- ❑ **ADE Submitted Application Oct 2014**
- ❑ **AZ Awarded 4-year Grant Cycle 2015-2019**
  - ➢ Plus limited no cost extension in 2020
- ❑ **Increased Preschool Slots**
  - ➢ 4-year-old children in high needs communities
  - ➢ Subgrant awards competitive application each year
- ❑ **Improved Quality in Participating Programs**
  - ➢ Quality First Participation
  - ➢ Early Childhood Quality Improvement Process (ECQUIP)
  - ➢ Data Integration
  - ➢ Systems Building

Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (2019)

Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal (2019)

- ❏ **Arizona Completed Comprehensive Needs Assessment & Statewide Strategic Plan (2019)**
- ❏ **Established Local Planning Communities (LPC)**
- ❏ **Priority Areas**
  - ✓ Child Care Deserts
  - ✓ Inclusion
  - ✓ Early Language and Literacy
  - ✓ Workforce Development − PD and Coaching
  - ✓ Workforce Development − Degree Completion
- ❏ **ADE Submitted Application Nov 2019 (Not Awarded)**

Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal (2022)

- ❑ Arizona 1 of 25 states eligible to apply
- ❑ Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement: September 7, 2022
- ❑ PDG B5 Collaboration & Planning: Sept-Nov 2022
- ❑ Application Submitted: Nov 7, 2022
- ❑ Arizona Awarded $14 million 3-year Grant: Dec 31, 2022
- ❑ Grant Cycle/Implementation: Jan 2023-Dec 2025

Sept 7, 2022
Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

Nov 7, 2022
AZ PDG B5 Application Submitted

Dec 2022-Dec 2025
PDG B5 Grant Implementation

Sep-Nov 2022
PDG Planning & Collaboration with State Partners

Dec 31, 2022
AZ Awarded PDG B5 Renewal Grant 3-year $14 million

Preschool Development Grant
B-5 Renewal Priorities

PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities

- *Activity One*
  - ✓ **Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment**
- *Activity Two*
  - ✓ **Update Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan**
- *Activity Three*
  - ✓ **Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in B-5 System**
- *Activity Four*
  - ✓ **Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices**
- *Activity Five*
  - ✓ **Support Program Quality Improvement**
- *Activity Six*
  - ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities

❑ *Bonus Area*
  ✓ **Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings**
❑ *Bonus Area*
  ✓ **Improving Workforce Compensation**

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

❑ *Activity One*
  ✓ **Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment**

TOTAL Licensed ECE Providers	Centers	Family Providers	Public Schools	Small Group Homes
2,500	1,500	1,300	670	250

Data for Needs Assessment:
- MapLit Tool (integrative data)
- First Things First Needs & Assets Report
- Department of Economic Security Division of Child Care
- Head Start Program Information Report (PIR)
- Early Childhood Assessment Data

❑ *Activity Two*
  ✓ **Update Statewide Strategic Plan**

- **Data Integration**
  ➢ Launch of MapLIT tool
- **Inclusive Settings**
  ➢ Itinerant Model Training
  ➢ Pyramid Model
- **Early Literacy**
  ➢ Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant
  ➢ Early Literacy Training & Coaching
- **School Readiness**
  ➢ School Readiness Summit (2024)
  ➢ Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)

Maximize Parent and Family Engagement

❑ *Activity Three*
  ✓ **Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in B-5 System**

- **Statewide Activities**
  ➢ Enhance [Arizona's Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC)](#) and resources
  ➢ Family Engagement Learning cohorts
  ➢ Designate Parent-majority special advisory committee to inform needs assessment
- **Local Community Activities**
  ➢ Establish additional Regional Family Engagement Hubs
  ➢ Provide training and direct programming services to families

❑ *Activity Four*
    ✓ **Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices**

- **Professional Development**
  - ➢ Increase trainings across B-5 system
  - ➢ Enhance Workforce Registry
- **Recruitment & Retention**
  - ➢ Hire Workforce Specialist
  - ➢ Scholarships through AZ Teacher Academy
  - ➢ Promote Experienced Educator Rule to increase certified ECE teachers in field
  - ➢ Extend DES-DCC Professional Career Pathway Project (PCPP) & Apprenticeship
  - ➢ Support Career & Technical Education (CTE) Early Childhood Programs

