



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BREVARD COUNTY, INC.



MINUTES: Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, Conference Room 1018 Florida Ave, Rockledge, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Barlow, Alan Bergman, Mark Broms, Victoria Candelora, Priscilla DeNino, Ian Golden (sub: Stephanie Bryant), Jeffrey Harrison, Natalie Jackson, Don Lusk, Linda Halpin, Althea Puzio, Myrna Shimei, Gina Tiedeman and Travia Williams

EXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS: Lori Duester, Beth Mills

UNEXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS:

STAFF PRESENT: Sky Beard, Jessica Beecham, Cathie Odom, Tina Snyder, Jennifer Shields and Gina Sousa

GUEST PRESENT: N/A

CALLED TO ORDER: Alan Bergman called the meeting to order and quorum was established 3:03 p.m. Pledge of allegiance took place and introductions were conducted.

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Consent Items	a. Minutes: January 16, 2017 b. Directors Report	Priscilla DeNino motioned for the Consent Items to be approved. Althea Puzio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.
Committee Reports	<p>Executive/Finance Committee: Alan Bergman reported to the Board that the Executive/Finance Committee met on Monday, February 9, 2018. The agenda items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida First Start Funding update – FFS and Coalition staff mutually agreed that the current fiscal year would be the last year the grant would be funded. FFS staff is actively enrolling/transferring families into the other home-visiting programs. Draft Audit Report – the Committee reviewed the audit report and the requested changes/corrections that were sent to the auditors that will be completed before the final draft is reviewed at full Board meeting. The Committee motioned to recommended to send the draft audit to the full Board for approval. The draft audit will be sent to the full Board for review and questions are to be sent to Cathie. Budget to Actuals – The Committee reviewed the Budgets to Actuals through December 31, 2017. The Committee requested that there be a report to look at the amount of change that will happen when the currently filled staff positions are added in. Legislative Update – to be discussed later in meeting. 	No Action/Follow-up

Old Business	<p><u>Finance Report and Waiting List/New Enrollment Update:</u> Cathie Odom informed the Board that the Earmarks were not ready to be reported to the Board.</p> <p>Enrollments are up; however, the report does not reflect the true enrollments number because four providers were late submitting their attendance sheets.</p> <p>The wait list numbers are down, with 759 children, 686 under school age and 103 school age. Currently Coalition staff are calling about sixty families a month off the wait list. Families that were added to the list in March 2017 are being contacted.</p> <p>Match is currently projected at a deficit but the numbers for January have not been approved by OEL. Coalition staff continues attempts to identify and secure local match opportunities.</p> <p><u>Legislative Update:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the currently monitored Legislative budgets and bills that relate to the Coalition's work (see attached). Items discussed included the federal and state budgets as well as proviso match language. A variety of early learning related bills were also discussed.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Audit Presentation:</u> Sky Beard introduced Octavio A. Verdeja and Manny Alvarez with Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo CPAs. Octavio and Manny introduces themselves and then presented the Board with the FY 2016.17 Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc. Financial Statements Supplementary Information and Independent Auditors' Report (see attached). No concerns were noted in the report. The copy presented to the Board in hard copy was not the most currently updated and correct copy of the report. However, the copy previously emailed to the Board was the most current.</p> <p>The Board approved the previously sent copy of the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc. Financial Statements Supplementary Information and Independent Auditors' Report.</p>	<p>Mark Broms motioned to approved the previously emailed copy of the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc. Financial Statements Supplementary Information and Independent Auditors' Report June 30, 2017 and 2016. Althea Puzio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.</p>
Public Comment/Board Announcements	<p>Priscilla DeNino informed the Board that the Brevard Public Schools Kindergarten registration is coming up. Posters were distributed to the Board members and Coalition staff.</p> <p>Sky Beard introduced a new Board member, Henry Perez. He then gave the Board information regarding himself, his family and his interested in the work the Coalition does. Mr. Perez sits on Board of Space Coast Early Intervention and will have to abstain from voting on matters that may relate to the provider.</p>	No Action/Follow-up
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p:m	<p>Jeffrey Harrison motioned for the adjournment of the Board meeting. Natalie Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.</p>
Next Meeting	March 20, 2018	No Action/Follow up

February 2018 Board of Directors Minutes Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Signature Date
Executive Coordinator

Signature Date
Executive Director



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Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Coalition Roll Call by Self Introduction
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. Minutes: January 16, 2018
 - b. Director's Report
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive/Finance Committee
- VI. New Business
 - a. Audit Presentation
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Finance Report and Waiting List/New Enrollment Update
 - b. Legislative Update
- VIII. Committee Meetings
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 20, 2017

LAUNCHING A CHILD'S FUTURE!



