



2015-2016 Learning Year  
Coordinated Funding Request

# Overview

## **Objectives:**

1. Review Lead Agency Expectations and Role for the 2015-2016 Learning Year
2. Review information regarding expectations and timelines for Coordinated Funding Request

## **Agenda:**

- 2015-2016 Learning Year: Lead Agency Expectations
- Overview of Coordinated Funding Request
- Next Steps

# Lead Agency Expectations

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## Lead Agency Expectations

### Purpose

- Lead Agencies will be funded to coordinate 2 key functions: observation and enrollment
- Are **not** responsible for licensing, producing performance profiles or deciding funding

### Specific Responsibilities

<b>Coordinated Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead planning and implementation of coordinated enrollment</li><li>• <b>Submit community application for funding to State/Feds</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Apply to participate in Preschool Development Grant</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Coordinated Observation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assure accurate measurement of teaching and site quality by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Managing schedule so each classroom receives at least two CLASS observations by reliable observer</i></li><li>✓ <i>Reporting results to 1) the state for practice profile purposes and 2) sites to support improvement</i></li></ul></li></ul>

### Funding

- \$5M for observations, start-up funds and expansion funds in 2015-2016
- Lead Agencies may also leverage existing funds (e.g. LA 4, Head Start, PreK Grant)
- R & Rs, not Lead Agencies, are responsible for training and coaching for child care

### Key Milestones

<b>October 31</b> Ensure all publicly-funded sites and classrooms are in CLASS and GOLD™	<b>November 16</b> Submit Coordinated Enrollment Plan (Cohort 1/2)	<b>December 15</b> Ensure 100% of classrooms are observed in the fall with accuracy	<b>January 15</b> Submit Coordinated Enrollment Plan (Cohort 3)	<b>May 15</b> Ensure 100% of classrooms are observed in the spring with accuracy
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# 2015-2016 Learning Year

## Lead Agency, Community Network, and Site Expectations

*As established in [Bulletin 140](#), Community Networks and Sites are required to submit specific information for Coordinated Enrollment and Funding.*

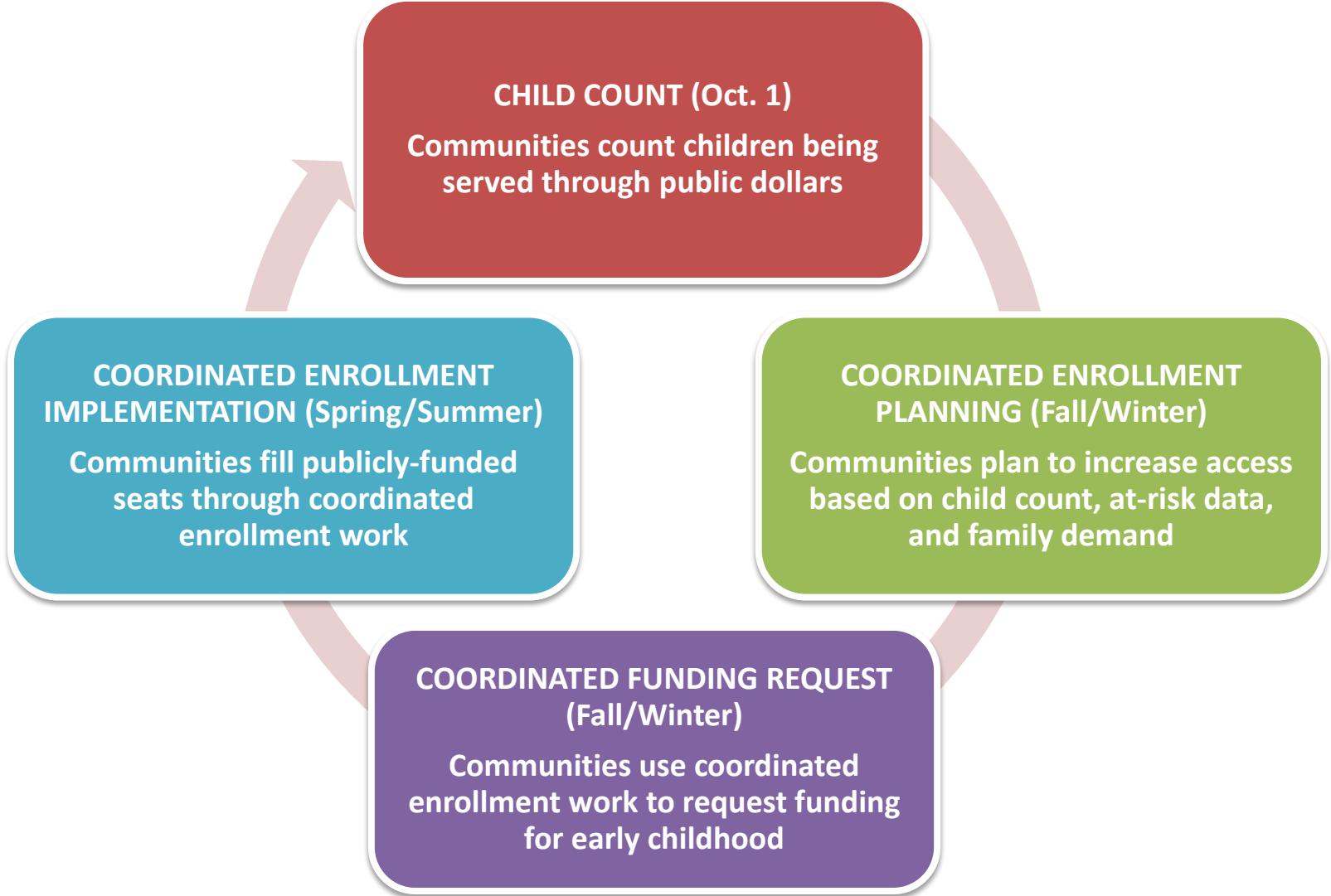
In order for the LDE to evaluate funding requests based on local enrollment, Lead Agencies are required to:

