

Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc.

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The mission of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc. (ELCFH) is to support families and children in accessing high quality early care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten programs. The ELCFH also serves as a point of access to resources and referrals for health care and family support services.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
-Margaret Mead-

EVALUATION OF DIRECT ENHANCEMENT SERVICES

Evaluation of Direct Enhancement Services

COMPREHENSIVE CONSUMER EDUCATION

Describe how the Coalition developed, established, expanded, operated, and coordinated resource and referral programs specifically related to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public to promote informed child care choices.

Family Services Specialists are blended positions that provide Child Care Resource and Referral Services, School Readiness and VPK information to families. Family resources are available by mail, email or at the ELCFH offices and contracted provider listings and resources are posted on the ELCFH website at www.elcfh.org. Customized Child Care Resource and Referral information is available to the family by phone, fax, email, in person or by mail. A total of **903** CCR&R queries from the ELCFH service area were processed in FY 25-26.

The ELCFH website includes a Family Resource section that provides informational links for parents. The ELCFH also maintains a Facebook page with current ideas and articles for parents and community members.

The ELCFH provided information to parents and the public via community events and presentations to local civic and community groups. The ELCFH continues to actively support and participate in community initiatives such as the *Campaign for Grade Level Reading* (Charlotte and DeSoto Counties) and the *Quality Improvement Initiative* (United Way Suncoast).



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PROVIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Provide a list of grants and financial supports (for example, awards or bonuses) offered to school readiness program providers and their staff to assist them in meeting applicable state requirements for the program assessment required under s. [1002.82](#)(2)(n), child care performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate curricula and related classroom resources that support curricula, providing literacy supports, and providing continued professional learning and training.

Include the qualifying criteria to receive grants and financial supports and related monitoring activities to verify appropriate use of support.

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief Funding: The ELCFH service area was heavily impacted by Hurricane Ian in September 2022. Funding has been provided through the federal government/ Division of Early Learning to support ongoing repair work from this storm and forward movement on assuring adequate childcare supply for families. Additional funding through this grant has provided training for providers on Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), emergency kit supplies, and classroom materials specific to helping children understand the phases of living through a big storm.

Resilience Training for Adults: training was provided to all ELCFH staff to best help support childcare providers pre and post storm event. 24 staff participated in this training.

COOP Plan training and development: 33+providers participated in one or more of the trainings; 22 providers completed all of the trainings and had their COOP plan certified-meaning they have a robust plan to help them handle an emergency situation.

Emergency COOP Kits distributed to provider who fully completed/ certified COOP Plans: A total of 21 providers received COOP Kits with equipment and supplies to aid in the event of a hurricane/ strong weather event.

United Way Suncoast: Incentive funding was offered to contracted childcare providers in DeSoto County to support training needs. As a result, 23 participants were able to attend the ELCFH annual provider conference. Two childcare sites were outfitted with developmentally appropriate cozy corners to help support children who needed time and space (while remaining under direct teacher supervision) to process big feelings.

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TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Provide a list and description of trainings and/or technical assistance activities the coalition offered to school readiness program providers, staff and parents in each of the following areas.

- **Early Learning Standards:** The majority of early learning teachers needing training in the Standards are opting for the online version. A total of 347 ELCFH technical assistance (TA) visits were made to contracted childcare providers with a focus on early child development and on understanding and implementing age-appropriate standards.
- **Child Screenings and Assessment:** The Child Development & Education (CDE) Services included information on the importance of child screening and assessment for early identification of special needs. This information was shared through the ELCFH introductory visits that were conducted with all School Readiness contracted provider sites at the start of the contract year. A total of 46 TA visits were facilitated throughout the FY with Technical Assistance during onsite visits.

Providers are directly asked if there are children with developmental concerns or with challenges that may create risk of suspension/ expulsion in an effort to provide intervention and support continuity of child care services. 121 follow up visits/communications were conducted including child observations and time studies, information on challenging behavior and positive discipline strategies, teacher coaching, parent education and referrals to other agencies. CDE Specialists work with teachers and providers to communicate with parents and find solutions to help child(ren) successfully remain in their early learning programs.

