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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Congratulations! By reaching out to the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Program, you have taken a great step toward your child's future success in school and in life. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a FREE and confidential service that is considered the front door for family services in Palm Beach County. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is designed to help you find quality, affordable child care and community resources. We serve whole Palm Beach County.

As you requested, enclosed is a list of providers and resources to help guide your search. We generated the list, based on the information you shared, from our database which includes providers who meet state and local licensing requirements. We recommend you make at least one visit before choosing a provider. These resources will help you learn more about your selected provider:

- PBC Department of Health Provider's licensing status and recent inspection reports and history of violations at https://caressearch.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch contact North County 561-837-5900, South County at 561-274-3187 or Belle Glade at 561-983-9269, DCF (888) 352 2842.
- Health & Safety Requirements for School Readiness Child Care Providers https://palmbeach.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/child-care-licensing/index.html
- Gold Seal Quality Care This program recognizes providers committed to providing a higher level of quality care. To learn more, visit https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/parents/gold-seal.stml
- Accreditation To learn about provider accreditation, visit
 https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20625/urlt/GoldSeal-Accred-Assoc.pdf or contact 561-514-3300
- Child Assessment Speak with providers about how they assess children's learning and development, visit https://www.elcpalmbeach.org/inclusion or contact Inclusion Warm Line (888) 620-9190.
- Program Assessment- To learn how providers are evaluated on the quality of teacher-child interactions, Visit
 https://www.elcpalmbeach.org/class or https://www.elcpalmbeach.org/class or https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/prog-assess-sr.stml
 or contact 561-514-3300.
- Provider complaints Submit complaints about providers to DCF via https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/child-family/child-care-resources-families/file-child-care-provider-complaint
- Abuse reporting To report known or suspected child abuse, access DCF's Reporting Concerns for Child Victims form at https://reportabuse.myflfamilies.com/s/ or call 1-800-962-2873.

Other helpful resources:

- Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County at 561-514-3300 www.elcpalmbeach.org
- Division of Early Learning- https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/
- Voluntary Prekindergarten and Readiness Rate Information https://vpkrates.floridaearlylearning.com/home
- Early Steps- https://floridaearlysteps.com/ or 1-800-218-0001, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System https://www.fdlrs.org/ or 386-312-2265 (resources for children with special needs) or 561-434-8975 (resources for children with special needs)

- Florida Kid Care (health insurance) https://www.floridakidcare.org/ 1-888-540-5437. 1-888-540-5437.
- Community Resources 211 www.211.org

If any of the links in this cover letter fail to open, kindly copy and paste them directly into your web browser.

If you need additional Child Care Referrals, community resources or information about School Readiness, Voluntary Prekindergarten, parent educational tools and events please give us a call at 561-514-3300 our offices are open Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM, and on Fridays, we are available only on the phones from 8:00 am-12:00pm

Thank you for contacting CCR&R.

CCR&R Specialist

If you are unhappy with the provided services, you may submit concerns to the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County at **561-514-3300.**













Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

What is the Voluntary Prekindergarten education program?

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a free, high-quality education program designed to prepare Florida's 4-year-olds for kindergarten and build a foundation for their educational success. High-quality VPK providers deliver age-appropriate curricula, including early literacy and math standards, in manageable class sizes led by qualified instructors. State data shows that children who participate in VPK are better prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) partners with 30 early learning coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association to deliver the VPK Program.

Who is eligible?

Children who live in Florida and are 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current year are eligible. Families with children born between February 2 and September 1 may postpone enrolling their 4-year-old until the following year when their child is 5.

What are the benefits?

Children who complete VPK:

- Are more prepared for kindergarten.
- Have better school attendance rates.
- Develop lifelong social skills.
- Are more likely to advance to the next grade.
- Are more likely to graduate high school.

What program options are available?

Parents can choose from private centers and schools, public schools, family childcare homes and specialized instructional services providers. Parents can select from one of several program options.

VPK School-Year Program: 540 Instructional Hours

Class size is 11 students or fewer with one lead instructor or up to 20 students with a lead instructor and an assistant. Instructors must have a minimum of a Florida Child Care Professional Credential.

Specialized Instructional Services Program: Hours Vary Based on Services

VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) is a program option for VPK-age children with current individual educational plans (IEPs). This option allows parents to choose additional therapy services consistent with the child's IEP in lieu of attending VPK in a traditional classroom setting.

VPK Summer Program: 300 Instructional Hours

Class size is 12 students or fewer with one lead instructor and an assistant. Instructors must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Children who participate in VPK are better prepared for kindergarten.

How to apply? Visit https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com or call at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).



Link to sign up for VPK



Link to DEL Website





Florida's School Readiness Program

What is the School Readiness (SR) program?

Florida's School Readiness Program offers financial assistance to eligible low-income families for early education and care so they can become financially self-sufficient and their young children can be successful in school in the future. Services vary based on individual needs and range from extended care to school-age care. Parents can choose from private centers and schools, public schools and family childcare homes.

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) partners with 30 early learning coalitions throughout the state and Redlands Christian Migrant Association to deliver the School Readiness Program.

Who is eligible?

There are three primary eligibility requirements:

- Gross income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level for family size.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) must work or participate in an educational activity such as attending college or trade school at least 20 hours per week.
- Families must pay a copayment for child care based on income and family size.

Other children may be eligible if they have special needs or are at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment, or if their parents are homeless, victims of domestic violence or income-eligible migrant workers.

How does the SR program help families?

- Prepares young children to start kindergarten ready to learn.
- Helps working families afford quality early learning services.
- Keeps parents in the workforce and/or participating in educational or training activities.
- Helps families become financially independent.
- Provides parents information about child development and family well-being.

All providers meet quality standards established by the DEL as well as state and federal health and safety requirements.

Children's early learning experiences help prepare them for kindergarten.

How to apply? Visit https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com or call at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).



Link to sign up for SR



Link to DEL Website

QUALITY CHECKLIST

For Child Care





EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA

Child Care Resource and Referral

The Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Program is a statewide program that helps families:

- Identify and select quality early learning programs.
- Connect to local community agencies and resources.
- Engage in their children's education and learning.
- Locate financial resource options.

School Readiness Program

The School Readiness Program (SR) provides subsidies for child care services and early childhood education for children of low-income families; children at risk of abuse and neglect; and children with disabilities. The program supports children in the development of skills for success in school and provides parents with information and resources on child development. Services vary based on individual needs and range from early education and care to after-school and school-age care in some instances.

Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) is a state program designed to prepare children in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. VPK gives each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life with quality programs that offer high literacy standards, accountability, age-appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, managed class sizes and qualified instructors. Parents can enroll their child in the state's VPK program if their child is 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year. If the child's birthday is between February 2 and September 1, parents may choose to wait and enroll their child the following year at age 5. Eligible children can participate in one of three VPK program options:

- VPK School-Year Program 540 instructional hours
- VPK Summer Program 300 instructional hours
- VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) Program

Head Start and Early Head Start

The Head Start and Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Programs provide comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent engagement services to low-income families and their children ages birth through 5. HS/EHS provides child care and education for children in a classroom setting.

OBSERVATION TIPS

Look and Listen

You learn a great deal by watching and listening to what is happening in a child care setting. Children should be happy and engaged in age-appropriate activities. Teachers should be kind, nurturing and responsive to all children in their care. Listen to the words teachers use when talking to the children. Children need to hear a wide variety of words to promote their language development.

Ask Questions

If you have any questions or concerns, write them down as they occur to you. Ask for a time to discuss them with the director or teacher. The directors and teachers should be willing to answer your questions and address any concerns you may have.

Pay Attention to Your Instincts

Take note of any uneasy feelings you may have during your visit. You know your child best. If possible, take your child with you and see how they react to the new space and people. Children respond in their own unique ways to changes in their routines. Be careful not to rule out other factors that could influence your child's reaction such as being hungry or tired. Trust your instincts and your ability to make wise decisions for your child. You want to feel good about your child spending many hours each day in a program or preschool.

Consider Costs

Take into consideration any additional fees. Carefully weigh the pros and cons of each child care program, director and teacher you visit. Decide which early learning program meets the greatest number of your priorities at a rate you can afford. Keep in mind that the highest cost for child care does not guarantee the best quality. Likewise, the least expensive rates do not necessarily suggest poor quality.

Make an Informed Decision

Your first concern is your child's safety, health and welfare. Every facility will have positive features, but only you can decide what is most important. Now that you have done your homework and some careful thinking, you are ready to make your choice. Remember, selecting and placing your child in an early learning program is just the beginning. Talk to your child's teacher often and make scheduled and unannounced visits to ensure your child is happy and your decision was the right one.

Types of Care

Family Child Care Homes

Family child care takes place in a person's home for children from unrelated families. Group size may vary according to preferences of the family child care provider; however, the provider must maintain required ratios at all times. Ages of children may often be mixed, although some providers serve only a specific age group (such as infants, toddlers or preschoolers). Different requirements apply to different programs, with some family child care homes being licensed and some registered.

Child Care Centers

Early learning centers may be licensed or license-exempt and are usually located in spaces adapted for early learning purposes. These include stand-alone centers and those located in businesses, homes, apartment complexes, public schools, universities, hospitals and faith-based organizations. Prekindergarten programs (both school-based and non-school-based), Head Start programs, on-site employee early learning centers and faith-based centers are some of the types of child care centers available.

School-Age Program

A school-age program is a licensed or license-exempt program that serves school-age children. A school-age child is one who is at least 5 years old by September 1, and who is attending kindergarten or a higher grade level. The setting for a school-age program may be a public or private school, private center, family child care home, faith-based center or community/recreation program. School-age programs may be open before and/or after school as well as full days during teacher planning days and spring, winter and summer breaks.

Select child care facilities you plan to visit and write their information here.			
Child Care 1			
Child Care 2			
Child Care 3			

Child Care Information					
Questions to Ask/ Things to Consider	Child Care 1	Child Care 2	Child Care 3		
How far is it from home/work?					
Do the hours of operation and holiday schedule accommodate your work schedule?					
What is the rate or cost of care?					
Are there discounts or priority for siblings?					
Are there any additional fees and how often are they due? • Supplies/materials • Meals/snacks • Registration/application • Early drop-off/late pick-up • Field trips/special activities • Late payment • Other fees					
What are the drop-off and pick-up times?					
Does the provider charge when a child is out sick or on vacation?					
Does the provider offer safe and reliable transportation?					
Are there staff with specialized training for children with a variety of special needs?					
Does the provider participate in the School Readiness (SR) Program?					
Does the provider participate in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program?					
Does the provider offer Head Start or Early Head Start?					

Health and Safety					
Questions to Ask/ Things to Consider	Child Care 1	Child Care 2	Child Care 3		
Is the provider licensed or accredited?					
Can the provider supply their state inspection history?					
Does the provider have completed background checks on all staff?					
Is the setting/classroom clean and welcoming?					
Are emergency and security plans in place?					
How are children accounted for throughout the day?					
Is the front entry always locked and staffed for security?					
Is there a safe, fenced outdoor area?					
Do children 2 years old and younger play separately from the older children?					
What is the provider's policy for administering and storing medications?					
Are healthy and nutritious snacks/ meals provided?					
How often does diapering/toileting occur?					
Is handwashing done frequently?					
Do the children have an opportunity to play outside each day?					
Is there a variety of outside equipment/toys available and appropriate for various ages?					
Is there shade available outside where the children play?					
Are fire extinguishers and smoke detectors on site and is a fire drill plan available?					

Did you know?

The Florida Department of Children and Families and local licensing agencies monitor and inspect licensed child care programs and license-exempt School Readiness (SR) programs to ensure compliance with health and safety, background screening and training requirements and state and federal laws.

You can find child care inspection reports and other valuable resources on their website at https://caressearch.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch.

Do you know your early learning coalition?

The Division of Early Learning partners with 30 early learning coalitions (ELCs) and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to provide these child care options as part of the SR program. The ELCs and RCMA can provide significant support as you make your decision. Find your local coalition at www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/directory.

Well-Trained Staff						
Questions to Ask/Things to Consider	Child Care 1	Child Care 2	Child Care 3			
How long have the teachers and director worked for the provider?						
How is teacher turnover managed?						
How are teacher absences managed?						
Are teachers or the director trained to administer developmental screenings and identify children who may need additional services?						
Does the provider participate in a local quality rating and improvement system or has there been a program assessment completed recently?						
Does the provider have a Gold Seal designation?						

QRIS

A Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is designed to assess and improve the quality of early learning programs. Florida does not have a statewide QRIS program; however, some counties have implemented a local QRIS. Check with your local early learning coalition to see if they have a QRIS and what information they can give you about your potential provider.

Program Assessment

Child care centers in Florida participating in the SR and VPK programs receive an assessment using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) tool. CLASS® is an observation-based program assessment that measures the quality of interactions between teachers and children. CLASS® is recognized internationally for capturing elements within a classroom that improve child outcomes including increased math achievement, stronger vocabulary and reading outcomes and better classroom behavior. Providers are assessed annually and must achieve a minimum score to be eligible to offer an SR or VPK program. If a provider participates in either program, ask about their CLASS® score.





