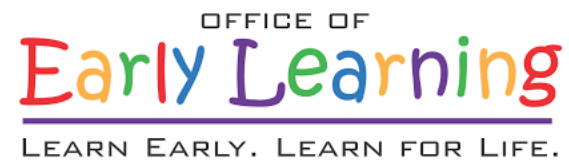




June 4, 2020



Board Meeting

This month's Board of Directors Meeting will be on June 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar only at:

<https://zoom.us/j/3659213194>

or

(646) 558-8656 using meeting ID number 365 921 3194



Community Information

F.L.O.W. Summer Reading



The Bay County Public Library Foundation wants to provide books, free of charge, to child care providers across Bay County! The goal of this program is to increase literacy in young children and foster their love for reading at an early age. This program is currently only distributing books across Bay county, but we are still hoping to spread this program throughout surrounding counties in the future.

To request books from F.L.O.W please submit a request to the [Redline](#) .



Community Partner: Florida Kid Care



We are here to help!

In a time when the health and safety of our community is most important, help keep the children in your center insured.

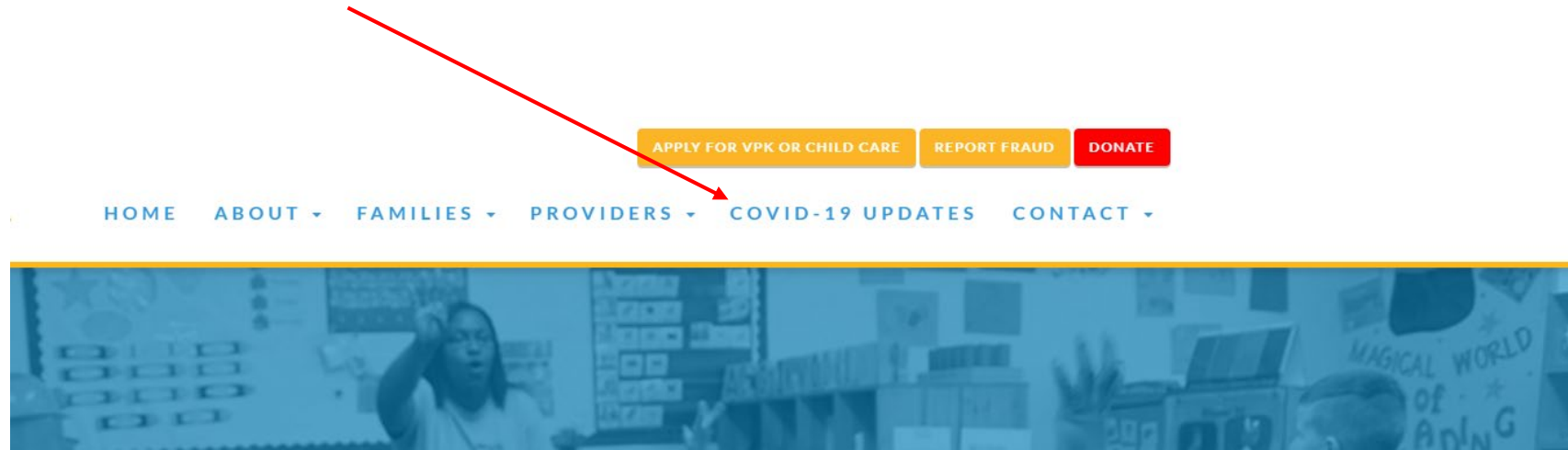
Encourage families in your centers to contact ELCNWF for information and assistance applying for Florida Kid Care.

Call 850-747-5400 or request CCR&R at

www.elcnwf.org/families/ccrr/



COVID-19 Resource Page



Don't forget to visit www.elcnwf.org/covid-19-updates/ for access to resources, and up-to-date information for providers, parents, and teachers.