Support Program Quality Improvement

❑ *Activity Five*
  ✓ **Support Program Quality Improvement**

- **Early Childhood Quality Improvement Practices (ECQUIP)**
  ➢ Process to increase collaboration & shared vision of local ECCE programs
  ➢ Updating ECQUIP Manual & guidance
- **Program Guidelines for High Quality Early Education: Birth through Kindergarten (PGHQ)**
  ➢ Updating Program Guidelines
- **Professional Development**
  ➢ Pyramid Model training & coaching
  ➢ LETRS for Early Childhood (Science of Reading)
- **Quality First**
  ➢ Expansion of Quality First participation in Years 2-3

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

- ❏ *Activity Six*
  - ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

- **Infant-Toddler Startup/Expansion**
  - ➢ **$5 million for infant-toddler startup/expansion in high needs communities**
  - ➢ **Years 1-2 of PDG B5** (2023-2024)
  - ➢ **Allowable costs include furniture, materials, staffing, etc. for infant-toddler classrooms**
  - ➢ **Classrooms must be established on a licensed site** *(construction not allowed)*
  - ➢ **Approximately 24 sites total** (12 per year)

❑ *Activity Six*

   ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

- **Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots**
  - ➢ **$19 million will be awarded for subgrant sites in high needs communities across three years**
  - ➢ **Subgrants awarded per child** *(infants, toddlers, and preschool age children)*
  - ➢ **Priority given to programs serving infants/toddlers**
  - ➢ **Eligible for programs receiving startup/expansion funds**
  - ➢ **Approximately 640 children in estimated 55 sites will be awarded through life of the grant**

❑ *Bonus Area*
- ✓ **Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings**

- **Increase % of Children in Inclusive Settings**
  - ➤ **Goal: 50% (Current: 31%)**
- **ECE Inclusion Specialist**
  - ➤ **ADE ECE team will hire Inclusion Specialist**
- **Professional Development**
  - ➤ **Increase trainings for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) available in Workforce Registry**
  - ➤ **Provide TA & Training on Itinerant Model and Pyramid Model**

Improving Workforce Compensation

❑ *Bonus Area*
   ✓ **Improving Workforce Compensation**

- **Workforce Wage Enhancement**
  - ➤ **Subgrantees will participate in Workforce Compensation Pilot**
  - ➤ **Ensure ECE staff in subgrant awarded sites are compensated based on the AZ Educator Salary Scale (DES DCC)**
- **Blending & Braiding ECE Funding**
  - ➤ **Provide training and resources to support ECE program funding utilizing multiple sources**
  - ➤ **Update ECE Funding Manual**

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Professional Career Pathway Project

Arizona Early Childhood Educator Salary Scale

Completed Formal Education	Arizona EC Educator Lattice Level	Target Hourly Wage Floor	12-Month Annual Salary Floor
Educator - High School Diploma or Equivalent	**Educator**	$15.00	$31,200
Early Childhood Educator I (ECE I)			
ECE I - Completion of a Professional Preparation Program* or Industry Recognized Credential such as CDA or MACTE	**ECE I** **ECE I IA** **ECE I IB**	$16.00 $16.25 IA $16.50 IB	$33,280 $33,800 $34,320
ECE I Advanced - Certificate of Completion in Early Childhood (with at least 18 credit hours in early childhood)	**ECE I Advanced** **ECE I IA Advanced** **ECE I 1B Advanced**	$17.00 $17.50 IA Advanced $18.00 IB Advanced	$35,360 $36,400 $37,440
Early Childhood Educator II (ECE II)			
ECE II Associate Degree in Early Childhood (with at least 18 credit hours in early childhood)	**ECE II** **ECE IIA** **ECE IIB**	$19.00 $20.00 IIA $21.00 IIB	$39,520 $41,600 $43,680
Early Childhood Educator III (ECE III)			
ECE III- Bachelor's Degree (with at least 18 credit hours in early childhood) **ECE III- Related** (Bachelor's degree not in ECE but with at least 18 credits ECE) **Current AZ Elementary Teacher Salary**	**ECE III** **ECE III Certified** **ECE III Related**	$23.00 III $23.00 III Related $24.15 III Certified $23.10*	$47,840 $47,840 $50,240 Certified $48,050*
ECE IV - Master's Degree (with at least 18 credit hours in early childhood)	**ECE IV** **ECE IV- Related**	$26.00	$54,080