- **Child Development Research and Best Practices:** In response to recent community conversations, the ELCFH developed a best practices statement specific to School Readiness. The work of Dr. David Elkind (Tufts University) is cited in this statement, with emphasis on what children need to assure they are ready to learn when they get to kindergarten. It was agreed that social/ emotional development and skills in self-regulation are paramount.

Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's early learning programs and to establish important routines at home [through keeper books and fun activities] related to quality family time and read aloud opportunities. Barriers for the families served are typically limitations to time, transportation and finances, so the engagement piece can be challenging for parents. The ELCFH continues to advocate for quality childcare services and active parent-child engagement.

- **Developmentally Appropriate Curricula and Character Development:** Seven trainings specific to developmentally appropriate curricula and character development were held with 186 participants. A total of 501 technical assistance visits were focused on developmentally appropriate practices and character development, conducted on site, via email or virtually.

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- **Teacher-Child Interactions:** Five trainings were offered to support teacher-child interactions, with 88 participants. A total of 499 technical assistance visits were made to support these interactions. Appropriate interactions were modeled by the CDE team during onsite technical assistance visits, child observation and intervention visits.
- **Age-Appropriate Discipline Practices:** A total of 424 technical assistance visits were conducted by the CDE team to address appropriate discipline practices.
- **Health and Safety:** A total of 245 technical assistance visits/support emails were focused on Health and Safety concerns.
- **Nutrition:** The CDE team facilitated 74 technical assistance visits/ and sent information via emails specific to support better nutrition practices for optimal child development.
- **First Aid- N/A**
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation- N/A**
- **Recognition of Communicable Diseases- N/A**
- **Child Abuse Detection, Prevention and Reporting:** Technical assistance was provided in response to 5 queries.



ELCFH Provider Event- February 2026

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QUALITY ACTIVITIES FOR INFANT AND TODDLER CARE

Provide a description of the quality activities and services the coalition provided to enhance infant and toddler care.

Provider needs that were observed during monitoring activities continued to be addressed. Three trainings were conducted specific to Infant/Toddler Interactions for 70 participants. One Infant/Toddler Group Coaching, Making the Most of Classroom Interactions training was provided with 12 participants. A total of 311 technical assistance visits focused on infant/toddler care, including room arrangements, safety practices and developmentally appropriate practices were facilitated.

MONITORING

Describe the process for monitoring of compliance with, and enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements

All School Readiness programs were reviewed for compliance with the Tier One requirements. SR Tier Two monitor was conducted on a random sample of SR contracted providers, to include high risk providers, providers not monitored the previous year, and representation of all provider types. The sample size for School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten monitoring is identified using the appropriate Division of Early Learning Guidance. Programs identified as non-compliant are monitored more frequently. All follow-up monitoring will evaluate, at a minimum, the criteria that were non-compliant in the previous monitoring. During 2025-26 fiscal year, 53 SR Tier 2 monitors and 40 VPK monitors were completed.

INCLUSION

Describe the activities the coalition has implemented to promote inclusive child care including responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and parents and providing developmental and health screenings to school readiness program children.

Child Screening and Assessment: Children enrolled in the School Readiness program have the opportunity with parental permission to receive a developmental screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. During FY 25-26 a total of 1191 children were screened using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3), 790 children were screened with Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-SE2).

Early Identification of Possible Special Needs: The ELCFH coordinated referrals to partner agencies as follows: 79 children to FDLRS/Early Steps; and 54 children to other Agencies such as CARD, Charlotte Behavioral Health. These children presented possible developmental concerns based on criteria established by partner agencies for acceptance of referrals of children with possible developmental delays.

