

What's new in brightwheel

We're committed to making life easier for administrators, teachers, and families. Every month, we roll out updates designed to save you time and take a little more off your plate. Here's what's new.

Questions about these updates? Contact [brightwheel support](#) or visit the [Help Center](#) anytime.

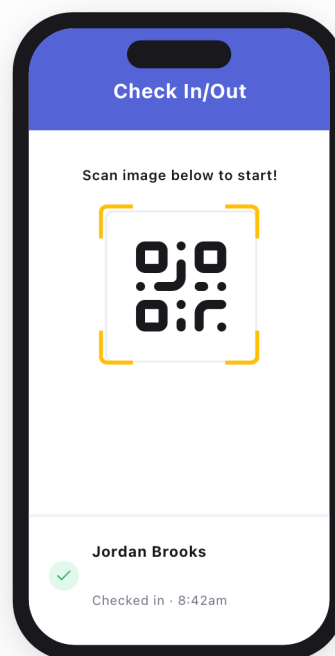
CHECK-IN

Scan a QR code, straight from their camera

Just point and scan.

Families used to open the brightwheel app to scan the QR code to kick off check in. Now they can kick start check in and out in seconds by pointing their phone's camera at your QR code instead. The app still works too, so it's whichever families prefer. Refresh your QR codes before the new school year so every family can check in with their phone camera.

[See what's changed with QR codes](#) →



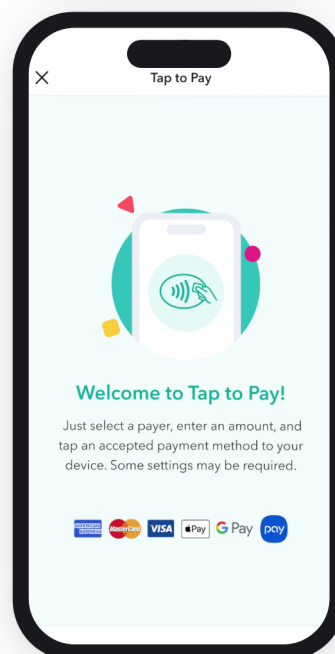
BILLING

In-person payments

Tap to pay, right from your phone.

Accept credit, debit, and FSA cards directly through the brightwheel app — no extra hardware. Collect balances, deposits, and one-time payments onsite, recorded straight into your billing.

[Set up in-person payments](#) →



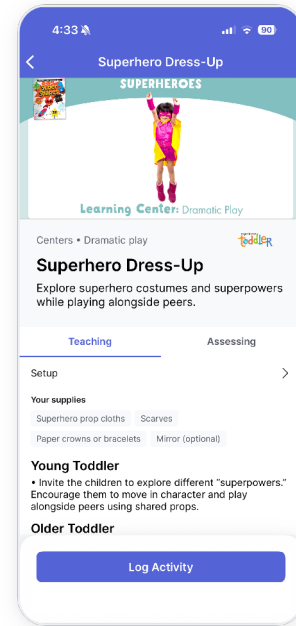
LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Walk in ready, every time

New: teaching and assessing tabs.

No more digging to understand supplies needed or how to run an activity — the teaching tab tells you everything you need to know. The assessing tab shows the skills covered, the benchmarks for each skill, when the teacher last logged an observation, and how many children are at each benchmark level.

[See how it works →](#)



BILLING

Raise your rates without the busywork

Raise your rates in bulk, quickly and easily.

You can now raise your rates in bulk — on billing plan templates, on existing student plans, or both. Update by a percent or a dollar amount, and choose whether to push that same change out to every student plan linked to it. Changes are reflected immediately in the billing tab.

[Manage your rates →](#)

Edit ratesUpdate plansReview

How should we update the rate?
Choose a percentage or dollar change. Only templates checked below will be updated.

☒ **Update by %**
Increase or decrease the template rate by a percentage.
 %

☐ **Update by \$ amount**
Add or subtract a fixed dollar amount from each template.