- Roles aligned to the Unifying Framework for the Early Childhood Education Profession: http://powertotheprofession.org/unifying-framework/
- MIT Living Wage Calculator for Arizona- https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/04
- The Self-Sufficiency Standard determines the amount of income required for working families to meet basic needs at a minimally adequate level, taking into account family composition, ages of children, and geographic differences in costs. http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/Arizona/

Preschool Development Grant B-5 Timeline & Implementation

PDG B5 Implementation Timeline - Annual

Year 1 (2023)	Year 2 (2024)	Year 3 (2025)
Hire Inclusion & Workforce Specialists	**School Readiness Summit** (Summer 2024)	**PDG Subgrant Convening**
Infant-Toddler Startup/ Expansion Subgrants *Cohort 1 – Competitive*	**Infant-Toddler Startup/ Expansion Subgrants** *Cohort 2 – Competitive*	**Quality First Expansion for Subgrantees** *Starting July 2024*
Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots *Cohort 1 – Competitive*	**Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots** *Cohort 1 – Continuation* *Cohort 2 – Competitive*	**Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots** *Cohort 1 – Continuation* *Cohort 2 – Continuation*
Mini-Grants to Career & Technical Education Programs	**Expand Family Engagement & Literacy Hubs**	
Scholarships to Arizona Teachers Academy	**Scholarships to Arizona Teachers Academy**	**Scholarships to Arizona Teachers Academy**
Kickoff Inclusion Training & Technical Assistance	**DES DCC Professional Career Pathway Project** *Apprenticeship Program*	
Begin Revision of Program Guidelines for High Quality	**AZ Workforce Registry Enhancement**	

PDG B5 Implementation Timeline (Year 1)

Jan-Mar 2023
- PDG Planning
- Informational Webinars
- Build Application & Website

May 2023
- May 1-31 Cohort 1 Subgrant Applications Open in Grants Management Enterprise (GME)

Aug 2023
- Cohort 1 Subgrant Awarded Site Programs Begin
- Startup/Expansion Classroom Setup Begins
- Initial Site Visits

April 2023
- Informational Webinars
- Post Eligibility List
- Eligible Site Preparation
- Hire ECE Inclusion & Workforce Specialists

June-July 2023
- Review Cohort 1 Subgrant Applications
- Notification of Awards for Subgrant sent for Expansion & Slots

Sep-Dec 2023
- Program Guidelines Revision Kickoff
- ECQUIP Manual Publication
- Program Monitoring (EMAC)
- Professional Development

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

❑ *Activity Six*
  ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

Infant & Toddler Startup / Expansion	Awarded Amount for Startup/Expansion
Max Awarded Amount per Site	$200,000
Estimated Number of Sites Awarded	12 sites (per cohort)

* Eligible sites may apply for a maximum of $200,000 for startup/expansion.

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

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Age Group	Estimated Monthly Amount per Enrolled Child	Annual Award Amount per Enrolled Child	Estimated total Slots to be Awarded (Cohort 1)
Infant (0-12 months)	$1,833	$22,000	54
Toddler (1-3 years)	$1,333	$16,000	74
Preschool (3-5 years)	$1,000	$12,000	298

* Eligible sites may apply for a maximum of 10 slots total across all ages.