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Support for children with possible developmental needs: Children with developmental concerns may be at-risk of later school failure if appropriate interventions are not applied. To support children with developmental needs who are not otherwise receiving services for special needs, the ELCFH provides activities for families to facilitate the home and intentional planning technical assistance at the provider site. A total of 501 children received individualized intervention from the ELCFH during FY 25-26 ranging from low intensity level (activities provided for families to do in the home with the child) to high intensity (intentional technical assistance and planning facilitated with the child's childcare provider as well as activities for the family) depending on the child and family need.

Social Emotional training and support for Providers and Parents continued during FY 25-26 with emphasis placed on tender topic books, best practices (implementing the Pyramid Model) and equipment distribution. Pyramid Model Classroom Support kits were given to all training participants. Tucker the Turtle home kits were also supplied for children with challenging behaviors. Five trainings were offered to Providers with 108 participants on relevant topics: Parent Communication, Behavior Guidance for School Age, ASD Training, Trauma-Informed Care

Provider Warm-line: The Child Development Education Services (CDE) team continues to maintain a warm line across the four county service area. This encourages access to needed resources for parents and providers who are caring for children with special needs; parents and providers will typically make direct contact with the applicable CDE Specialist for any needed information or services.

Family Outreach: Outreach is provided during inperson visits at the ELCFH offices and as ASQ screenings indicate possible concerns. The CDE and Family Services teams remain available to provide information related to child development and childcare options.



The ELCFH Teacher Feature highlighted best practices in ECE classrooms throughout the ELCFH service area!

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CHILDREN SERVED IN SCHOOL READINESS

The below table reflects the number of children served in the school readiness program, by provider type, enumerated by age and eligibility priority category, reported as the number of children served during the month and the average participation throughout the month.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report
Section D - Children Served in School Readiness Programs
July 30, 2026

Sum of Children													
Row Labels	2025						2026						Monthly Average
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
1. Licensed Private Centers	1,326	1,328	1,231	1,285	1,275	1,287	1,269	1,318	1,392	1,404	1,444	1,441	1,333
01 TCA	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1
3-5 Years	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1
School Age	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
02 At Risk < 9	148	159	155	176	167	170	161	151	165	161	158	164	161
0-2 Years	57	61	56	62	65	68	66	65	69	64	57	60	63
3-5 Years	61	48	52	60	50	54	51	50	59	66	69	72	58
School Age	30	50	47	54	52	48	44	36	37	31	32	32	41
03 Econ Disadvantage < SCH Age	823	755	711	726	731	748	744	785	824	854	888	912	792
0-2 Years	330	332	336	339	332	332	324	346	359	362	370	371	344
3-5 Years	493	423	375	387	399	416	420	439	465	492	518	541	447
04 TCC < SCH Age	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
0-2 Years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3-5 Years	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
05 At Risk Age 9-12	21	24	21	21	20	15	16	17	18	16	15	14	18
School Age	21	24	21	21	20	15	16	17	18	16	15	14	18
06 Econ Disadvantage - SCH Age	328	379	335	354	348	345	338	355	375	364	379	347	354
School Age	328	379	335	354	348	345	338	355	375	364	379	347	354
07 TCC SCH Age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
School Age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
09 Head Start and VPK	0	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	6	7	0	0	5
3-5 Years	0	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	6	7	0	0	5
4. Licensed Family Child Care Home	41	44	48	47	44	44	41	35	33	33	35	34	40
01 TCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1
0-2 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
School Age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
02 At Risk < 9	10	12	12	12	12	12	9	3	3	5	2	3	8
0-2 Years	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	0	1	2
3-5 Years	6	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
School Age	2	6	6	6	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
03 Econ Disadvantage < SCH Age	17	15	16	17	16	16	15	15	13	11	12	12	15
0-2 Years	7	7	10	11	8	8	7	6	5	4	5	5	7
3-5 Years	10	8	6	6	8	8	8	9	8	7	7	7	8
05 At Risk Age 9-12	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
School Age	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
06 Econ Disadvantage - SCH Age	13	16	19	17	15	15	17	17	17	17	17	15	16
School Age	13	16	19	17	15	15	17	17	17	17	17	15	16
4. Registered Family Child Care Home	9	10	10	11	10	10	11	11	11	11	10	10	10
03 Econ Disadvantage < SCH Age	6	5	5	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	6
0-2 Years	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
3-5 Years	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
06 Econ Disadvantage - SCH Age	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
School Age	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Monthly Total	1,376	1,382	1,289	1,343	1,329	1,341	1,321	1,364	1,436	1,448	1,489	1,485	1,384

Data is from the EFS Modernization Database as of July 30, 2026.