☒	Name	Billing frequency	Charges	Current	New rate	Change
☒	Infants (6 Weeks - 12 Months) Full-Time (5 Days/week)	Monthly	Infants (6 Weeks - 12 Months) Full-Time (5 Days/week)	\$2,100.00	\$2,205.00	+\$105.00
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Update related student plans?
Choose whether to apply the same rate change to student bill plans created from these templates.

☒ **No, templates only**
Only update the selected plan templates in the library.

☐ **Yes, update related student plans**
Review and select which linked student plans to update.

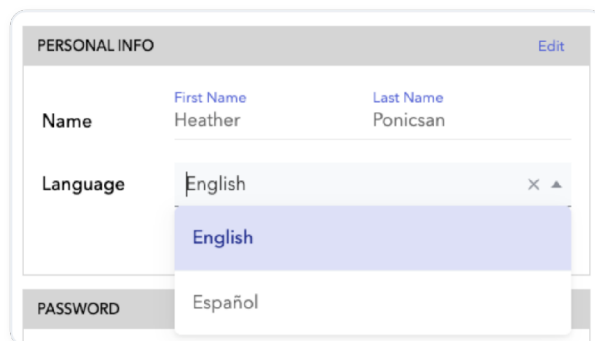
🌐 LANGUAGE

brightwheel, ahora en español

Spanish is now available on web.

Switch your account to Spanish right from your settings — menus, buttons, and messages update across the web app.

[Change your language](#) →



The screenshot shows the 'PERSONAL INFO' section of a user's profile. The 'Name' field is split into 'First Name' (Heather) and 'Last Name' (Ponicsan). The 'Language' field is currently set to 'English' and has a dropdown menu open showing 'English' and 'Español' as options. Below this is the 'PASSWORD' section.

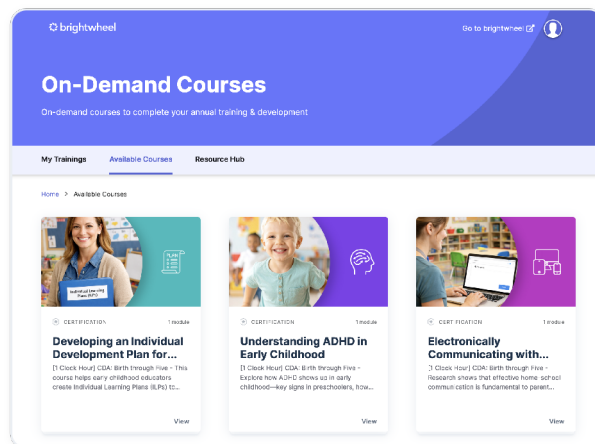
🎓 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sign up for PD on your own time

New: monthly plans, no sales call needed.

Sign up for brightwheel's state-approved course library without booking a call first. Choose monthly billing, or go annual and save 20%.

[Explore courses](#) →



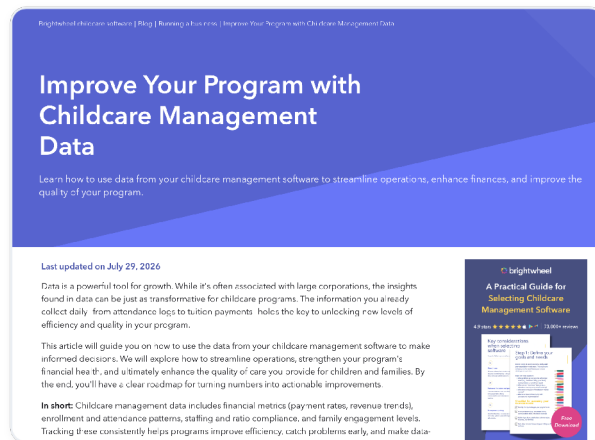
📄 RESOURCES

Turn your program data into better decisions

New on the blog.

Learn how to use data from brightwheel to streamline operations, enhance your finances, and improve the quality of your program.

[Read the blog](#) →



📄 RESOURCES

Throw an open house they'll remember

Free open house celebration kit.

