

US Early Education Policy Trends

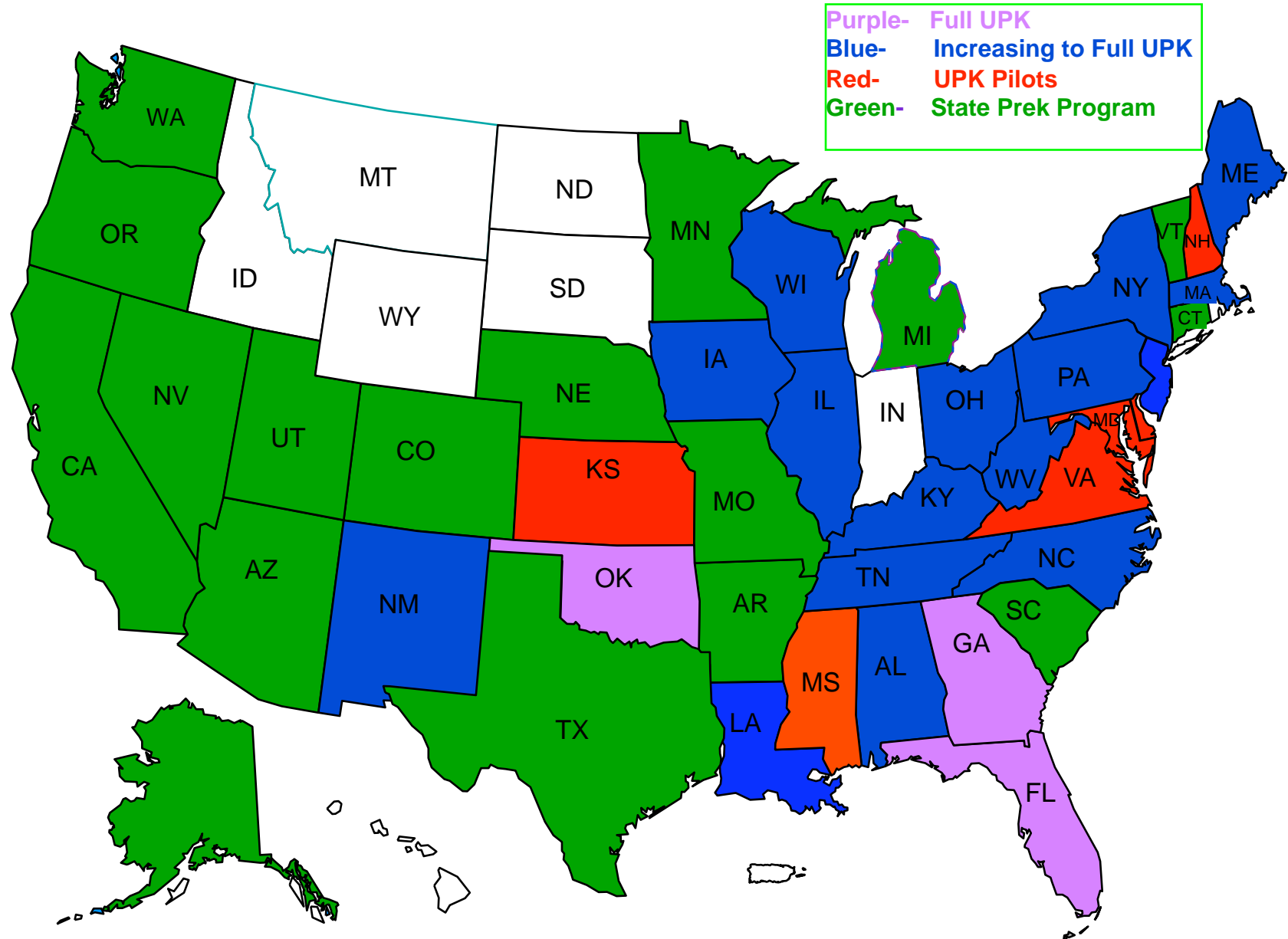
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Development of US State and National ECE Systems