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CHILD DISENROLLMENT- # DISENROLLED AND REASONS FOR DISENROLLMENT

Reason for Disenrollment	# Children Disenrolled
Child care provider dismisses child due to child's behavior	3
Child care provider does not meet parent's or guardian's expectations.	1
Child deceased.	2
Child has a duplicate record.	2
Child has exceeded the age-limit for services.	2
Child is no longer residing with the guardian who completed the initial application. New paperwork must be completed by new guardian.	73
Child poses safety risk to other children at program.	2
Child was determined eligible for services but never enrolled with a child care provider.	7
Client does not show up for redetermination.	153
Client failed to comply with program requirements.	5
Client failed to provide required documentation to maintain eligibility.	40
Client is no longer eligible for services because the family income exceeds the allowable amount for eligibility.	8
Client moved out of the county in which funding is currently provided.	8
Client no longer has a valid purpose for care.	39
Client's contact information is no longer valid and fails to provide updated information by a specified date.	12
Custodian is involved in seasonal work (such as migrant or school district employees) and the child's enrollment is temporarily suspended while custodian is not working.	25
Parent/guardian withdrew child from the program.	251
Provider dismissed child for noncompliance with the provider's attendance policy.	13
Provider dropped child from the provider's program.	24
Provider remains open, but no longer provides VPK or SR services.	21
Referral from referring agency has expired.	2
The enrollment record was updated.	48
The next authorization period was approved.	19
The program where the child was receiving services changed ownership. The new owner has a new provider record.	4
Transfer from one SR funding source to another (i.e. BG3 to BG8).	3
Transfer to another provider record (even if the second record is owned by the same provider).	1
Total	768

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PROVIDER TYPE

Provider Type	Total Providers	Offered SR Only	Offered VPK Only	Both
1. Licensed Private Centers	74	33	9	32
4. Licensed Family Child Care Home	9	9	0	0
4. Registered Family Child Care Home	1	1	0	0
6. Private School	3	0	3	0
7. Public School	19	0	19	0

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SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER REVOCATION

List of any school readiness program provider, by type, whose eligibility to deliver the school readiness program is revoked, including a brief description of the state or federal violation that resulted in the revocation.

Provider Name	Address	City	County	Provider Type	ELC Narrative
No Providers to Report.					

Data is from the EFS Modernization Database as of July 30, 2026.

VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN PROVIDER REVOCATION

List of any voluntary prekindergarten program provider, by type, whose eligibility to deliver the voluntary prekindergarten program is revoked, including a brief description of the state violation that resulted in the revocation.

Provider Name	Address	City	County	Provider Type	ELC Narrative
No Providers to Report.					