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MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Bergman, Mark Broms, Victoria Candelora, Priscilla DeNino Lori Duester, Ian Golden, Natalie Jackson, Beth Mills, Linda Halpin, Althea Puzio, Myrna Shimei, and Travia Williams
EXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS: Tammy Barlow, Jeffrey Harrison, Don Lusk and Gina Tiedeman
UNEXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS:
STAFF PRESENT: Sky Beard, Jessica Beecham, Cathie Odom, Tina Snyder, Jennifer Shields and Gina Sousa
GUEST PRESENT: N/A
CALLED TO ORDER: Alan Bergman called the meeting to order and quorum was established 3:07 p.m. Pledge of allegiance took place and introductions were conducted.

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY/DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Consent Items	a. Minutes: November 14, 2017 b. Directors Report c. Auditor Engagement Letter	Ian Golden motioned for the Consent Items to be approved. Victoria Candelora seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.
Committee Reports	<p>Executive/Finance Committee: Alan Bergman reported to the Board that the Executive/Finance Committee met on Monday, December 11, 2017 and January 2 and 8, 2018. The agenda items included:</p> <p>December 11, 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising of America Screening Debriefing – the Committee discussed the event and what comes next in the community • Melbourne Office Space Follow Up – The Committee was updated on the current status of the office space for Melbourne • Coalition Merger Report Update – reviewed the report and will be discussed later in the meeting • Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Challenges – discussed current challenges and the next steps to be taken • Annual Performance Review of the Executive Director was completed <p>December 18, 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director Delegation-Finance Policy update – The Committee had a conference call to discuss that OEL is requiring that some language be added to certain fiscal policies. The Committee delegated the Executive Director to approve the policies based on the due date to OEL. <p>January 8, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Block Grant Update – Follow up to previous discussions regarding FY 18.19 applications. • Finance Policy Approval – the Committee reviewed the 	No Action/Follow-up

	<p>policies and will be discussed later in the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Update – to be discussed later in the meeting <p><u>Nominating Committee:</u> Ian Golden reported to the Board that the Nominating Committee had a conference call on January 10, 2018 to review the Private Sector Board Member Application for Enrique (Henry) Perez, Ph.D. with Florida Institute of Technology. The Nominating Committee is recommending the Board approve his application and have him join the Board. Dr. Perez has a child with special needs and belongs to several associations related to early childhood. Dr. Perez is on the Space Coast Early Intervention Board, which is a contracted provider with ELCB, and will abstain from voting on items that involve provider related issues.</p> <p><u>Key Result Area Committees:</u> Quality Assurance Committee: The QA Committee reported to the Board that the status of the Performance Funding Project was discussed and reviewed at the November meeting.</p>	<p>Ian Golden motioned for the approval to add Enrique (Henry) Perez, Ph. D. to the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard Board of Directors. Lori Duester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.</p>
Old Business	<p><u>Finance Report and Waiting List/New Enrollment Update:</u> Cathie Odom reviewed the financial reports and informed the Board that enrollment numbers are staying flat and Coalition staff is currently slowly calling families off the wait list. There currently is a projected surplus of about \$150,000 and the Coalition will be monitoring to see if it will be possible to call off more families from the wait list. There are 786 children on the wait list, with about 688 children 5 years and under, about 108 school age children.</p> <p>As of January 1, 2018 VPK applications opened for the 18-19 school year. The Board discussed the frustration of this process being done before the Providers have been approved for the school year.</p> <p>Cathie informed the Board that currently, match is showing as a deficit, but documents are outstanding. There is also a large donation of books from the Barnes and Noble book drive, but to count the donation all the books need to be logged with the prices. The Coalition will have volunteers perform this task.</p> <p><u>Conflict of Interest Policy:</u> Sky informed the Board that one of the policies that OEL required to be updated was the Conflict of Interest Policy. The new guidance included a required training for the Board (see attached). The Board reviewed the updated policy and the terms. After reviewing the policy, the present members signed the updated policy. The policy will be emailed to those members not present, to sign and return.</p> <p><u>Coalition Merger Update:</u> Sky reported to the Board that OEL was asking to submit an amendment to their merger report so that additional information could be considered. The Board reviewed the updated report (see attached) and discussed the Coalitions that were listed as possible mergers and those that have already started the merger process. Brevard is not on the</p>	

	<p>list as one of the Coalitions to merge.</p> <p>Legislative Update: The Board discussed the current Legislative Session that started on January 9 and will conclude March 9. The Board reviewed the AELC - 2018 Bill Tracker (attached) and discussed some of the issues the bills might present. Sky will keep the Board and Providers up to date on the status of the bills.</p>	
New Business	<p>Literacy Week: Literacy Week 2018 will be the week of January 22nd and the Board reviewed the sign-up sheet. Coalition staff will email the schedule to the members to sign-up to read at the scheduled Providers.</p> <p>Committee on Early Grade Success Report: Sky reminded the Board that the Committee on Early Grade Success was created during the 2017 session with the goal to guide the creation of a coordinated early childhood assessment system. The Committee was made of 17 members and met 4 times. The report was provided to OEL, House, Senate and the Office of the Governor. The key components included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening and further evaluation if needed • Information back to teachers and parents • Evaluation upon entry to kindergarten • Integrated data system from birth to third grade • Broader program accountability <p>The Committee presented the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current requirement to screened within 45 days of enrollment and annually thereafter; • Procure an observation-based assessment for birth to 5 children to be used in School Readiness and VPK programs (inform instruction); • Use same assessment at beginning and end of VPK and upon kindergarten entry • Modify current readiness rate calculation (measure growth during VPK year and not at kindergarten entry to determine program effectiveness); • Invests sufficient resources; • Sufficient time for implementation; • Ensure tool utilized addresses all domains of development; • Rigorously and regularly analyze results <p>The Board discussed the recommendations and their impact on children, families and Coalition services.</p>	
Public Comment/Board Announcements	Mark Broms informed the Board of the cover story in the New York Times titled “Why Are Our Most Important Teachers Paid The Least” and how this platform is a great sign that the message is getting out into the public.	No Action/Follow-up
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p:m	<p>Myrna Shimei motioned for the adjournment of the Board meeting.</p> <p>Victoria Candelora seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board</p>