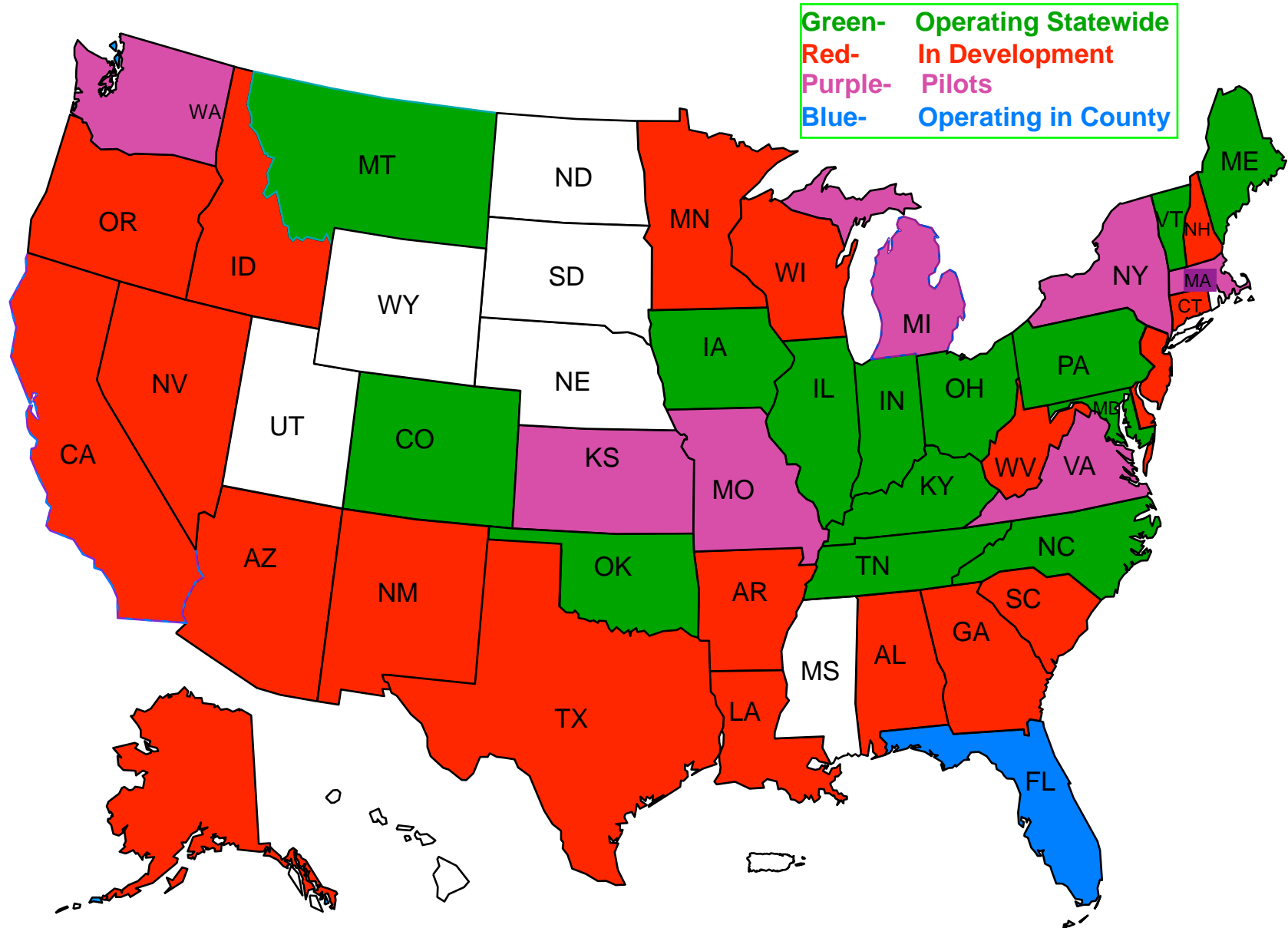
Key Issues:

- *Developing systems where no systems existed
 - *Our feelings about child care, thus what is the role of government
 - *Child Care as a Public Structure v. Personal Responsibility
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- Funding
 - Definition and Assessment of Quality
 - Child Placements
 - School Readiness: Relationship with K-20 System