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CHILDREN SERVED BY PROVIDER

The total number of children served in each provider facility

Provider Name	Address	City	County	Children Served		
				Unduplicated Total	School Readiness	VPK
A UNIVERSAL LEARNING CENTER	1825 TAMiami TRL UNIT 6	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	6	6	0
ACADEMY OF LITTLE FUTURE ACHIEVERS	4344 PINNACLE ST	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	71	56	21
ADVENTURES PRESCHOOL, INC.	3155 S ACCESS RD	ENGLEWOOD	CHARLOTTE	55	0	55
ALLEN'S FAMILY DAYCARE	133 S ORANGE AVE	ARCADIA	DESOTO	15	15	0
APPLE TOP CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER	108 S FOREST AVENUE	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	45	38	12
AVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	705 W. WINTHROP STREET	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	21	0	21
AVON PARK COMMUNITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	800 S DELANEY AVE	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	72	49	33
BAKER CENTER EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	311 E CHARLOTTE AVE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	78	0	78
BLOOM ACADEMY CYPRESS COMMONS	17775 COMMONS DRIVE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	137	35	103
BLOOM ACADEMY EAST TOWN	329 ALLEN STREET	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	57	30	27
BLOOM ACADEMY HARBORSIDE	4334 LAURA ST	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	62	50	16
BLOOM ACADEMY PUNTA GORDA	24368 AIRPORT RD	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	142	79	63
BRIGHT LITTLE FUTURES ACADEMY	1473 SW MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	41	41	0
BUSY KIDS CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER	922 PERSIMMON AVE	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	121	62	75
CCA ALL STARS AFTERSCHOOL	1035 E OAK ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	69	69	0
CHAVEZ FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	4704 FREEMAN AVE	BOWLING GREEN	HARDEE	13	13	0
CHERY CHILDCARE CENTER	3528 DEPEW AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	41	41	0
CHILDREN'S CHOICE ACADEMY	1051 E OAK ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	96	53	48
CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN CENTER INC	2733 TAMiami TRL	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	27	27	0
CHIQUITA FAMILY CHILD CARE INC	21390 MIDWAY BLVD.	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	19	19	0
CHRIST ACADEMY OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY	503 SOUTH O MUL LA OEE DRIVE	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	18	0	18
COOL CARE LEARNING CENTER LLC	2151 US HIGHWAY 27 N	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	31	31	0
CRACKER TRAIL ELEMENTARY	8200 SPARTA RD	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	22	0	22
DEEP CREEK ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	26900 HARBOR VIEW RD	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	20	0	20
DENNETT FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	2183 BRAGG COURT	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	10	10	0
EAGLE'S NEST EARLY LEARNING CENTER OF AVON PARK, INC.	199 N ANOKA AVE	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	23	23	0
EAGLE'S NEST EARLY LEARNING CENTER OF SOUTH SEBRING	171 US HWY 27 N	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	48	48	0
EAGLE'S NEST EARLY LEARNING CENTER, INC	841 S O MUL LA OEE DR	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	42	42	0
EDUCARE LEARNING CENTER	3028 CARING WAY BUILDING B	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	83	78	7
FAITH PREPARATORY SCHOOL	12100 SW ACADEMY DRIVE	LAKE SUZY	DESOTO	51	0	51
FAMILY TREE LEARNING CENTER, INC.	3125 MEDICAL WAY	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	138	138	0
FIRST BAPTIST CHILDREN'S ACADEMY, INC.	1570 W. MAIN STREET	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	24	0	24
FIRST BAPTIST WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION CENTER	206 E. HIBISCUS STREET	LAKE PLACID	HIGHLANDS	11	0	11