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

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Age Group	Max Number of Slots
Infants (0-12 months)	4 per site
Toddlers (1-3 years)	6 per site
Preschool (3-5 years)	10 per site

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Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

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Subgrant Application Options	Age Group	Max Award Amount
Startup/Expansion Only	**Infants & Toddlers**	**$200,000**
Slot Funding Only	**Max 10 slots across all age groups**	**$220,000**
Startup/Expansion & Slot Funding	**Startup *plus* max 10 slots**	**$420,000**

* Eligible sites may apply for a maximum of $420,000 for both startup/expansion & slots or $240,000 for slot funding only

Data utilized for subgrant eligiblity criteria:

- **Poverty**
  - ❑ Low-income communities
  - ❑ High % of students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch
- **Opportunity Zones** (established by the U.S. Department of Treasury)
- **Census Track**
  - ❑ Rural
  - ❑ Tribal
- **Performance Data**
  - ❑ English Language Arts (ELA) Data
  - ❑ Early Childhood Assessment
- **Preschool Gap Data**
  - Greater than 25% preschool gap
  - Determined by Bipartisan Policy Center
- **Capacity to serve Infants/Toddlers**

AZ PDG B5 Eligibility List

PDG B5 Subgrant Eligibility- Unique Entity Identifier

Step 1: SAM.gov. Registration/Renewal

Your organization must have an active SAM.gov registration prior to submitting a Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG B-5) application. Upon successful completion of a SAM.gov registration, a **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI),** formerly DUNS, number will be issued to your organization.

The SAM.gov UEI registration process can take up to 10 business days to complete.

Start a new SAM Registration

Renew existing SAM Registration

Start a **SAM Registration**

Start a New SAM Registration

Complete a System for Award Management (SAM) registration as a business for federal contracting or grants, or nonprofit entity for grants. Your SAM registration will be valid for one year from the date the registration is complete.

A SAM registration must be renewed each year to remain active and compliant. USFCR recommends renewing 90 days prior to the SAM expiration date. If you are renewing an existing SAM registration, please click here.