- ✓ Count all at-risk publicly-funded children
- ✓ Submit a Coordinated Enrollment Plan
  - Note- this timeline is different for C1/2 Community Networks and C3 Community Networks
- ✓ Submit a Coordinated Funding Request

*Partners across Community Networks will need to collaborate on all of these requirements to complete the work successfully.*

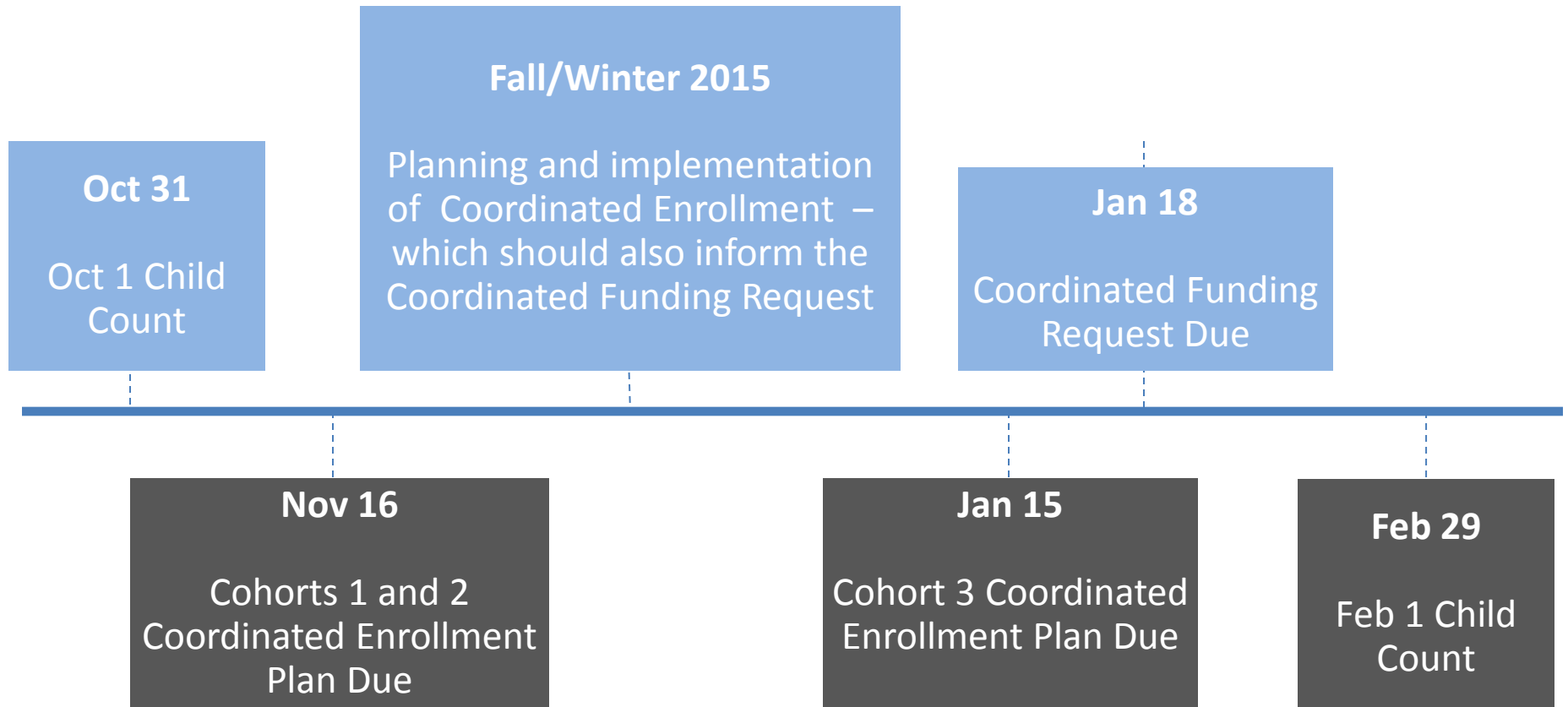
*For communities that are unable or choose not to coordinate enrollment, BESE may appoint a local enrollment coordinator to take over those functions.*