Environments for Learning				
Questions to Ask/Things to Consider	Child Care 1	Child Care 2	Child Care 3	
Is there a primary teacher for each age group?				
What are the ratios? (ex. one adult for four infants).				
Are toys, books and furniture clean and in good shape?				
Is the classroom arranged in a way that toys and materials are accessible to children?				
Are the children engaged in activities?				
Do teachers read daily to children and are books provided for children to use independently?				
Are songs, finger plays and interactive nursery rhymes part of daily routines?				
Is there space for active and quiet play?				
How does the child care program use technology to support learning? How often is technology used?				

What are Positive Teacher-Child Relationships?

In early childhood settings, each interaction between a teacher and child is an opportunity to develop positive relationships.

To build positive relationships, teachers should:

- Engage in one-on-one interactions with children.
- Get on the child's level for face-to-face interactions.
- Use a pleasant, calm voice and simple language.
- Provide warm, responsive physical contact.
- Follow the child's lead and interest during play.
- Help children understand classroom expectations.
- Redirect children when they engage in challenging behavior.
- Listen and encourage listening.
- Acknowledge children for their accomplishments and effort.





Family Engagement				
Questions to Ask/Things to Consider	Child Care 1	Child Care 2	Child Care 3	
Can parents stop by anytime?				
Are parents encouraged to volunteer or participate in activities?				
Is there a daily method of communication between the teachers and parents?				
Is there a weekly schedule posted in a visible location?				
Is your initial reaction upon entering the child care program a positive one?				

Family engagement is important because it:

- Supports children's kindergarten readiness skills.
- Increases children's motivation and reduces challenging behavior.
- Improves children's development with impulse control, attention span, memory and planning skills.
- Supports the healthy development of all children.

How can families get involved?

- Communicate with the director or teacher on a regular basis.
- Create a positive learning environment at home.
- Read to your child daily.
- Participate in community events for families.
- Volunteer at the child care center or in a classroom.
- Partipcate in family meetings, parent teacher conferences and parenting classes.
- Join the child care center's advisory board or groups that help make decisions for the child care facility.



Contact Us

For more information, please contact your local early learning coalition. The CCR&R State Network can help connect you with your coalition.



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Locate Your Early Learning Coalition

THE FAMILY GUIDE

to Selecting Quality Early Learning Programs

A Parent's Guide to Child Care





Welcome to the World of Early Learning!

Choosing an early learning program for your child that meets the needs of your family is an important decision that requires time and willingness to learn about the many types of child care options. This guide is provided by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Division of Early Learning (DEL) to help you make choices about programs available in your community.

You should plan to visit several child care providers before making a decision. On your visits, observe and talk with the teachers and parents of children in the program. The teachers should be qualified, organized and openly share program expectations, policies and procedures. Policies may address topics such as fees, meals, discipline, illness, attendance and emergencies. Ask the staff to talk about the daily activities they organize for the children and how they encourage children to meet developmental milestones, which are activities most children can do by a certain age. Walk around the inside and the outside of the child care facility to be certain that you feel confident that your child would be in a safe, happy and healthy environment.

Choose Wisely

The right early learning program helps your child explore their surroundings and develop their social and communication skills. Look for a positive and caring relationship between the teacher and children. Make sure the teacher is willing to talk about your child's learning and will share concerns that may require follow-up with your child's health-care provider. When you walk into the child care center or home, the atmosphere should be cheerful and one that you can trust. The children should be having fun and the program should include experiences and activities you think are important for your child.

Make an Informed Decision

DEL has a Quality Checklist for guidance on what to look for and questions to ask during your visit of an early learning program. It is a good idea to visit three or more programs for at least 30 minutes each. If possible, bring your child with you on scheduled and unannounced visits, ask questions that will help you make the best choice for your child and visit your selected provider for a second time. Request references and talk to other parents about their child's learning experiences and how the program communicates with families.

Before making a final decision, check the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) child care licensing website for inspection information about any licensed program you are considering.

Child Care Resource and Referral Services

You can get help in researching and learning about early learning programs. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a free service provided by your local early learning coalition. Trained staff can answer your questions to help you choose the best early learning option for your family, provide a child care list customized to your preferences and offer referrals and information about other services available in your community. Child care options may be available in the evenings, overnight or on the weekends to accommodate work schedules. Help is available by phone, in person and via email. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

Inclusive Programs

Inclusive early learning programs for children with special needs are designed to provide an educational setting in which all children, regardless of ability, can participate in a broad range of activities that support their growth and development. If you have a child with a disability, developmental delay or special health care need, contact the local early learning coalition for assistance with finding a program that meets the individual needs of your child and family. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).





QUALITY CHILD CARE

Research identifies essential indicators in quality child care programs. When implemented in a child care program, these quality indicators support children's healthy development and learning.

Quality Indicator	Observations	What to look for
Health & Safety	Caregivers ensure the health and safety of children in their care.	 Detailed procedures to maintain hygiene and prevent illness, including proper diapering, toileting and hand washing. Infants are always placed on their backs for safe sleep.
Well-Trained Staff	Staff receive training and support to meet the needs of all children.	 Teachers have education in early childhood, maintain current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification and complete ongoing training. Staff are offered opportunities for professional learning and share ideas with families to support learning.
Environments for Learning	Environments are nur- turing with daily routines that make children feel safe.	 Toys, books, furniture and outdoor equipment are clean and in good condition. Materials are accessible to children.
Small Groups with Optimal Ratios	Secure relationships between teachers and children are promoted by having small groups and low child-to-teacher ratios.	 Small group sizes and ratios are maintained so children receive more individualized time and attention. Teachers stay attentive and engaged with their small group.
Primary Caregiving & Continuity of Care	Teachers are given roles as primary caregivers for their children in their class, helping build meaningful relationships with the child and family.	 The same teacher continues to be the child's primary teacher as that child grows. Each child is assigned a primary teacher.