		members.
Next Meeting	February 20, 2018	No Action/Follow up

January 2018 Board of Directors Minutes Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

 02/20/2018

Signature Date
Executive Coordinator

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Signature Date
Executive Director



Director's Report February 2018

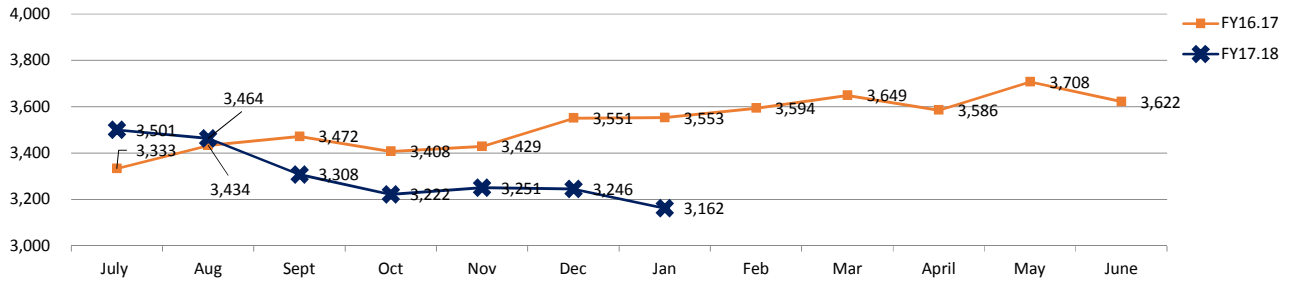
State and Office of Early Learning (OEL) Update:

- Sky Beard attended multiple meetings in Tallahassee the week of January 22, 2018. The Association of Early Learning Coalitions met as well as meetings with the Office of Early Learning. Alan Bergman attended the meeting of the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) on January 25, 2018 as well.
- Due to the recent resignation of the current Chair of the Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC), Sky will now serve in that role through May 2018. At that time, a formal slate of officers will be presented to determine the incoming Executive Committee members. Prior to January 2018, Sky served as Vice Chair for the AELC. She also continues to serve as Co-Chair for the AELC Policy and Program Committee.

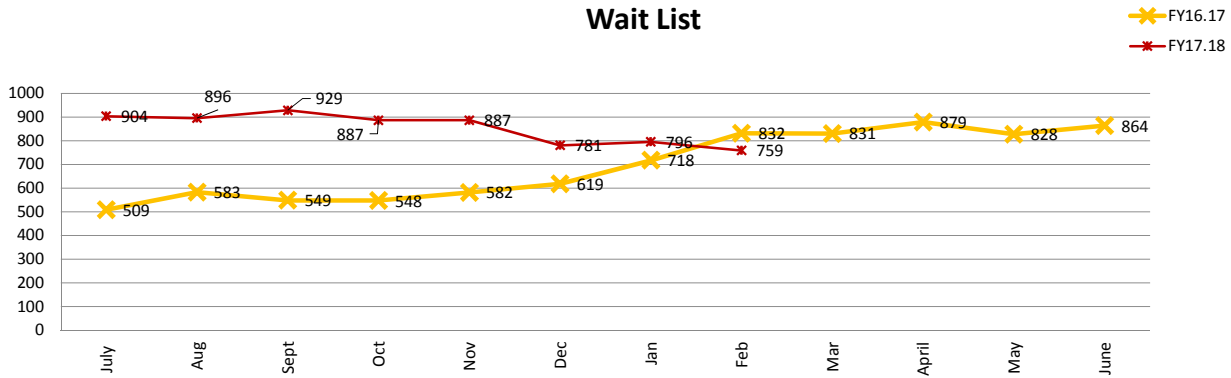
Coalition Update:

- Sky attended a recent meeting of the Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Services (FLAIRS) in Orlando on January 26, 2018. Sky was asked to join the FLAIRS membership as the statewide representative for Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services provided by ELCs. The meeting focused on increased opportunities for collaboration in local communities and statewide.
- Sky continues to be a member of Brevard Public School's Prek – Kindergarten Transition Committee. On February 9, all elementary schools were represented at a transition team meeting in order to share best practices and successes. As part of the agenda, Sky was able to share the importance of partnerships in this work. In addition, Sky invited a private VPK provider to share in the remarks and express the importance of partnering with BPS as their VPK children and families have seen the benefits.
- The Early Learning Coalition continues to be actively involved in community projects such as Help Me Grow, Youth Mental Health Task Force, Community Connect (an initiative of the Healthy Start Coalition), Child Abuse Prevention Task Force and other collaborative opportunities.
- The Early Learning Coalition is in the process of completing its application for the United Way Community Care Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. The process will include a comprehensive application and a presentation in front of a panel of United Way volunteers which will include a testimonial from a parent supported by the School Readiness program.