VPK Information

VPK Enrollments as of May 29, 2020



Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
School Based	591	23	50	25	85	180	114	1068
Non-School Based	422	18	21	43	51	104	31	690
	1013	41	71	68	136	284	145	1758

VPK Contract Corner

- As the 2019-2020 VPK Program year comes to an end, we will begin issuing the VPK Applications for next year.
- Providers on Probation must have an APPROVED Improvement Plan in place for at least 30 days prior to receiving an Advance Payment and for at least 30 days prior to offering VPK Instruction for the next VPK Program Year.
- Contracts will not be finalized until the 2019-20 VPK Verification is completed.

VPK Contract Corner

- **If you want VPK advance payment**, completed VPK applications are due prior to June 15, 2020.
- Certificates of Eligibility **MUST** be enrolled prior to July 1, 2020 to be considered for advanced payment
- If you **do not want VPK advance payment**, completed VPK applications are due prior to July 1, 2020.
- Certificates of Eligibility **MUST** be enrolled prior to July 31, 2020



SR Information

SR Contract Corner

- Current 2019-20 SR Contracts expire on June 30, 2020.
- The EFS Mod Release 4.4 which contains the 2020-21 SR Contracts module has not been released. The Office of Early Learning (OEL) will be releasing information regarding the 2020-21 SR Contract Process later this week.

What we do know is:

- There is a proposed extension of the 2019-20 SR Contract
- Program assessments and H&S Inspections must be conducted prior to the extension
- School readiness providers have until September 30, 2020 to implement an approved curriculum.

The approved list, effective July 1, 2020, is available on the Office of Early Learning's website

- Please stay tuned to the BLAST for additional information as it becomes available.

Rule 6M-4.740/4.741: Program Assessment Requirements for School Readiness Program



2020-2021 Thresholds

- **Contract Minimum Threshold 3.5**

School Readiness providers must achieve a composite score at or above the Contract Minimum Threshold on the CLASS Assessment to be eligible for a School Readiness contract

- **Quality Improvement Threshold 4.00**

- **Quality Improvement Plan 3.51-3.99**

School Readiness providers who achieve the minimum composite score for Quality Improvement, but are still emerging in quality, will be placed on a mandatory Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The Early Learning Coalition will identify performance goals and quality improvement strategies to help providers meet quality scores.

SR Match Program Opportunity



- The Coalition is working to complete its annual School Readiness Match (SRMAT) funding request, formerly called the Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) Program, to the Office of Early Learning for the upcoming fiscal year.
- As you may know, this match funding, if approved, allows the Coalition to reimburse providers at 50% for certain eligible children in your program up to the maximum state-approved reimbursement rate, less parent copayments you collect. Providers commit, or “cover”, the additional 50% for a dollar-for-dollar match.
- Participation in this program could benefit a provider who has an employee who needs childcare but is on the SR waiting list and cannot get financial assistance right away.
- Also, parents/guardians qualify for the SRMAT program up to 200% of the federal poverty level rather than 150% for regular SR funding.
- If you are interested in participating, or would like additional information, please email the Redline **no later than Friday, June 5th** so we have time to complete a letter of commitment, if appropriate, to include with our request to OEL.



QUALITY SERVICES

Mini Grants-IMPORTANT

1. Infrastructure Mini Grant
2. Health and Safety Mini Grant
3. Professional Development Mini Grant

All Mini Grants must be submitted by June 30, 2020

Remember, to be eligible for the Infrastructure or Health and Safety Mini Grants, a provider must be open or plan to open within 10 days from the time the application is submitted.

SR Curriculum Purchase

Requirements for the new School Readiness curriculum purchase have been extended to September 30, 2020.

Please review the current approved curriculum list from OEL:
<http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/school-readiness/school-readiness-providers/school-readiness-curriculum>

The Coalition will be sending out a survey, requesting information about curriculum. Please review the approved curriculum list prior to completing the survey.

