

# School Readiness (SR) Frequently Asked Questions

## Will my child care be free?

No. A parent co-payment is assessed based on your total gross income and family size. You are responsible for paying this co-payment directly to your child care provider.

ELCFH pays a daily rate, which varies depending upon your child's age, schedule and which provider you choose.

ELCFH does not pay the following and will be your responsibility:

- Differential fees (the difference between ELCFH daily rate & the provider's standard charge)
- Transportation
- Supply fees
- Field trips
- Or any other miscellaneous fees

Make sure to ask your child care provider for a detailed list of all fees charged, including differential fees, before you enroll your child.

## Do I need to report household changes?

Yes. It is your responsibility to notify the coalition within 14 calendar days of any change related to:

- Contact information –Address, phone or email
- Family size
- Change in work status – job loss, new job, change in hours, etc.
- Change in education status – no longer attending, new schedule, change in hours/credits, etc.
- An increase in your income is higher than 85% of the state median income (SMI).
  - You may be eligible for [SR Plus Program](#).

If you have a change to report, send an email to [cs@elcfh.org](mailto:cs@elcfh.org)

Number in Family	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Gross Family Income at 85% of the state median income (SML) – 10/01/2025	\$59,571	\$73,587	\$87,604	\$101,620	\$115,637

## What if my child is absent?

ELCFH can pay 3 absences per month per child without questioning why your child is absent.

Up to 10 additional absences may be considered for payment with documentation. See the [Documentation of Absences form](#) for further information.

## I need to transfer my child to a different child care. What do I do?

1. Make sure that your parent co-payments are paid in full.
2. Talk to your current child care provider and ask that they send a [withdrawal form](#) to [cs@elcfh.org](mailto:cs@elcfh.org)
3. Send an email to [cs@elcfh.org](mailto:cs@elcfh.org) to let us know:
  - Name of child
  - Last day with current provider
  - Name of new provider and the start date

Please plan ahead. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received and take up to 10 days.

## My SR services will end soon. How do I redetermine for SR?

The Family Portal will send you an email 45 days before your SR services expire. You are responsible to log into your [Florida's Early Learning Family Portal](#) account to complete and submit your application through the Eligibility Wizard.

If you do not submit the application by the redetermination due date, SR services will be terminated.