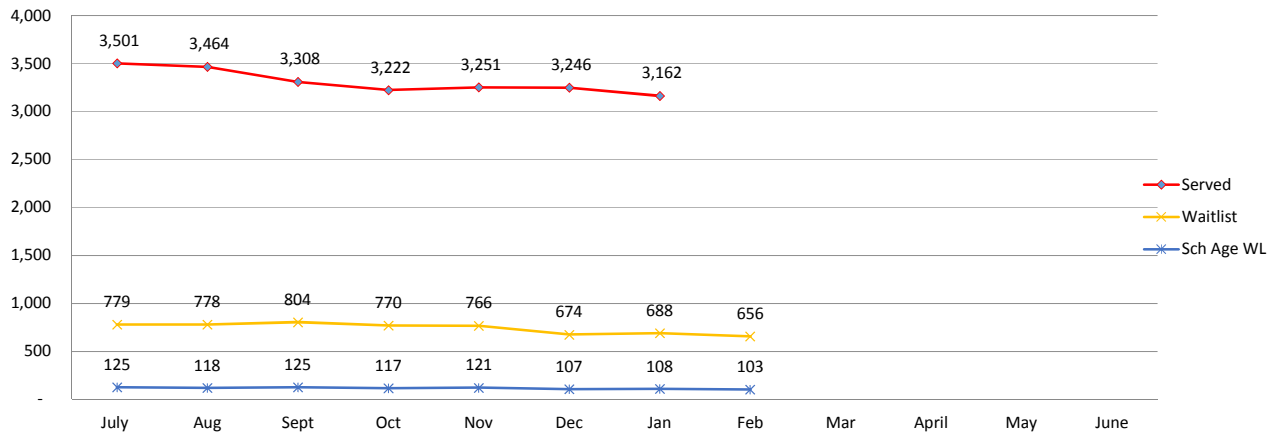
Children Served



Wait List



WaitList vs. Served - Current FY



Fiscal Year 2017-2018

January 2018

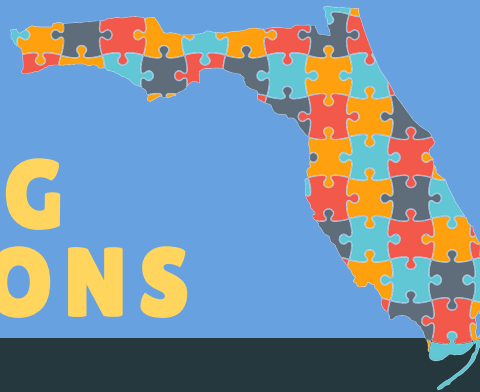
Budget

	Total	Thru 1/31/18	Actual
Economically Disadvantaged Direct Svcs	8,213,202	4,791,035	4,344,910
Projected Match	492,792	287,462	260,695
Match Waived	-	-	-
Total Match Requirement	492,792	287,462	260,695

Projected

	Total	Thru 1/31/18	Actual
Cash Match Sources			
United Way	262,000	152,833	153,407
CDBG Funders	45,893	1,024	20,496
Other direct match funders	2,500	-	419
Indirect match funders	-	-	-
Cash subtotal	310,393	153,857	174,322
In-kind Match Sources			
Public Education Program	90,147	52,586	37,819
Managed IT Services	15,300	8,925	7,679
Professional Services/Other	500	-	-
InKind subtotal	105,947	61,511	45,498
Total Match	416,340	215,368	219,820
Estimated Match Remaining (Surplus)	76,452	72,094	40,875

WHO WE ARE... EARLY LEARNING COALITIONS

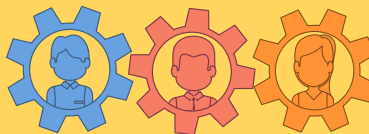


IN FY 2016-17

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COALITIONS

Early Learning Coalitions (ELC) are 501(c)(3) organizations that have governing boards made up of members of the local community and partner with the Office of Early Learning (OEL) to deliver early learning services at the local level in all 67 counties.



4-YEAR-OLDS IN VPK



168,569

168,569 four-year-olds attended Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) in a variety of early education settings including: faith-based providers, family child care homes, private child centers, and both public and private schools.

203,421

203,421 children from low-income families were able to access early education and care in 2016-17 through financial assistance provided by the School Readiness (SR) program.