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FIRST STEPS EDUCATION PUNTA GORDA LLC	425 W HELEN AVE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	10	10	0
GENESIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	19150 HELENA AVE	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	36	6	30
GOOD SHEPHERD DAY SCHOOL	401 W HENRY ST	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	63	39	26
HAPPY FACES LEARNING CENTER CARITAS FELICES INC.	1207 LOUISIANA ST	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	10	10	0
HEARTLAND EDUCATIONAL GROUP INC.	421 POMEGRANTE AVE	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	20	20	0
HILLTOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2401 US HIGHWAY 17 N	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	33	0	33
HONEY BEES EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC	2270 S MCCALL RD	ENGLEWOOD	CHARLOTTE	26	0	26
ISLAND OF ADVENTURE CHILD CARE CENTER	1258 W MAIN ST	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	46	46	0
JOYFUL NOISE	24515 RAMPART BLVD.	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	104	59	54
KATHARINE CASTRONOVA FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	22251 HERNANDO AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	5	5	0
KATHRYN MAPLES	22258 HERNANDO AVE	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	7	7	0
KIDDIE PLANET ACADEMY	822 TAMiami TRAIL	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	28	10	19
KIDS COASTAL ACADEMY	10483 KIDRON AVE	ENGLEWOOD	CHARLOTTE	40	21	20
KIDS INC. HARDEE	132 S 10TH AVE	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	23	23	0
KIDS INC. WAUCHULA	315 S. FLORIDA AVENUE	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	74	62	16
KIDZ OF THE FUTURE FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE	22327 WALTON AVENUE	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	2	2	0
KINGSWAY ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	23300 QUASAR BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	18	0	18
LAKE COUNTRY ELEMENTARY	516 COUNTY ROAD 29	LAKE PLACID	HIGHLANDS	19	0	19
LEAPIN LIZARDS ACADEMY LLC	1969 ROYALVIEW DR	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	63	50	18
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	370 ATWATER ST	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	21	0	21
LIL KREATIVE HANDZ DEVELOPMENT CENTER	1300B NE OAK ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	27	24	6
LIL LEE'S LOVE-N-CARE, LLC	21489 GIBRALTER DRIVE	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	2	2	0
LITTLE CATERPILLAR CHILDCARE	3459 DEPEW AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	29	29	0
LITTLE PARADISE FAMILY DAYCARE HOME	1401 SE CHERRY DR	ARCADIA	DESOTO	5	5	0
LITTLE WORLD ACADEMY	1603 CASTLEROCK LN	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	44	44	0
LIVING WATERS PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CENTER	12479 CHANCELLOR BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	19	0	19
LOOMIS FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	22561 QUASAR BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	2	2	0
MEADOW PARK ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	750 ESSEX AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	16	0	16
MELENDEZ FAMILY CHILDCARE, LLC	21519 BACHMANN BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	22	22	0
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	867 MEMORIAL DRIVE	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	18	0	18
MINI ACHIEVERS ACADEMY	9 LAKEVIEW ST	LAKE PLACID	HIGHLANDS	56	50	7
MINI ACHIEVERS ACADEMY	500 N BYRD AVE	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	65	61	11
MISS HEIDI'S PRESCHOOL	3801 S ACCESS RD	ENGLEWOOD	CHARLOTTE	33	26	8
NEIL ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS	22100 BREEZESWEPT AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	12	0	12
NEW LIFE-N-YOU LEARNING CENTER INC.	107 HANCHEY RD 107 HANCHEY RD	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	30	20	10
NEW VISION LEARNING CENTER	2920 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD	ZOLFO SPRINGS	HARDEE	73	73	0
NOAH'S ARK LEARNING CENTER	63 LAKEVIEW STREET	LAKE PLACID	HIGHLANDS	22	22	0