Quality Indicator	Observations	What to look for
Active & Responsive Caregiving	Teachers are responsive to children's needs, helping children regulate their emotions.	Predictable routines and schedules are used daily.All children are respected.
Curriculum & Individualization	Teachers use curriculum that encourages learning through relationships and play.	 Infants and toddlers are taught skills through routines and play. Teachers individualize instruction to meet the needs of all children. Activities and goals meet the developmental needs of each child.
Language & Literacy	Children are offered opportunities to learn and develop language skills in many different ways.	 Books and toys are used to promote conversations with children. Songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays are used to encourage language. Teachers read to children often during the day.
Family Engagement	Families are treated as partners in their child's development.	 Teachers communicate with families frequently. Families are welcome in their children's classes. Families give input on some program decisions.
Comprehensive Support Services	Families are strengthened through connections to community supports.	 Teachers share developmental milestones with families and keep them informed of their children's progress. Families are connected with community resources and services as needed.



TYPES OF EARLY LEARNING PROVIDERS

Child Care Centers

Early learning centers may be licensed or license-exempt and can include stand-alone centers and facilities located in businesses, homes, apartment complexes, public schools, universities, hospitals and faith-based organizations. Prekindergarten programs (both school-based and non-school-based), Head Start programs, on-site employee early learning centers and faith-based centers are some of the types of child care centers available.

Licensed Child Care Centers

Licensed centers must submit a complete licensure application and pass an initial inspection by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the local licensing agency. Once the license is issued, these programs are inspected throughout the year to ensure health and safety standards continue to be met. To meet the standards, these centers must:

- Meet physical facility requirements.
- Follow health, safety and nutrition standards.
- Maintain enrollment and attendance records.
- Allow parents/guardians access to their children at all times.
- Comply with annual inspection schedules.
- Meet staff and director training requirements.
- Maintain current CPR and First Aid certifications.
- Conduct background screenings of all child care personnel.
- Document current immunization records and physical examinations for all children in care.
- Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs.

Religious-Exempt Centers

Some faith-based child care centers are eligible for exemption from child care licensing. These centers must be an integral part of a church or faith-based school and must:

- Be accredited by or a member of a state-recognized accrediting body.
- Comply with state and federal background screening requirements.
- Meet local governing requirements for city or county health and safety regulations.

- Maintain enrollment and attendance records.
- Maintain current CPR and First Aid certifications.
- Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs.

Adult-to-Child Ratios for Licensed and Religious-Exempt Centers Ratios represent the number of children that one adult may supervise for each age group. Ratios are regulated by DCF. Required staff-to-child ratios are listed below:

- Birth to 12 months (1:4)
- 12-24 months (1:6)
- 2-year-olds (1:11)
- 3-year-olds (1:15)
- 4-5-year-olds in Voluntary Prekindergarten Programs School-year Programs (1:11)
 Summer Programs (1:12)
- 4-5-year-olds (1:20) not in Voluntary Prekindergarten Programs
- 5 years of age and older (1:25)

Family Child Care Homes

Family child care takes place in a person's home for children from unrelated families. Group size may vary according to preferences of the family child care provider; however, the provider must maintain required ratios at all times.

Ages of children may often be mixed, although some providers serve only a specific age group (such as infants, toddlers or preschoolers). Different requirements apply to different programs, with some family child care homes being licensed and some registered.

Registered Family Child Care Homes

These providers are required to meet the following state requirements:

- · Register annually with DCF.
- Complete and provide parents/guardians an annual health and safety home inspection checklist.
- Complete background screening for all adults and juveniles in the household.
- Complete introductory training, early literacy training and additional hours of annual professional learning.
- Maintain children's immunization records.



Licensed Family Child Care Homes

Licensed family child care home providers must meet all requirements listed above for registered family child care homes and the following additional licensing requirements regulated by DCF or the local licensing agency:

- Comply with health, safety and nutrition guidelines.
- · Maintain enrollment and attendance records.
- Comply with licensing standards of local and state governments.
- Maintain current pediatric CPR and First Aid certifications.
- Pass an inspection prior to receiving a child care operating license.
- · Comply with licensing inspections annually.
- Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs.

Large Family Child Care Homes

A large family child care home is a home in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment, fee or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for profit, and has at least one full-time employee on the premises during the hours of operation in addition to the operator of the home.

Large family child care home providers must meet all requirements for licensed family child care homes and additional regulations by DCF. Prior to applying for this license, the operator must have operated as a licensed family child care home for two consecutive years.

Adult-to-Child Ratios for Family Child Care Homes

Family child care homes (FCCH) are regulated by DCF. An FCCH may care for one of the following groups of children, including the provider's own children under 13 years of age:

- A maximum of four children from birth to 12 months of age.
- A maximum of three children from birth to 12 months of age, and other children, for a maximum total of six children.
- A maximum of six preschool children if all are older than 12 months of age.
- A maximum of 10 children if no more than five are preschool age and, of those five, no more than two are under 12 months of age.

Large Family Child Care Home Ratios

Large FCCHs may provide care for one of the following groups of children,

including household children under 13 years of age:

- A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age.
- A maximum of 12 children, with no more than four children under 24 months of age.

Gold Seal and Accreditation

The Gold Seal Quality Care Program recognizes child care centers and family child care homes (either licensed or license-exempt) that are accredited by nationally recognized agencies and whose standards reflect quality in the level of care and supervision provided to children. To access the list of current approved agencies participating in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program, visit DEL's website.

SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Licensed or License-Exempt

A school-age program is a licensed or license-exempt program that serves only school-age children. A school-age child is one who is at least 5 years old and is attending kindergarten or a higher grade level. The setting for a school-age program may be a public or private school, private center, family child care home, faith-based center or community/recreation program. School-age programs may be open before and/or after school as well as full days during teacher planning days, spring, winter and summer breaks.

Licensed Programs

Licensed programs must pass inspections to ensure that specific requirements are met such as:

- Physical facility requirements.
- Health, safety and nutrition standards.
- Maintenance of enrollment and attendance records.
- Parental access to children in care at all times.
- Compliance with annual inspections.
- Completion of 40 hours of required training, plus a minimum of 10 hours in-service annually thereafter.
- Submission of screening and background checks of all employees/ caregivers.
- Ratio of one adult for 25 children.
- Supervisor/director holds a director's credential (multi-site supervision of school-age child care programs is permitted).



License-Exempt Programs

The following programs are exempt from school-age care licensure but must meet minimum background screening requirements as outlined in Florida law. These programs can be exempt from licensure if the program is a:

- Public/non-public school site.
- Instructional/tutorial program.
- Open Access program.
- National membership afterschool program.
- Program exclusively for children in grades 6 and above.

UNREGULATED CARE

Unregulated child care does not require licensure or compliance inspections by the state.

Informal Care

Informal care takes place in a person's home where one adult cares for children from only one family. The person is often a relative, neighbor or friend. This type of care has no state guidelines or inspections. Informal providers may qualify to participate in the School Readiness program after completing a six-hour health and safety course and by meeting local early learning coalition requirements.