# 2015-2016 Coordinated Enrollment and Funding



# 2015-2016 Learning Year

## Coordinated Enrollment & Funding Request Timeline



# Overview of Coordinated Funding Request



# Coordinated Funding Request Overview

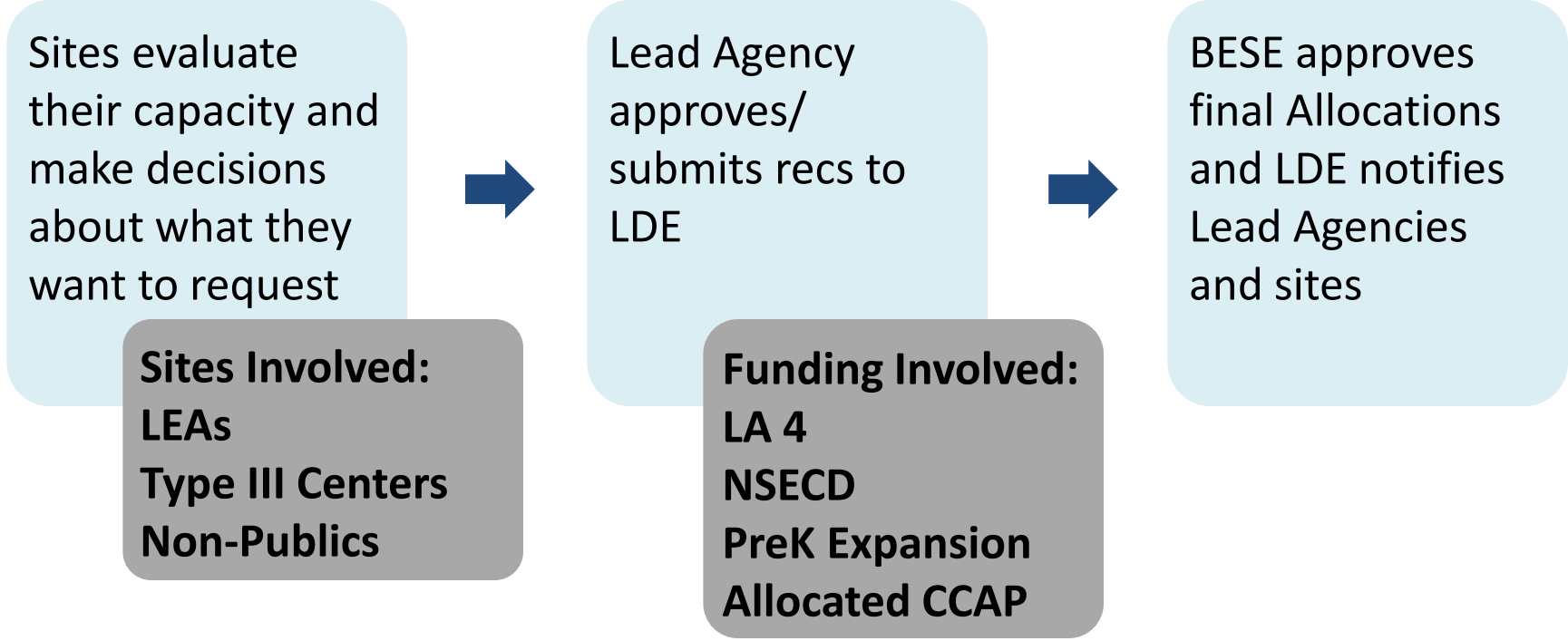
**Bulletin 140** requires each Lead Agency to submit a Coordinated Funding Request on behalf of their Community Network via FTP Folder by January 18, 2016