2008- State PreK and UPK Programs

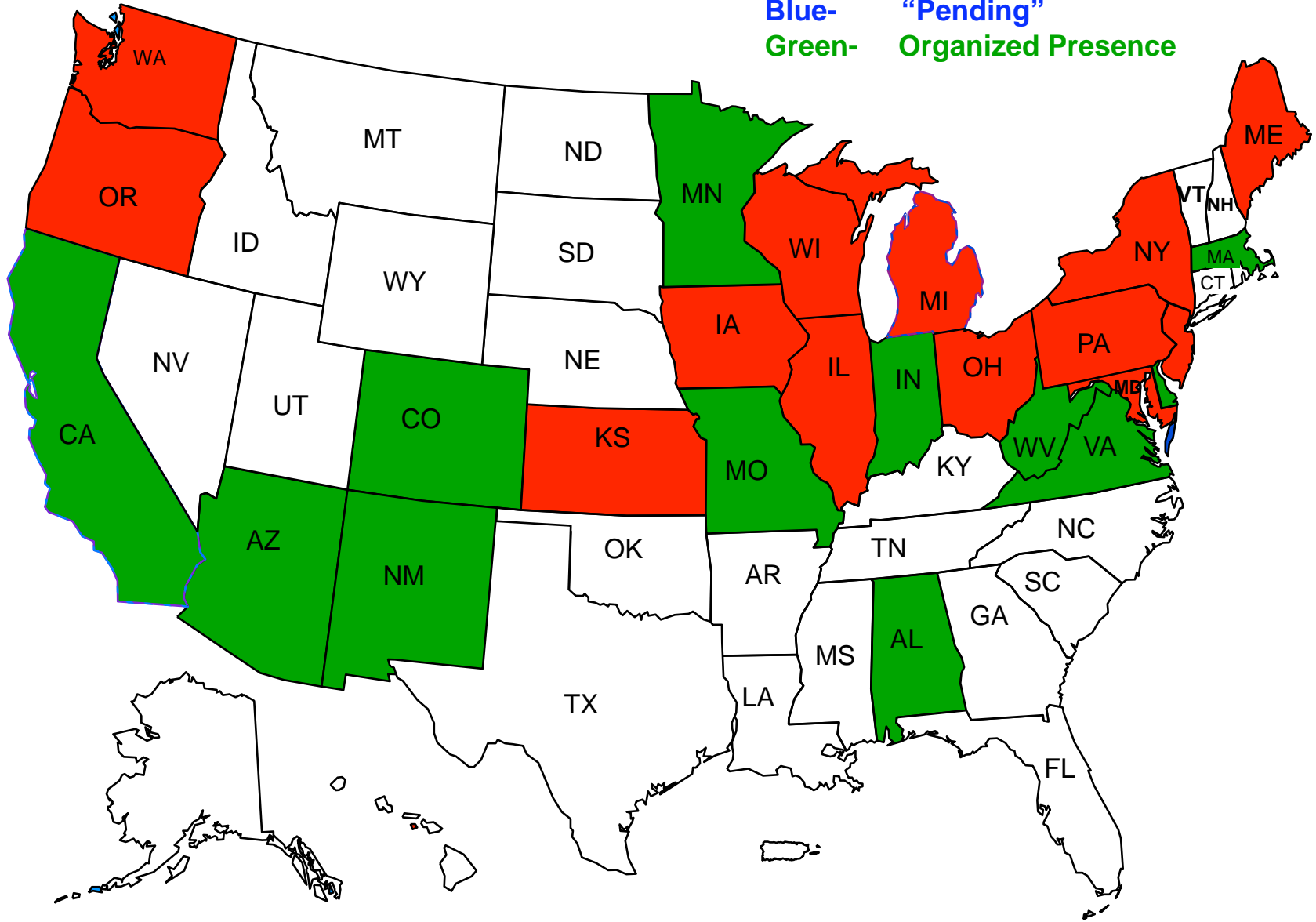


2008- Quality Rating System Development



2008 Home Child Care Unionization

Red- Unionized States
Blue- "Pending"
Green- Organized Presence



Moving Forward

- Impact of Economy/ State Budget Gaps
- Child Care as a Public Structure v. Personal Responsibility
- Quality Issues
 - Externally Validated Quality
 - Staff Credentials/ Workforce
- PreK vs. Subsidy
- Legislating Unionization

Rhetorical Question- What Is Our Defined Goal