CHILDREN IN SR



SR FUNDING TO DIRECT SERVICES



81 %

81% of school readiness funds (compared to the minimum of 78% required) was spent on direct services to children and families. Only 4.3% was spent on administrative costs (as compared to the 5% maximum allowed).

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MAJOR AREAS MONITORED BY OEL

In OEL's biennial review process, ten major areas are reviewed: SR program operations, VPK child eligibility, VPK provider eligibility, payment validation, child care resource and referral, Coalition governance, operations and program management, educational service delivery, data accuracy, and exception reports.



MUNICIPALITIES SERVED



410

Established in 2001, the 30 ELCs effectively serve unique populations in each of Florida's 410 incorporated municipalities. The local connection with their community allows them to provide high-quality, targeted services to their neighbors and partners.

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2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



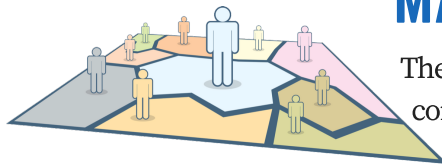
"Early childhood programs have the potential for producing positive and lasting effects on children, but this potential will not be achieved unless more attention is paid to ensuring that all programs meet the highest standards of quality."

- National Association for the Education of Young Children



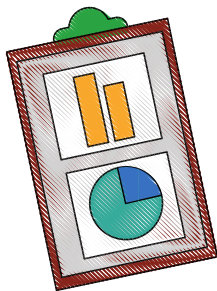
INCREASE QUALITY

Continue support of the Early Learning Performance Funding Project (ELPFP) and other local quality initiatives with increased funding of \$30 million (\$45.5 MM total). This will positively affect children's social-emotional, physical, language and cognitive growth and improve program quality.



MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY

The current structure of ELCs should be maintained and local communities should be allowed to determine how additional efficiencies can be achieved. Local partners are able to bring new and better quality information into decision-making processes due to their proximity to participants, target groups and employers' understanding of the local labor market.



ADOPT MINIMUM STANDARDS

The Office of Early Learning should establish processes for evaluating and reviewing School Readiness providers on a valid program assessment measure of child-teacher interaction. Providers who do not meet the minimum standards should complete a corrective action plan and if no improvement is made in 12 months, the contract would be terminated.



ENSURE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Authorize Early Learning Coalitions to refuse to contract with or revoke the eligibility of School Readiness program providers that have had or obtain a class I violation per the Department of Children and Families licensing rules. Some examples of these violations are children being left unattended, a child dropped off at the incorrect location, or dispensing medicine to the wrong child.

WHY MAINTAINING THE CURRENT ELC STRUCTURE IS SO IMPORTANT

QUALITY



Reduction in the number of Coalitions substantially reduces the number of early childhood specialists available to assure the health and safety of child care environments and puts even more strain on the resources necessary for quality improvement efforts.

PARTNERSHIPS



The effectiveness of local work depends on relationship building. Creating strong working relationships on behalf of families is critical to supporting their efforts to go to school and/or work to improve their situations.

REQUIREMENTS BEING EXCEEDED



Currently, Coalitions are meeting and in some instances, exceeding the statutory funding requirements. Early Learning Coalitions adhere to strict guidelines to implement the School Readiness contract. Per law, direct services (child care) must be at least 78% of the total grant. Statewide, the average amount spent is 81% of the grant. The remaining 22% combines to account for a minimum of 4% quality and a maximum of 5% for administration.

MATCH FUNDING



Relationships with potential match funders also becomes harder when the executive is distant from the funder. Meeting the 6% match requirement is important to the program.

REDIRECTION OF RESOURCES

Larger geographic areas, formed by combining Coalitions, create challenges in providing personalized services for families and with providers. Tremendous amount of time and energy would go to local travel.

MINIMAL ACTUAL SAVINGS



The potential savings realized through a merger may increase the number of children served in the School Readiness program; however, the size of the increase is limited and the chaos created in order to accomplish a small increase does not seem reasonable. The decrease of local services for families and providers, though harder to quantify numerically, would hurt a system where these supports are essential.

NO BASIS



FOR COMPARISON

Prior to 2013, statutory requirements for School Readiness spending were different. Therefore, comparisons of the performance of pre 2013 and post 2013 merged coalitions are not accurate.



PARTNER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



FINANCIAL STABILITY

Florida's United Ways urge the 2018 Florida Legislature to invest \$1.2 million in state funding to expand capacity of income tax consulting and preparation assistance services statewide. That, together with United Ways' match of \$1.8 million, will help more than 31,000 low-income families receive more than \$48 million in tax refunds and more than \$13 million in Earned Income Tax Credits;

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program funded by the Florida Office of Early Learning provides scholarships for early care educators to work towards earning an Associate and/or Bachelor degree or credentials in early childhood education. Because new School Readiness requirements for group size have increased, the need for credentialed teachers is greater. The Forum is asking for \$10 million for T.E.A.C.H. enabling them to support approximately 8,000 total scholarships for 2018-2019.



florida children's council

PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING

The Council wishes to maximize early learning investments by including education-based performance standards and a tiered-payment structure for early learning to prepare children for school success, to enhance the private business model of early learning, and to ensure accountability of public funds.