- Lead Agencies will request seats for programs funded through the LDE: **LA 4, NSECD, PreK Expansion Grant, and Allocated CCAP Seats.**
- These programs serve at-risk children only, and have eligibility requirements for children and families.
- Due to limited funding, all requests may not be granted.

Funding Type	Ages Served	Income Eligibility	Requested By
LA 4	Fours	185% FPL	LEA
NSECD	Fours	185% FPL	Nonpublic School, Type III Center
PreK Expansion Grant	Fours	185% FPL	Type III Center, School
Allocated CCAP Seats	Birth-to-threes	165% FPL	Type III Center

# Coordinated Funding Request Process Overview

LEAs and sites request funding for seats through the Coordinated Funding Request submitted by Lead Agencies.



No seats should be requested from multiple funding sources (for example, request for funding for same 20 seats through NSECD and PreK Expansion Grant).

# Coordinated Funding Request

## Completing the Template

### Each Lead Agency will submit ONE Coordinated Funding Request per Community Network

- The Coordinated Funding Request should be used to request:
  - Continued funding for current seats
  - Additional funding for new seats
- Community Networks should consider the following when completing the Coordinated Funding Request:
  - **Parent Choice:** Where do families want to enroll their children?
  - **Demand:** Are families in particular geographic areas currently underserved?
  - **Capacity:** Can the site serve the number of children for which it is requesting seats?
  - **Optional - Existing Quality Measures:** Does the Community Network want to use existing criteria for ranking requests (e.g., Quality Start ratings, licensing inspections, monitoring violation reports, satisfactory participation in the Community Network)?

*Note: Community Networks should only use existing criteria and be transparent. Results from this current Learning Year should not be used to determine quality (e.g. CLASS observations)*

# Coordinated Funding Request

## Public Comment

### Each Lead Agency must provide opportunity for public comment

*Chapter 709, Part B of Bulletin 140 states that "The lead agency shall provide an opportunity for each publicly-funded program in the community network and the general public in the coverage area of the community network to comment on the proposed funding request prior to submission to the department and shall include documentation of this process in the funding request."*

Providing opportunity for public comment includes but is not limited to:

- Conducting a public hearing, community town hall, or school board meeting that allows for public comment to be submitted
- Distributing the Coordinated Funding Request and allowing for written comment to be submitted, mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered
- Posting the Coordinated Funding Request in a public location or on a website and allowing for written comment to be submitted, mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered

# Coordinated Funding Request Complaints and Reviews

## Bulletin 140 establishes review and complaint processes for providers and families

- Any publicly-funded program may request that the department review an enrollment decision or funding request of its Lead Agency.  
*Programs must email the request to [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov) no later than 10 calendar days after the due date for funding requests Lead Agencies (January 18, 2016).*
- Any program or individual may submit a written complaint to the LDE regarding the action or inaction of the Lead Agency in its Community Network.  
*Complaints must be submitted to [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov) within 30 calendar days of the action or inaction of the Lead Agency upon which the complaint is based.*