Mental Health Services available for ELC Children, Families and Child Care Staff



The Coalition is offering support services including the opportunity to talk with **mental health specialists** who can help provide information, support, and even counseling.

These services are **free** to the children and families in your care as well as child care center staff. Sessions can be conducted via phone or video until it is safe to meet in person.

These services are confidential and are designed to help in this time of increased stress and uncertainty.

If you are interested, please send a request to the learningline@elcnwf.org

Child Assessments-Reminder

Beginning contract year 2020-21, if a School Readiness provider would like to receive the child assessment differential for completed child assessments, each provider will need to purchase child assessment slots/seats from one of the three OEL approved child assessment vendors.

- TS Gold: Technical Support: Help Desk 1-866-736- 5913; techsupport@teachingstrategies.com
- ATI-Galileo: Technical and Service Support: 1-866-457-8776
- COR Advantage: help@coradvantage.com or 1-(857) 600-1540

Infant and Toddler Rugs Update



The Infant and Toddler Rugs are scheduled to be delivered on site to the providers that have submitted their request and are open in the 3rd and 4th weeks of June.

Please notify your Quality Zone Specialist when the rug arrives, you will then be instructed to take a picture of the packaging slip and scan it to your Quality Zone Specialist within 2 days of receipt.

Infant and Toddler Supplies

If you are a School Readiness provider and you serve infant and toddlers, you will be receiving infant and toddler supplies, on-site to your center (providers still closed will receive their items later, once open). Items will be coming from three vendors: Lakeshore, Kaplan and Discount School Supply.

Prior to opening boxes, please notify your Quality Zone Specialist that the items have arrived.

Inventory will need to be completed on all items and will require your signature.



Service Numbers

SR Enrollments as of May 29, 2020



Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	81	6	0	0	8	31	15	141
Ones	176	9	4	1	14	57	32	293
Twos	236	17	8	5	28	92	47	433
Threes	240	9	8	8	26	111	40	442
Fours	206	14	4	8	31	77	32	372
Fives	128	11	3	7	13	60	21	243
School Age	295	27	4	1	49	105	55	536
Special Needs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1362	93	31	30	169	533	242	2460

SR Wait List as of May 29, 2020

Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	18	0	0	0	2	8	5	33
Ones	17	0	0	1	1	2	3	24
Twos	15	1	0	0	2	2	4	24
Threes	16	0	0	0	0	6	2	24
Fours	9	0	0	1	1	5	1	17
Fives	11	0	0	0	0	3	1	15
School Age	65	1	0	0	2	27	8	103
	151	2	0	2	8	53	24	240

First Responder and Health Care Worker Placements



- As of May 29th, 305 children have been enrolled under the BG1-ESS eligibility code.
- We continue to receive first responder/health care worker referrals daily.
- If you have a parent that is a first responder or health care worker, you can send their information through the redline or have them contact the Communications and CCR&R department at 850-747-5400 ext. 108 or ext. 117.

Eligibility Caseload Model



- We've updated the caseload model due to a change in personnel.
- If a provider has a question about a parent/guardian's SR or VPK eligibility or enrollment, they can contact their Coalition Family Support Specialist by calling (850) 747-5400 and their extension or email them at firstname.lastname@elcnwf.org.

<u>Caseload</u>	<u>Specialist Assigned</u>	<u>Extension</u>
A-D	Ramona Riley	205
E-K	Hilda Brumfield	121
L-P	Ashley Callahan	133
Q-V	Glenda Melvin	116
Wa-Wh	Jennifer Kent	115
Wi-Z	Angela Lewis	203

Reimbursement Information

Let's talk about
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SR Reconciliation



- Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to work on the 2018-19 SR true ups.
- We are waiting for OEL to complete Phase 3 of their data fixes in EFS Mod.
- Once Phase 3 is completed we will be able to begin setting up the Provider Review Meetings.
- Providers will need to complete Settlement Agreements to close out the review.



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