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John

LAST NAME *

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BUSINESS NAME (ENTITY) *

Awesome Business, Inc.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS *

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YOUR PHONE NUMBER *

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WHY ARE YOU STARTING A NEW SAM REGISTRATION TODAY? *

Select One

Next Step >

Step 2: Apply for Entity ID with ADE

Your organization must have an **Entity ID** to apply for funding with the Arizona Department of Education. You will need to submit the following documentation:
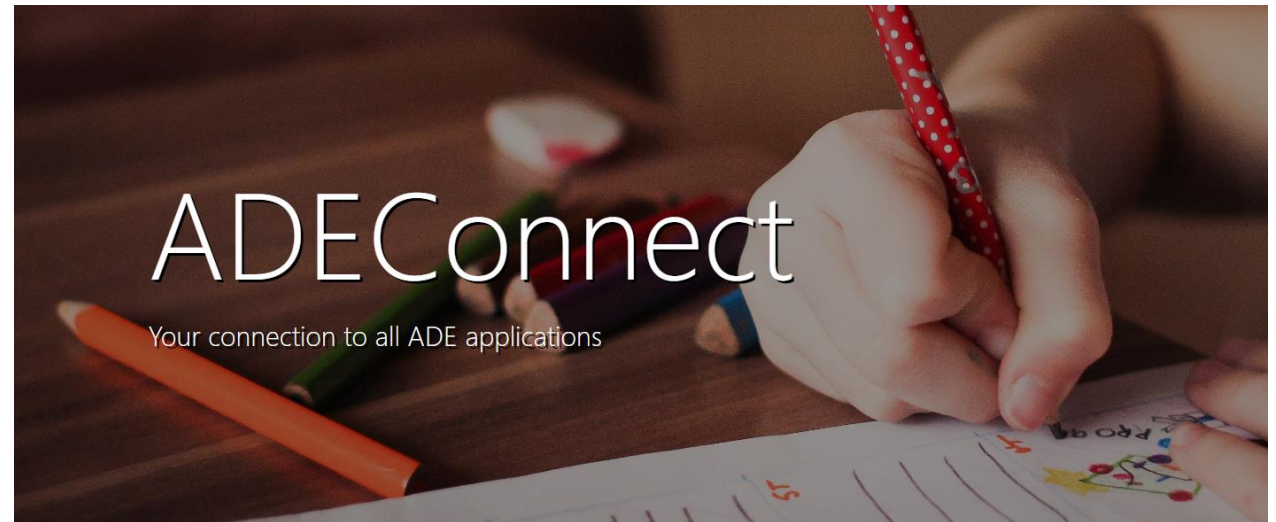
- **Unique Entity Identifier** *(Step 1 above)*
- **Entity Information**
  - ❑ Name of Entity/Organization
  - ❑ County
  - ❑ Phone Number
  - ❑ Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
  - ❑ Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
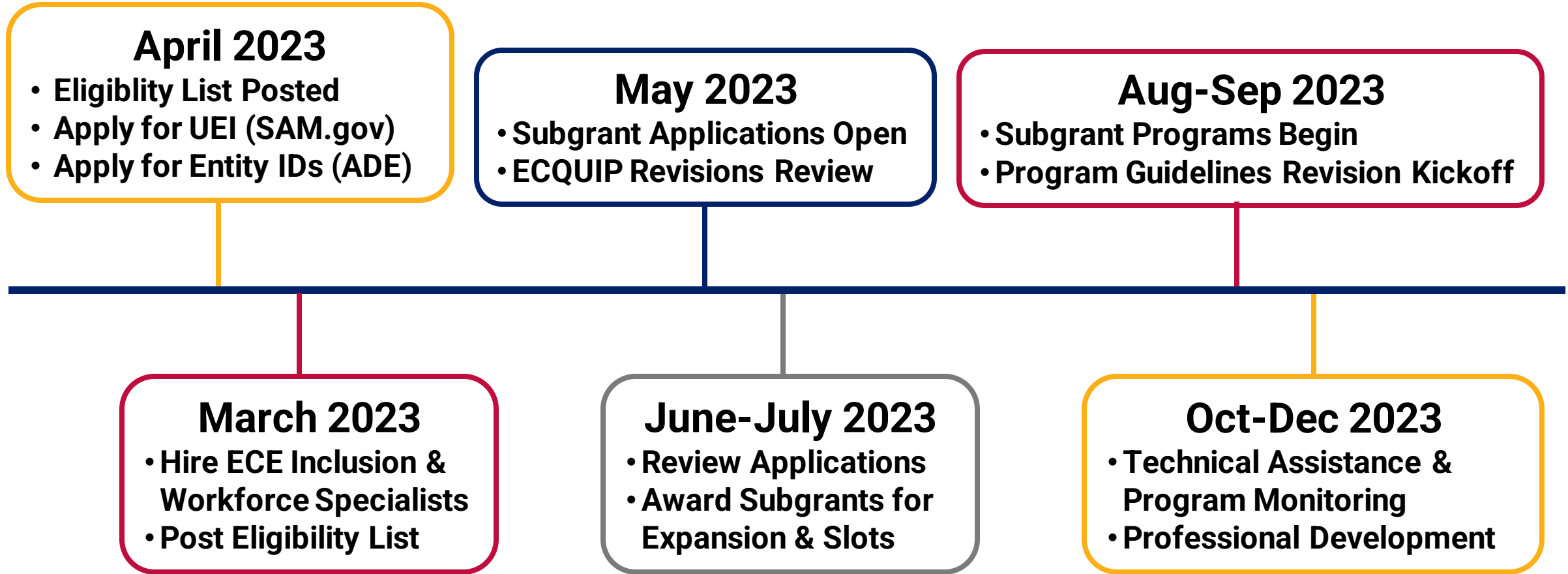- **AZ Department of Health Services License Certificate**

Form coming soon!

Step 3: Apply for ADEConnect Entity Administrator Access

Search for ADEConnect Entity Administrator

Apply for ADEConnect Entity Administrator Access

PDG B5 Subgrant Application Timeline

April 2023
- Eligiblity List Posted
- Apply for UEI (SAM.gov)
- Apply for Entity IDs (ADE)

May 2023
- Subgrant Applications Open
- ECQUIP Revisions Review

Aug-Sep 2023
- Subgrant Programs Begin
- Program Guidelines Revision Kickoff

March 2023
- Hire ECE Inclusion & Workforce Specialists
- Post Eligibility List

June-July 2023
- Review Applications
- Award Subgrants for Expansion & Slots

Oct-Dec 2023
- Technical Assistance & Program Monitoring
- Professional Development

Questions?

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