Au Pair/Nanny Care

Au pairs provide families with individualized, live-in child care. Most au pairs are members of one of 14 federally designated U.S. Au Pair Sponsor Agencies, which are regulated by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Exchange Visitor Program. Nannies may also be hired by families locally to care for the children of one family and may live in or out of the family's home.

Summer Camps and Recreational Programs

Summer camps and summer day camps are recreational, educational and enrichment programs operated exclusively during summer vacation. These programs care for school-age children. Adult/child ratios of summer camps vary. This type of care requires no state inspections. All summer camp and summer day camp personnel must pass a background screening.

Membership Programs

Not-for-profit programs are associated with or certified by national

organizations. Personnel are not subject to DCF screenings. An example of these organizations is the Boys & Girls Club, which frequently offers an after-school program.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

School Readiness Program

The School Readiness (SR) program provides subsidies for child care services and early childhood education for children of low-income families; children at risk of abuse and neglect; and children with disabilities. The SR program supports children in the development of skills for success in school, recognizing parents and caregivers as their child's first teacher. The program prepares children to be ready for school and provides parents and caregivers with information on child development and other topics of interest. Services vary based on individual needs and range from early education and care to after-school and school-age care.

Program Highlights

- Helps income-eligible families become financially independent and pay for quality child care.
- Promotes parental choice and allows working parents to make informed decisions about child care and early learning.
- Provides education to parents on child development and family well-being.
- Enhances the quality and increases the availability of child care.
- Requires all providers to meet quality standards established by DEL and state and federal health and safety requirements.

How to Apply

Parents can apply for the SR program by submitting an application online using DEL's Family Portal available on DEL's website. Parents can use a computer, cell phone or other smart device, or can contact the local early learning coalition to apply in person. Applications are processed by the local early learning coalition.

Next Steps

Once a parent applies for the SR program, the parent can follow up on the status of their application by logging into the Family Portal or contacting their local early learning coalition.

If a child is placed on the waiting list, parents can receive information



about local community resources that may assist their family in the meantime. Parents with a child on the waiting list will need to update their information in the Family Portal every six months to remain on the waiting list.

If there is no waiting list and the family qualifies for services, the family will receive a notice through the Family Portal about documents required for the enrollment process. Families may contact their local early learning coalition for assistance.

Some families may receive services right away if they are in family crisis and have a referral from DCF for services.

Developmental Screenings

With parental consent, children aged 6 weeks to 5 years who participate in the SR program will receive a developmental screening to determine if supports are needed to help the child's learning experience. If any concerns are found, the family is informed and made aware of referrals to specific health and/or education specialists.

Program Assessment

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) is an evidence-based observational tool used to measure the quality of teacher-child interactions in the classroom in different domains by age group.

CLASS® is recognized internationally for measuring the effectiveness of teacher-child interactions that drive learning outcomes. The CLASS® observation tool will be used by a trained, certified observer.





VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program is a state program designed to prepare every child in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. VPK programs do this through age-appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, managed class sizes and high-quality instructors. Eligible children may participate in one of three VPK program options. Parents may select one program for their child:

- VPK School-Year Program 540 instructional hours
- VPK Summer Program 300 instructional hours
- VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) Hours vary based on services provided

VPK Highlights

- High-quality educational program with a focus on early literacy skills.
- Free for all children who live in Florida and are 4 years old on or before September 1 of the program year.
- Parents whose children are born from February 2 through September 1 may choose to enroll their child in VPK either the year they are 4 or the next year when the child is 5 and before they enroll in kindergarten.
- Parent choice is a priority. Both private and public providers are available.
- Information and materials about VPK standards can be found at DEL's website.

VPK Curriculum

- Developmentally appropriate
- Designed to prepare children for early literacy and math
- Supports age-appropriate development
- Prepares students for kindergarten

VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS)

A child who is eligible for VPK and has a disability and a current individual educational plan (IEP) issued by the local school district is also eligible for specialized instructional services instead of attending a traditional VPK



program. FDOE approves VPK-SIS providers whose services meet statutory standards, maintains a list of approved providers and notifies early learning coalitions of the approved providers. Parents with questions about accessing VPK-SIS for their child should contact their local early learning coalition. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

VPK Providers and Instructors

All VPK providers and instructors must meet high standards required by Florida law.

- Parents can choose the approved provider that meets their family's needs.
- Options for parents include public and private schools, private centers, charter schools, faith-based and licensed family child care homes.
- VPK instructors, at a minimum, must have a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential for the school-year program or a bachelor's degree for the summer program.
- Class ratio is one teacher to 11 children, and class size cannot exceed 20 children with two instructors for a school-year program.
 The summer program has one instructor with a maximum of 12 students.

How to Apply

VPK applications must be submitted online through DEL's Family Portal website. Parents can use a computer, cell phone or other smart device, or can contact their early learning coalition to apply in person.

To complete the VPK application, parents must upload proof of Florida residency and documents that verify their child's age. Once submitted, the application will be reviewed by the local early learning coalition. Parents will receive a certificate of eligibility through the Family Portal when their application is approved. Parents may then take the certificate of eligibility to the VPK program of their choice.

Early Learning Coalitions

Your local early learning coalition can provide assistance with the application and a list of VPK programs in your area. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

HEAD START

Head Start (HS) is a federally funded program that promotes school readiness for children from low-income families. HS programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth while providing comprehensive services to children and their families, which include health, dental, nutrition, social and other services based on the needs of the family. Families that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits or other public assistance, families experiencing homelessness and children in the foster care system are categorically eligible for HS programs.

Head Start emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher. Programs build relationships with families that support:

- Family well-being and positive parent-child relationships.
- Families as learners and lifelong educators.
- Family engagement in transitions.
- Family connections to peers and community.
- Families as advocates and leaders.

Head Start serves preschool age children from age 3 to school-age and is offered throughout Florida. Early Head Start (EHS) serves infants, toddlers and pregnant women and provides services throughout Florida.

Florida is also host to two Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs: East Coast Migrant Head Start and Redlands Christian Migrant Association. These grantees serve the unique needs of Florida's migrant families who have children ages 6 weeks to school-age.

Head Start programs offer a variety of service models. Programs may be based in centers or schools that children attend for part-day or full-day services; family child care homes; and/or children's own homes, where a staff person visits once a week to provide services to the child and family. Children and families who receive home-based services gather periodically with other enrolled families for a group learning experience facilitated by HS staff.