HEALTH CARE

More than 238,000 of Florida's youngest, most vulnerable citizens do not have health insurance, yet more than 80 percent are fully eligible and could be enrolled today if our state provided adequate outreach and enrollment. The Movement is advocating to support a work group that will look at streamlining and improving Florida KidCare programs.



PRE-K SYSTEM ALIGNMENT

The Florida Association of School Administrators is working to provide for closer cooperation between Early Learning Coalitions, schools and public schools by increasing professional development for teachers and administrators of children birth to grade 2 and mandating ongoing assessment of progress of Pre-K children in all publicly funded schools.

AELC

Sorted by Bill Number

SB 108**Florida Kidcare Program**

Campbell

Florida Kidcare Program; Establishing the Kidcare Operational Efficiency and Health Care Improvement Workgroup as a task force administratively housed in the Department of Health to maximize the return on investment and enhance the operational efficiencies of the Florida Kidcare program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/19/2018 SENATE Now in Rules

Similar[HB 293](#) Florida Kidcare Program (Duran)**HB 267****Children's Services Council of Broward County**

Jones

Children's Services Council of Broward County: Increases maximum millage rate; requires referendum. Effective Date: upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing within Broward County

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

10/9/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/17/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 293**Florida Kidcare Program**

Duran

Florida Kidcare Program: Establishes Kidcare Operational Efficiency & Health Care Improvement Workgroup as task force administratively housed in DOH to maximize return on investment & enhance operational efficiencies of program. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Health & Human Services Committee

1/11/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/16/2018 HOUSE Reference to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining reference: Health & Human Services Committee

1/16/2018 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

Similar[SB 108](#) Florida Kidcare Program (Campbell)**HB 305****Child Care Facilities**

Antone

Child Care Facilities: Designates act as "Child Safety Alarm Act"; requires vehicles used by child care facilities & large family child care homes to be equipped with alarm system that prompts driver to inspect vehicle for children before exiting vehicle; requires DCF to maintain list of approved alarm systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

10/11/2017 HOUSE Filed

10/18/2017 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

10/18/2017 HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

Identical[SB 486](#) Child Care Facilities (Stewart)**HB 449****Children's Initiatives**

Stafford

Children's Initiatives: Creates Tampa Sulphur Springs Neighborhood of Promise Success Zone within City of Tampa in Hillsborough County & Overtown Children & Youth Coalition within City of Miami in Miami-Dade County; provides for management by not for profit corporations not subject to state control, supervision, or direction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/1/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

2/8/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/14/18

2/14/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 0 Nays)

Identical[SB 720](#) Children's Initiatives (Young)**SB 486****Child Care Facilities**

Stewart

Child Care Facilities; Creating the "Child Safety Alarm Act"; requiring vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child care homes to be equipped with a reliable alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle; requiring the Department of Children and Families to adopt by rule minimum safety standards and maintain a list of approved alarm systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

2/7/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 02/12/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S

2/12/2018 SENATE Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/13/2018 SENATE Now in Transportation

Identical[HB 305](#) Child Care Facilities (Antone)**HB 543****The Books to Babies Pilot Project**

Cortes (B)

The Books to Babies Pilot Project: Requires Office of Early Learning to establish Books to Babies Pilot Project in Seminole & Orange Counties for specified purposes; requires OEL to select organization to implement pilot project; provides requirements for use of funds; provides reporting requirements; requires OEL to allocate funds for pilot project; requires matching funds from specified school districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

11/7/2017 HOUSE Filed

11/15/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

11/15/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1146](#) Books to Babies Pilot Project (Simmons)

[SB 654](#)

Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program

Perry

Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; Extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot program; providing an appropriation, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

2/5/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education, 02/08/18, 10:00 am, 412 K

2/8/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/12/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[SB 720](#)

Children's Initiatives

Young

Children's Initiatives; Creating the Tampa Sulphur Springs Neighborhood of Promise Success Zone within the City of Tampa in Hillsborough County and the Overtown Children and Youth Coalition within the City of Miami in Miami-Dade County; providing for the projects to be managed by not-for-profit corporations that are not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any department of the state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Rules

1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 301 S

1/23/2018 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/24/2018 SENATE Now in Rules

Identical

[HB 449](#) Children's Initiatives (Stafford)

[SB 728](#)

Child Restraint Requirements

Perry

Child Restraint Requirements; Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Transportation

11/2/2017 SENATE Filed

11/15/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[HB 951](#)

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education

Fischer

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education: Requires certain assessment results be provided to parents within specified timeframe; requires OEL to aggregate specified assessment results to be distributed to certain entities & posted on office's website; authorizes certain students to reenroll in VPK; provides funding & criteria & procedures for reenrollment. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

1/23/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/24/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

1/25/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1192](#) Education (Stargel)

[HB 1079](#)