# Coordinated Funding Request

## LA 4 Overview

**As Louisiana's largest preschool program, the Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program provides more than 16,000 economically disadvantaged children with early childhood education .**

- Six-hour-a-day program
- Local education agencies (LEAs) apply for seats
- Seats are awarded based on the number of children they anticipate serving during the school year and the availability of funds
- Four-year-olds of families who are at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to attend the program
  - Children from families with higher incomes are also eligible, using district-provided funds or paying tuition
  - LA 4 dollars cannot be used for children who are not income eligible
- Seats are funded in the amount of \$4,580 per child
- All program requirements, including staff credentials, must be met
- Seats can be offered through diverse delivery partnerships with Type III child care centers

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## NSECD Overview

**The Nonpublic Schools Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Program began in 2001 and provides economically disadvantaged children with early childhood education in diverse settings.**

- Six-hour-a-day program
- Nonpublics and Type III child care centers apply for seats
- Seats are awarded based on a number of factors including the number of children they anticipate serving during the school year, the availability of , and community need
- Four-year-olds of families who are at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to attend the program
- Seats are funded in the amount of \$4,580 per child
- All program requirements, including staff credentials, must be met

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## PreK Expansion Grant Overview

**Louisiana was awarded \$32 million over 4 years to expand high-quality preschool programs in high-need communities through partnerships with child care centers. In Year 1, 340 new seats were offered, and in Year 2, an additional 660 new seats will be added.**

- Six-hour-a-day program
- Lead Agencies apply for seats in partnerships with Type III centers or schools
  - Partnerships with Type III centers are highly encouraged
- Seats are awarded based on success as a Community Network, family demand for seats, and at-risk status of the community
- Four-year-olds of families who are at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to attend the program
- Seats are funded in the amount of \$5,185 per child
- All grant requirements, including improving additional seats, providing comprehensive services, and meeting the quality requirements of LA 4 and NSECD, must be met



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## Allocated CCAP Seats - Pilot

**Allocated CCAP Seats are a new opportunity to help child care centers effectively plan for their expected enrollment, have more stable funding, and be better positioned to serve the most at-risk children in a quality setting. Up to 1250 Allocated CCAP seats serving children 0-3 will be available this year.**

- 6-10 hour-a-day program
- Type III child care centers apply for seats
- Seats awarded based on multiple factors, including community need
- Paid for by a monthly allocation from the LDE
- LDE will continuously pay for the CCAP seats as long as the child care center meets the attendance requirements of CCAP
- Only full time seats will be contracted, for the 12 month year
- Each center must specify the age group they would like to serve (3-year-olds, toddlers, or infants) and must be able to serve at least half of a class
- CCAP Vouchers may continue to be accepted in addition to allocated seats
- Centers will be responsible for filling all Allocated Seats. To assist, applications submitted for Allocated CCAP seats will be expedited (10 business days)

# Coordinated Funding Request Template Walk Through

# Next Steps

# Lead Agencies

## Next Steps

### Support/Guidance

- Consult the Coordinated Funding Request Guide
- Attend November Supervisor Collaboratives week of Nov. 16
- Review all of the Bulletin 140 Webinars
- Attend **Coordinated Funding Request Office Hours** on Tuesday, December 1 from 3:00-4:00 PM

### Upcoming Action Items

- Submit Coordinated Enrollment Plans by November 16 (C1/C2) or January 15 (C3)
- Submit Coordinated Funding Request by January 18
- Enter all Fall *CLASS* Observations by December 15

For further questions, contact Kaye Eichler at [Kaye.Eichler@la.gov](mailto:Kaye.Eichler@la.gov)

**The Early Childhood Team currently offers weekly EC Learning Year Office Hours**

Tuesday, Dec. 1 Office Hours will be focused on the Coordinated Funding Request

Note: There are no office hours on 11/17 or 11/24

**Call In: 1-800-832-0736; PIN: 9174840**