

## School Readiness Program

The School Readiness (SR) program provides financial assistance for child care.

### Am I Eligible?

1. Do you live in Charlotte, Desoto, Hardee or Highlands County?  
Yes: keep going.  
No: If you live in a different county, find your county's coalition:  
<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/directory/>
2. Do you have a current "reason" for child care assistance? In other words, are you:
  - a. Working at least 20 hours per week?
  - b. Going to school full-time, 12 credits or 20 hours per week?
  - c. Disabled to a degree that you cannot work and require child care?Yes: keep going  
No: you are not eligible at this time.
3. Is your gross income (before taxes) less than

Number in Family	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Gross Family Income at or below 85% State Median Income (SMI)-10/01/25	\$38,546	\$47,615	\$56,685	\$65,754	\$74,824

Yes: keep going

No: you are not eligible at this time.

4. Apply to waiting list at the Family Portal: <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

### What to expect?

After you apply to the waiting list:

1. You will receive an email to tell you if you have been placed on the waiting list or not.  
*ELCFH has a waiting list because there are many families that need help and a limited budget for the year.*
2. You are responsible to keep your application active; log in to the Family Portal regularly to check your status.  
*At 150 days, the Family Portal will send you an automatic email requesting update; status will be Active – Pending Update. If you do not Update in Family Portal within 30 days, your status will change to Inactive removing you from the waiting list.*
3. When it is your turn, the Family Portal will email you a notice, with a deadline, to complete the online Eligibility Wizard.  
*If your application is not received, is received late, is incomplete or missing the required documents, you will be determined not eligible and will need to reapply to the waiting list.*