Child Welfare

Burton

Child Welfare: Requires DCF to establish rules for granting exemptions from criminal history & certain other records checks required for persons being considered for placement of child; revises offenses that disqualify certain child care personnel from specified employment. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Health & Human Services Committee

2/6/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/6/2018 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

2/13/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee; 02/15/18, 8:30 am, 17 H

Compare

[SB 1514](#) Child Welfare (Garcia)

Similar

[SB 1360](#) Child Welfare (Broxson)

[HB 1091](#)

Early Learning

Grall

Early Learning: Revises provisions relating to the Office of Early Learning, Early Learning Coalitions, & school readiness program. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education Committee

2/7/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

2/9/2018 HOUSE Now in Education Committee

2/13/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Education Committee, 02/15/18, 10:00 am, 102 H

Similar

[SB 1254](#) Early Learning (Passidomo)

HB 1129

Licensure of Child Care Programs

Cortes (B)

Licensure of Child Care Programs: Requires certain membership organizations that provide child care to be licensed as child care facilities; revises training requirements for child care personnel; exempts certain organizations from child care facility licensing standards; establishes licensure fee for certain after-school programs; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

2/9/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/13/18, 9:30 am, 404 H

2/13/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 2 Nays

2/14/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

Compare

[SB 1520](#) Licensure of Child Care Programs (Hutson)

HB 1135

School Improvement

Ausley

School Improvement: Revises requirements for school improvement plans & interventions & supports for schools in need of improvement; requires certain schools to establish early childhood transition team; provides requirements for such teams. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

1/2/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/7/2018 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1334](#) Early Childhood Education (Baxley)

SB 1146

Books to Babies Pilot Project

Simmons

Books to Babies Pilot Project; Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the Books to Babies Pilot Project in Seminole and Orange Counties to provide resources to parents relating to emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization that meets specified criteria to implement the pilot project; providing requirements for the use of pilot project funds, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

12/6/2017 SENATE Filed

12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 543](#) The Books to Babies Pilot Project (Cortes (B))

SB 1150

School Readiness Program Funding

Steube

School Readiness Program Funding; Requiring the Office of Early Learning to develop a formula for the allocation of funding for the school readiness program which meets certain requirements; authorizing the office to adjust certain allocations for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

12/6/2017 SENATE Filed

12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

HB 1175

Early Learning Coalitions

Sullivan

Early Learning Coalitions: Authorizes early learning coalition to refuse to contract with or revoke the eligibility of certain school readiness program providers. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

2/8/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/14/18

2/14/2018 HOUSE Read 2nd time; Temporarily postponed, on 3rd Reading; Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (329585); Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays)

2/14/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

Compare

[SB 1532](#) Early Learning Coalitions (Stargel)

SB 1192

Education

Stargel

Education; Requiring certain assessment results to be provided to parents within a specified timeframe; authorizing certain students to reenroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

12/7/2017 SENATE Filed

12/18/2017 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations
Similar

[HB 951](#) Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (Fischer)

[SB 1254](#)

Early Learning

Passidomo

Early Learning; Revising the duties of the Office of Early Learning; providing that failing to meet certain measures for a specified period is cause for termination of a provider; revising the required contents of the school readiness program plan each early learning coalition must submit; revising the priority criteria for participation in the school readiness program; revising school readiness provider requirements for program participation, etc.

APPROPRIATION: \$6,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/06/18, 2:00 pm, 110 S

2/6/2018 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/7/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Similar

[HB 1091](#) Early Learning (Grall)

[HB 1297](#)

Early Childhood Education

Brown

Early Childhood Education: Prohibits private prekindergarten provider from participating in VPK for specified period under certain circumstances; prohibits private prekindergarten provider from participating in school readiness program for specified period under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

1/7/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; Education Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

Compare

[SB 1738](#) Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (Stewart)

[SB 1334](#)

Early Childhood Education

Baxley

Early Childhood Education; Requiring schools designated as one of the 300 lowest-performing elementary schools to include an Early Childhood Transition Team in their required school improvement plans; requiring the team to develop a transition plan that contains certain elements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

12/21/2017 SENATE Filed

1/11/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 1135](#) School Improvement (Ausley)

[SB 1360](#)

Child Welfare

Broxson

Child Welfare; Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish rules for granting exemptions from criminal history and certain other records checks required for persons being considered for placement of a child; revising minimum requirements for child care personnel related to screening and fingerprinting; defining the term "severe disability" and providing an exemption from fingerprint requirements for adult household members with severe disabilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

2/6/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/8/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/8/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

Compare

[SB 1514](#) Child Welfare (Garcia)

Similar

[HB 1079](#) Child Welfare (Burton)

[HB 1365](#)

Early Learning

Grall

Early Learning; Requires Office of Early Learning to adopt observation-based child assessment system, subject to appropriation; conforms provisions to changes made by the act. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

1/8/2018 HOUSE Filed

1/12/2018 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

1/12/2018 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

Similar

[SB 1822](#) Early Childhood Learning (Hukill)