Planning a back-to-school open house? Experience Curriculum put together a free celebration kit — plus a full planning guide — to help you welcome new and returning families in style.

[Download the kit](#) → [Read the planning guide](#) →



 NEW FEATURE

Meet Spotlight

Nothing slips through the cracks.

Spotlight surfaces the tasks that need your attention in brightwheel. It automatically checks your account across billing, enrollment, and more, then gives you a recommended list of what to act on — one clear view of what's incomplete or overdue, so you can stay ahead and keep your school running smoothly.

[See how Spotlight works](#) →

[Take a look](#) →

Spotlight 10 Recommended All Billing Families Staff ⓘ

 **Admissions packet needs review**
Seeded Student_b21a4a · Seeded Enrollment Packet
1m

 **Staff credentials expiring soon**
1 staff has credentials expiring in the next 30 days
1m ×
Soonest expiry
Wed, Aug 5

 **5 timecards missing check-outs**
Enable auto-checkout to prevent recurring payroll errors
1m

 **Staff haven't accepted invite**
1m

 LIVE WEBINAR

Preventing behavior challenges before they start

Child development expert Claire Lerner and Experience Curriculum's Kelly Trygstad on helping teachers build routines, language-rich interactions, and classroom systems that prevent behavior challenges before they start.

 Thu, Aug 6 · 9:00am PT / 12:00pm ET

[Save your seat](#) →

 REFERRALS

Know a program that'd love brightwheel?

Refer a fellow director or owner and earn a free month of brightwheel when they sign on.

[See referral terms](#) →

Your back-to-school roadmap

Every year, brightwheel publishes a back-to-school roadmap filled with brand new features and enhancements our team is building for you. Built for early educators, our roadmap is created with your daily challenges in mind and shaped by your feedback, so you can spend less time on admin work and more time doing what you love. Last year, brightwheel's back-to-school roadmap introduced new features we released. This year, we're excited to unveil the list of new features we're rolling out by the end of fall!

You asked. We built it.

✅ Now available ⬇️ Coming soon

Financial Management

- ✅ **Mobile check deposits:**
Families & Agencies
- ✅ **Tap to pay:** In-person credit card payments
- ✅ **Brightwheel Capital:**
Exclusive access to ECE financial lending*
- ✅ **Bulk raise rates**
- ⬇️ **Bulk upload bill plans**
- ⬇️ **Advanced financial reporting**
 - Revenue projection
 - Running balance ledger

Admissions & Enrollment

- ⬇️ **Brightwheel CRM:**
Powerful suite to capture, nurture, and convert leads into enrolled families
 - Pipeline & lead management
 - Interest forms
 - Tour management
 - Waitlist management
 - Automated communications
- ⬇️ **Enrollment forecasting**
 - Room capacity planning
 - Future opening projections
 - Waitlist to enrollment conversion
- ✅ **Form due dates & expirations**

Curriculum & Assessments

- ⬇️ **Teacher AI Assistant**
 - Personalized learning activities for students
 - Automated insights
- ✅ **Student progress reports**
- ✅ **Learning activity logging & tracking**
- ⬇️ **New curriculum themes**
- ⬇️ **Adaptations to support children with special needs**
- ⬇️ **Curriculum customizations for bilingual learners**

Family Engagement

- ✅ **Calendar updates**
 - Month view
 - Personal calendar integration
- ✅ **QR check-in directly from phone camera**
- ⬇️ **Messaging: automatic language translations**

Staff & Site Management

- ⬇️ **Admin AI Assistant**
 - Ask anything
 - Smart tasks
- ⬇️ **Professional Development:** CDA course pathways
- ✅ **Multi-site management**
 - Bill plan templates
 - Org dashboard with balances & payments
 - Student transfers
 - Form templates
- ✅ **Menus & CACFP**
 - Menu templates
 - Auto menu uploads
 - Menus on mobile
 - CACFP compliance checks
- ✅ **Web app: universal search**
- ✅ **Web app: Spanish version**

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