EVALUATION OF DIRECT ENHANCEMENT SERVICES

NOCATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	4846 SW SHORES AVE	ARCADIA	DESOTO	69	0	69
PARK ELEMENTARY	327 E. PALMETTO STREET	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	22	0	22
PORT CHARLOTTE ADVENTIST SCHOOL	2100 LOVELAND BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	13	0	13
PORT CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	21075 QUESADA AVENUE	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	97	72	35
PUMPKIN PATCH ACADEMY	18300 COCHRAN BLVD	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	28	0	28
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHILD CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL	6970 MINEOLA RD	ENGLEWOOD	CHARLOTTE	39	25	14
RHYTHM OF LEARNING MONTESSORI INC	425 W HELEN AVE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	15	15	0
SEBRING EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY	204 S COMMERCE AVE	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	67	59	15
SJ LEARNING ACADEMY, INC.	423 SELLERS ST	BOWLING GREEN	HARDEE	7	0	7
SMALL WORLD LEARNING CENTER	1049 W MORRILL ST	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	22	22	0
SMITH FAMILY CHILDCARE CENTER	22079 KIMBLE AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	22	22	0
SPROUT ACADEMY OF LEARNING	1291 CAPRICORN BLVD	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	23	11	12
ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL	747 S FRANKLIN ST	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	20	0	20
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO	21505 AUGUSTA AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	24	0	24
STARS ACADEMY	2230 HARIET ST	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	65	59	12
STEAM PRESCHOOL ACADEMY ON LAKEVIEW	2170 LAKEVIEW DRIVE	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	71	56	18
STEAM PRESCHOOL ACADEMY ON SPARTA	4463 SPARTA RD	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	74	57	20
SUN N LAKE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY	4615 SUN N LAKE BLVD	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	136	90	58
SUN 'N LAKE ELEMENTARY	4515 PONCE DE LEON BLVD	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	17	0	17
SUN N LAKE PRESCHOOL ACADEMY	4555 SUN N LAKE BLVD.	SEBRING	HIGHLANDS	37	37	0
SUNSHINE LEARNING ACADEMY	272 E VIRGINIA AVE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	44	44	0
TENDER CARE CHILD CENTER	805 N ROBERT AVENUE	ARCADIA	DESOTO	24	24	0
THE LEARNING TREE SCHOOL OF ARCADIA	318 E GIBSON ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	6	6	0
TINY HANDS CHILDCARE PRESCHOOL, INC.	20150 MIDWAY BLVD.	PORT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	31	24	9
TRINITY TOTS PRESCHOOL	25 LAKEVIEW STREET	LAKE PLACID	HIGHLANDS	22	0	22
VINELAND ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	467 BOUNDARY BLVD	ROTONDA WEST	CHARLOTTE	20	0	20
WAUCHULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	400 S. FLORIDA AVE.	WAUCHULA	HARDEE	20	0	20
WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	304 W IMOGENE ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	20	0	20
WORLD OF TINY STARS	506 E CORNELL ST	AVON PARK	HIGHLANDS	23	23	0
YMCA AT WEST ELEMENTARY	304 W IMOGENE ST	ARCADIA	DESOTO	9	9	0
YMCA CHARLOTTE HARBOR EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY	22416 GLASS LANE	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	105	80	34
YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA	19333 QUESADA AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	18	18	0
YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AT COOPER STREET	650 MARY ST	PUNTA GORDA	CHARLOTTE	97	97	0
YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AT NEIL ARMSTRONG	22100 BREEZESWEPT AVE	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	22	22	0
YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AT PEACE RIVER	4070 BEAVER LN	PT CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	31	31	0
ZOLFO SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3215 SCHOOL HOUSE RD	ZOLFO SPRINGS	HARDEE	20	0	20

Data is from the EFS Modernization Database as of July 30, 2026.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the coalition's total operating budget was \$17,421,027.

PROGRAM FUNDS (REVENUES)

Segregation of School Readiness Program funds, SR Local Match funds, Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program funds, and other local revenues available to the coalition.

School Readiness (SR) funds	\$ 12,649,728
SR Local Match funds	\$ 136,779
SR Plus funds	\$ 38,962
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (VPK) Program funds	\$ 4,375,320
VPK Program Assessment funds	\$ 43,917
Disaster Relief Grant	\$ 162,925
Other Local Revenues (including In-kind)	\$ 13,396
Total	\$ 17,421,027

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE

Details of expenditures by fund source, including total expenditures for administrative activities, quality activities, nondirect services, and direct services for children.

	Administrative Activities	Quality Services	Nondirect Services	Direct Services for Children	Total
SR	512,324	738,577	944,139	10,454,688	12,649,728
SR Local Match Funders				136,779	136,779
VPK	173,467	3,796		4,198,057	4,375,320
Other Local Revenues		13,396			13,396
Total	685,791	755,769	944,139	14,789,524	17,175,223

COALITION STAFF AND RELATED EXPENDITURES

Total number of coalition staff and the related expenditures for salaries and benefits. For any subcontracts, the total number of contracted staff and the related expenditures for salaries and benefits.

	Number of Staff	Expenditures for Salary and Benefits
Early Learning Coalition Staff	26	\$ 1,923,280
Subrecipient Staff	0	\$ 0
Total	26	\$ 1,923,280

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