Head Start programs provide services to children with disabilities or special health care needs and collaborate with local school districts, early learning coalitions, health professionals and other partners to assist the family in coordinating services. HS classrooms offer low teacher-to-child



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ratios, a research-based curriculum, teachers with bachelor's degrees or CDAs and, in most communities, year-round services. Most HS programs participate in the VPK program.

For more information, contact your early learning coalition. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

Early Intervention

If you are concerned about the development of your infant or toddler or suspect that your child has a disability or needs early intervention services, contact your local early learning coalition to speak with a specialist. To locate your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

FAMILY RESOURCES

Division of Early Learning (DEL)

DEL provides state-level support and direction for parents, teachers and early learning professionals. DEL administers three statewide programs including the School Readiness program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-olds and the Child Care Resource and Referral program for all Florida families. 1-866-357-3239 (TTY:711)

2-1-1

A 24-hour hotline where parents connect with national, state and local information and referral services. 2-1-1 offers information to assist families with food, housing, employment, health care and counseling services. Dial 2-1-1.

MyACCESS

Temporary cash assistance and food stamp information is available through DCF's MyACCESS Hotline, 1-850-300-4323.

Florida Department of Children and Families Abuse Hotline

Accepts reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, of known or suspected abuse and neglect to protect Florida's most vulnerable citizens. 1-800-962-2873

Florida Department of Children and Families

Responsible for the administration of child care program licensing and training in Florida and administers programs addressing adult and child

protective services, homelessness, food stamps, refugee services and adoption and foster care.

Florida Department of Health/Children's Medical Services/ Early Steps

Provides information and referrals on disabilities and special health care needs for families, service coordinators and other professionals who work with children with special needs. 1-800-218-0001

Child Support Enforcement

Child support services that include locating missing parents, establishing legal paternity and establishing, enforcing and modifying support orders. 1-800-488-KIDS (5437) or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)

Florida KidCare

Health insurance program for uninsured children younger than age 19. The Florida Kidcare program assesses eligibility based on age and family income. 1-888-540-5437, (TTY: 1-800-955-8771)

Healthy Start

Ensures that all Florida families have access to a continuum of affordable and quality health and related services. 855-889-1090

Head Start

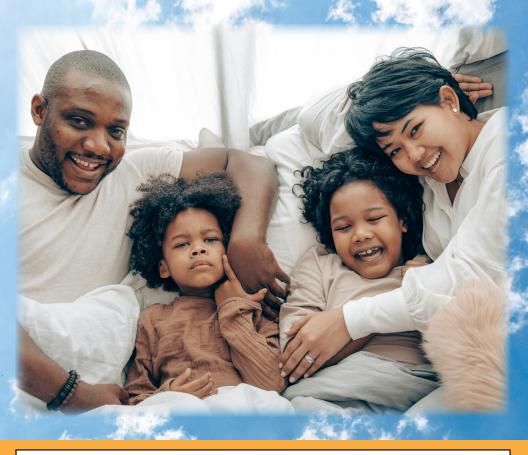
The Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) is a federally funded office that supports collaboration between Head Start and educational, medical and social services providers in Florida. For more information on Head Start programs in your area, contact your local early learning coalition. For assistance locating your early learning coalition, contact the CCR&R State Network at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).

The Ounce of Prevention Fund

Works to improve outcomes for children, preserve and strengthen families and promote healthy behavior and functioning in society. 1-850-921-4494

Disability Rights Florida

Disability Rights Florida is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy and rights protection for adults and children with a wide range of disabilities. 1-800-342-0823



Contact Us

For more information, please contact your local early learning coalition. The CCR&R State Network can help connect you with your coalition.



Florida Department of Education Division of Early Learning 325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 Toll Free: 1-866-357-3239

Email: CCRRHelp@del.fldoe.org
Website: DEL (floridaearlylearning.com)
Locate Your Early Learning Coalition



Community Resources List

Additional Resources: Every Parent

https://www.everyparentpbc.org/

Children/Pregna	incy	Food Assistance		Social Services		Homeless Shelter	
Children Service Council	(561) 740-7000	CROS Food Pantry	(561) 233-9009	Community Partners	(561) 841-3500	WPB Lewis Center	(561) 904-7900
Bridges	(561) 740-7017	Caring Kitchen	(561) 278-0918	Bridges	(561) 740-7017	Program REACH Family Shelter	(561) 514-0564
FL Healthy Start Program	(855) 889-1090	Boca Helping Hands	(561) 417-0913	Center for Family Services	(561) 616-1222		` '
Maternal Child Health	(561) 671-4140	Feeding South Florida	(561) 331-5441	Jewish Family Services	(561) 852-3333	The Lord's Place (Burckle Place for Single Homeless Women)	(561) 494-0125
Every Parent	(888) 634-7900	Salvation Army	(561) 686-3530	Catholic Charities WPB	(561) 345-2000	YWCA Palm Beach County — Harmony House	9 (504) 040 0050
Home Safe - Growing Smart	(561) 383-9871	Palm Beach County Food Bank	(561) 670-2518	GED/Language Skills Literacy Coalition	(561) 279-9103	- domestic violence shelter	(561) 640-0050
WIC/Breastfeeding Help	(877) 693-6703			United Way of Palm Beach County	(561) 375-6600		
WIC/ breastreeding Help	(561) 357-6007	Department of Children's an	d Families	Compass (LGBTQ)	(561) 533-9699	Transitional, Emergency, or S	Supportive
Child Safety Info	https://www.safekids.org/	(DCF)		American Red Cross/South Florida	(561) 833-7711	Housing	
Parenting Questions	https://www.cscpbc.org/	DCF ACCESS Florida to apply for	(866) 762-2237	ST. Ann Place - Outreach Center	(561) 805-7708	Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches	(561) 253-1361
Literacy Coalition	(561) 279-9103	Medicaid / Food Stamps / Cash Assistance	(800) 702-2237	Financial Assistance		The Lord's Place, (William H. Mann Place for	(561) 494-0125
Families First (self-sufficiency)	(561) 721-2887	DCF Abuse Hotline	(800) 962-2873	St. Francis Center	(561) 345-2000	Men) - Boynton Beach	(001) 404 0120
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies	(561) 665-4500			St Joan of Arc (Care Ministry)	(561) 962-6000	The Lord's Place (Burckle Place for Single	(561) 494-0125
Healthy Beginnings System of Care	(561) 840-4500	Medical Assistanc	е	United Way PBC	(561) 375-6600	Homeless Women) - Lake Worth	(001) 404 0120
Special Needs/Child De	velopment	www.healthcare.gov		Urban League PBC	(561) 833-1461	Vita Nova	(561) 689-0035
211 -Help Me Grow	211	Chrysalis Health	(954) 587-1008	PBC Community Services	(561) 355-4700	Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVD	Α)
Homesafe	(561) 383-9871	(Mental Health/ Substance use)	(60.) 60. 1000	. 20 00	(833) 273-9455	AVDA Casa Vegso Emergency Shelter (24-	(800) 355-8547
Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)	(561) 213-5751	Caridad Center (free clinic)	(561) 369-0932	Child Support/FL Dept. of Revenue	(850) 488-5437	Hour Crisis Hotline)	(555) 555 55 17
The Arc of PBC	(561) 842-3213	Florida Department of Health	(855) 438-2778			ADVA Administrative Office	(561) 265-3797
Easter Seals	(561) 471-1688	Clinic Appt Line	(666) 166 2776	Disability		Palm Beach County Community Services	(833) 273-9455
	(561) 881-2822	Florida Kidcare	(888) 540-5437	CILO (Coalition for Independent Living Options)	(561) 966-4288	Family Promise South PBC	(561) 265-3370
ELC Inclusion Warm Line	(888) 620-9190	Health Insurance Marketplace	(800) 318-2596	Clinic Can Help (Medical Supplies)	(561) 640-2995	Homeless Coalition of PBC	(561) 355-4663
Triple P Parenting Program	(561) 616-1222	American Red Cross	(561) 833-7711	SSI (Supplemental Security Income)	(800) 772-1213	West Palm Beach Housing Authority	(561) 655-8530
Child Find (Dev. Screenings -3-5 y/o)	(561) 434-7337	Foundcare Health Center	(561) 472-9160	Aveanna Healthcare-PPEC (Patients w/Medicaid)	(561) 683-5758	St. Ann Place Outreach Center	(561) 805-7708
Early Steps (Dev. Screenings-less than 3y/o)	(561) 882-6426	Family Health Line	(800) 451-2229			Catholic Charities (leave a message)	(561) 345-2007
Child Education Pro	grams	Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care	(561) 829-7646	Job Training		Eva W. Mack Community Hub	(561) 804-4970
ELC Early Head Start	(561) 412-2203			Career Source Palm Beach County	(561) 340-1060	(formerly known as The Vickers House)	(552) 551 1515
Head Start LSF PBC	(561) 233-1600	Legal Assistance		The Lord's Place - Café Joshua (Employment and	(561) 433-6032	The Salvation Army Center of Hope	(561) 682-1118
School District of Palm Beach County	(561) 434-8000	Legal Aid	(561) 655-8944	Training Program)	(, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Child Care Aware	(800) 424-2246	Palm Beach County Bar Association Lawyer	(561) 687-3266	Boca Helping Hands (Job Training Program)	(561) 417-0913	Teen Shelter	
Drug Adiction	1	Referral Service	, ,	El Sol Jupiter Neighborhood Resource Center	(561) 745-9860	Covenant House	(800) 999-9999
Wayside House	561-278-0055	Florida Rural Legal Services (West Palm	(561) 820-8902	Urban League of PBC (14 – 21 years of age)	(561) 833-1461	Safe Harbor Runaway Center	(561) 868-4444
		Beach office)		Goodwill Career Centers	(561) 848-7200	Domestic Violence	•
Transportacio	n		Delray Beach			Florida Domestic Hotline	(800) 500-1119
Palm Tran/Palm Tran Connection	(561) 649-9838	Victim Services - (Referrals for Legal	(561) 274-1500	Pregnancy Centers		Women In Distress	(954) 761-1133
Modvicare (Medical Transportation)	(866) 726-1457	Assistance and Protective Orders)	WPB	Hannah's Home (Tequesta)	(561) 277-9823	(Financial/ Legal/ Counseling assistance)	
			(561) 355-2418				



PALM BEACH COUNTY- HEALTHCARE & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

POLICE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY	9-1-1	MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS 2-	-1-1 or 9-8-8
POISON CONTROL HELPLINE 1-	800-222-1222	DOMESTIC ABUSE/RAPE CRISIS	
CLINIC/HEALTH CENTER (ask about mental	health/dental)	Abuse Hotline- Florida	(800) 962-2873
Caridad Center (Boynton)	(561) 737-6336	Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	(561) 265-2900
Children's Medical Services, FLDOH	(877) 822-5203	Mary Rubloff- YWCA Harmony House	(800) 973-9922
FAU Community Health Center (plus mental health)	(561) 803-8880	Rape/Violent Crime Hotline	(561) 833-7273
Florida Community Health Center (Pahokee)	(561) 924-6100	Victim Services- DV (Palm Beach County)	(561) 355-2383
Florida Community Health Center (WPB)	(561) 844-9443	HEALTH INSURANCE/HEALTHCARE	
FL Dept. of Health- CL Brumback Health Ctr- Glades	(561) 983-9220	HealthCare.gov	
FL Dept. of Health- Delray Beach Health Center	(561) 274-3100	Health Care District of Palm Beach County	(866) 930-0035
FL Dept. of Health- Lantana/Lk Worth Health Center	(561) 547-6800	Medicaid	(866) 762-2237
FL Dept. of Health-West Palm Beach Health Center	(561) 514-5300	Medicare (via Social Security)	(800) 772-1213
FoundCare Health Center (WPB)	(561) 432-5849	HIV/AIDS	
Genesis Com Health (Boynton) & mental health/denta	l (561) 735-6553	Compass-Community Center	(561) 533-9699
Health Care District- C.L. Brumback Primary Care C	Clinics-	FoundCare HIV/AIDS Program (WPB)	(561) 432-5849
mental health and dental also available call:	(561) 642-1000	Health Council of Southeast Florida- case management	(561) 844-4220
MyClinic (Jupiter) - now "HealthyMe"	(561) 203-7511	PBC Behavioral Health Coalition- teen education	(561) 374-7627
CAREGIVER SUPPORT: adult caregiving- ad	ult relative 2-1-1	TOPWA- Families First outreach- pregnant women	(561) 721-2887
COUNSELING/MENTAL HEALTH	2-1-1	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT- Clinics Can Help	(561) 640-2995
Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service	(561) 684-1991	MENTAL HEALTH- CRISIS INTERVENTION	N- If you are in a
AMIGOS Drop-In Center (Jeff Industries)	(561) 582-7424	mental health/suicide crisis and would like someone to	o come talk with
Boys Town South Florida	(561) 612-6000	you- a Mobile Response Team member can be sent t	o you: <i>dial 2-1-1</i>
Center for Family Services of PBC	(800) 404-7960	NeuroBehavioral Hospital- voluntary/inpatient available	e (561) 257-3348
Center for Trauma Counseling	(561) 444-3914	PRENATAL/PREGNANCY CONCERNS	
Chrysalis Health	(561) 533-6640	Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies	(561) 623-2800
Faulk Center for Counseling	(561) 483-5300	TOPWA- Families First outreach- pregnant women	(561) 721-2887
Mental Health America-Peer Place Drop-in Center	(561) 832-3755	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
National Alliance on Mental Illness of PBC	(561) 588-3477	AA Palm Beach County Intergroup	(561) 655-5700
PACE Center for Girls- "Reach" Counseling	(561) 472-1990	Central Florida Treatment Center	(561) 439-8440
Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Service	(561) 852-3333	Chrysalis Health	(561) 533-6640
DENTAL	2-1-1	Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County	(561) 278-0000
Caridad Center (Boynton)	(561) 737-6336	Drug Abuse Treatment Association (Youth)	(561) 743-1034
FoundCare (West Palm Beach)	(561) 432-5849	PBC Behavioral Health Coalition	(561) 374-7627
HCD- C.L. Brumback Primary Care & Dental Clinics	(561) 642-1000	Parent-Child Center (Community Partners)	(561) 841-3500
Riviera Beach Dental (HIV/AIDs patients served)	(561) 803-7352	Wayside House (Women)	(561) 278-0055



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CLOTHING/SOCIAL SERVICES		FORECLOSURE CONCERNS	2-1-1
Farmworker Coordinating Council of PBC	(561) 533-7227	Debthelper.com	(561) 472-8000
Revival Community Outreach (Riviera Beach)	(561) 201-9897	Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling/Urban League	(561) 833-1461
Salvation Army Social Services (Lake Worth)	(561) 968-8189	REACH- foreclosure & first time home buyer help	(561) 491-1670
Salvation Army Social Services (WPB)	(561) 686-3530	HOMELESS ASSISTANCE INFORMATION	2-1-1
True Fast Outreach Ministry (WPB)	(561) 594-5689	LEGAL SERVICES	
CREDIT COUNSELING/MONEY MANAGE	EMENT	American Civil Liberties Union of Florida	(786) 363-2700
Community Partners-financial literacy/ homebuyer	(561) 841-3500	Catholic Charities (Immigration program) & more	(561) 345-2003
Consolidated Credit Counseling Service	(800) 210-3481	Florida Rural Legal Services	(888) 582-3410
Debthelper.com	(800) 920-2262	Legal Aid Society of PBC programs regarding:	(561) 655-8944
Financial Empowerment- budget/credit-repair/resume	(561) 833-1461	seniors, relative caregivers, veterans, families, youth/st	udents, DV more
Jewish Federation of PBC- financial literacy coach	(561) 209-2614	Public Defender (Sealing/Expunction/Civil Rights Restore) (561) 355-7500
VITA Tax- tax preparation (some sites open all yr.)	2-1-1	PARENT/FAMILY also download CSC's Every	Parent app!
DISABILITY SERVICES		211 Help Me Grow-developmental screenings & more	2-1-1
211's Special Needs HelpLine (children 0-22 years)	2-1-1	Boys Town South Florida	(561) 612-6000
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	(561) 837-5564	Bridges- Housing Partnership	(561) 740-7017
ARC of the Glades	(561) 996-9583	Compass-Gay/Lesbian (LGBT) family support	(561) 533-9699
ARC of Palm Beach County	(561) 842-3213	Early Learning Coalition-childcare & other programs	(561) 514-3300
Audiology With A Heart	(561) 366-7219	Healthy Beginnings (Prenatal & birth to 5 years)	(888) 634-7900
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FAU)	(561) 213-5751	Mentoring Center- United Way of PBC	(561) 375-6600
Coalition for Independent Living Options	(561) 966-4288	National Single Parents Resource Center	(561) 441-8557
Division of Blind Services	(866) 225-0794	Parent-Child Center/Community Partners-counseling	(561) 841-3500
Epilepsy Alliance Florida	(561) 478-6515	PBC Behavioral Health Coalition- parent resources	(561) 374-7627
Grandma's Place- family support re special needs	(561) 753-2226	Toby Center for Family Transition-divorce/separation	(855) 862-9236
Florida Relay Service (communication)	(800) 676-3777	Unified Family Court (15th Judicial Circuit)	(561) 355-6511
Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches	(561) 586-5600	Youth Services Dept. (Palm Beach County)	(561) 242-5700
United Way's Special Needs Equipment Fund	(561) 375-6600	SMOKING/TOBACCO: QUIT-FOR-LIFE!	(877) 822-6669
Your Aging and Disability Resource Center (AAA)	(866) 684-5885	TRANSPORTATION	
EDUCATION		Palm Tran Bus Information	(877) 930-4287
Chuck Shaw Technical Education Center	(561) 616-7800	Palm Tran CONNECTION Door-to-Door	(561) 649-9838
Literacy Coalition of PB County Hotline	(561) 279-9103	Medicaid Transportation (Non-Emergency Medical)	(866) 726-1457
Palm Beach State College (PBSC)	(561) 207-5000	Tri-Rail	(800) 874-7245
PBSC Short-Term Programs/Tech /Careers	(561) 967-7222	VETERANS/CRISISLINE	9-8-8
EMPLOYMENT		211's MYFLVET- peer to peer support & family resource	ces 2-1-1
AARP's SCSEP (Senior Employment)	(561) 471-9828	First Stop Veteran's Center-FHLC	(561) 968-1612
CareerSource	(561) 340-1060	Florida National Guard- Military & Family Readiness	(800) 226-0360
El Sol Jupiter Neighborhood Resource Center	(561) 745-9860	Jupiter Vet Center-veterans/family adjustment	(561) 422-1220
Florida DOE Div. Voc. Rehab (Disabled)	(561) 650-6804	Palm Beach Vet Center- veterans/family adjustment	(561) 422-1201
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		VA's Homeless Permanent/Supportive Housing ex 8223	(561) 422-8262
Information and Referral to local providers	2-1-1	Veteran's Court- Public Defender's Office	(561) 355-7500
FOOD ASSISTANCE		West Palm Beach VA Healthcare System	(800) 972-8262
Food Stamps/SNAP (DCF ACCESS)	(866) 762-2237	Woman Veterans Health Programs-WPB VA	(800) 972-8262
*Food Pantries/ Soup Kitchens/ Food Stamps/SNAP	2-1-1	WATER SAFETY/DROWNING PREVENTION	(561) 616-7068

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