[SB 1514](#)

Child Welfare

Garcia

Child Welfare; Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish a certain exemption process and to adopt rules and procedures for the documentation necessary for exempting household members who have disabilities from being fingerprinted before a child is placed in the home; requiring the department to take all the necessary steps to recover financial assistance provided to nonrelative caregivers under certain circumstances;

authorizing the court to make certain determinations regarding placement of a child with a guardian, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

1/4/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1079](#) Child Welfare (Burton)

[SB 1360](#) Child Welfare (Broxson)

Similar

[HB 7065](#) Child Welfare (Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee)

[SB 1520](#)

Licensure of Child Care Programs

Hutson

Licensure of Child Care Programs; Requiring certain organizations offering child care through after-school programs to be licensed as child care facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

1/29/2018 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

2/1/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 02/06/18, 9:00 am, 401 S

2/6/2018 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

Compare

[HB 1129](#) Licensure of Child Care Programs (Cortes (B))

[SB 1532](#)

Early Learning Coalitions

Stargel

Early Learning Coalitions; Authorizing an early learning coalition to refuse to contract with certain school readiness program providers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations

2/5/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education, 02/08/18, 10:00 am, 412 K

2/8/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/8/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Compare

[HB 1175](#) Early Learning Coalitions (Sullivan)

[SB 1546](#)

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

Simmons

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Revising the prekindergarten program options available to certain parents to include a specified in-home, technology-based program; authorizing each early learning coalition to administer an in-home, technology-based academic prekindergarten program as part of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; requiring the Office of Early Learning to adopt certain procedures and criteria regarding a nonprofit provider's kindergarten readiness rate; requiring the office to adopt certain procedures for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program for a nonprofit provider, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/4/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

[SB 1738](#)

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

Stewart

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Authorizing an early learning coalition to refuse to contract with certain private prekindergarten providers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education

2/6/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

2/7/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/8/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education

Compare

[HB 1297](#) Early Childhood Education (Brown)

[SB 1822](#)

Early Childhood Learning

Hukill

Early Childhood Learning; Requiring the Office of Early Learning to adopt an observation-based child assessment system that contains specified elements, under certain circumstances; requiring each early learning coalition to implement a specified age-appropriate observation-based assessment for certain children, rather than a preassessment and postassessment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

Current Committee of Reference: Education

1/5/2018 SENATE Filed

1/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations

Similar

[HB 1365](#) Early Learning (Grall)

[HB 3227](#)

Florida Center for Early Childhood - Early Childhood Court

Boyd

Florida Center for Early Childhood - Early Childhood Court: Provides an appropriation for the Florida Center for Early Childhood - Early Childhood Court. APPROPRIATION: \$254,573.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Current Committee of Reference: Appropriations Committee

1/17/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/19/18, 8:00 am, 404 H

1/19/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

1/19/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

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EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BREVARD

Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2018



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Federal Budget
 - Passed a budget deal including an increase in the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) by \$5.8 billion over 2 years
 - Has not yet passed a FY 18 appropriations bill; next step is for Congress to pass a spending bill by March 23
 - Potential that states will receive double the amount of discretionary funding it received in FY 17
 - No increase in state match required



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Federal Budget
 - Can supplement, not supplant (watch closely)
 - Can be spent the way that federal funds are spent now (direct SR services, quality, etc)
 - Discrepancies between this budget and the President's budget proposal released on February 12; spending bill to be tracked as it moves forward

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- State Budget
 - House: Reduction in OEL admin budget; flat funding for VPK, slight increase for SR
 - Senate: Flat funding for OEL and SR; slight increase for VPK

GAA PROVISIO LANGUAGE

- Change from 6% to 8% match requirement
- Removal of language referencing state meeting match is the primary goal even if local Coalitions don't
- Continues to allow for waivers for rural counties

BILLS

Passed the House floor

- HB 1175 (Similar SB 1532)
 - Coalition may refuse to contract with a SR or VPK provider that has been cited for a Class I violation
 - Coalition may also revoke eligibility for a currently contracted provider for that reason (not included in Senate version)

BILLS

Passed the Education Committee

- HB 1091 (Similar SB 1254)
 - Revises SR priorities to include “based on local priorities” as well as modifies requirements for referrals for families experiences domestic violence
 - Requires OEL to a program assessment tool that measures quality (teacher-child interactions)



BILLS

Passed the Education Committee

- HB 1091 (Similar SB 1254)
 - Requires SR providers to participate in program assessment; termination of provider contract if they fail to meet the minimum quality standards (unless Coalition determines that they are essential)
 - Requires OEL to adopted an observation-based child assessment tool and system



BILLS

Passed the Education Committee

- HB 1091 (Similar SB 1254)
 - Requires OEL to develop a differential payment program based on quality measures (may not exceed 15%)
 - Requires Coalitions complete an annual assessment of local priorities based on the needs of families and provider capacity

BILLS

- HB 1297 (Identical SB 1738)
 - A private VPK or SR provider that has been cited for 4 or more violations related to the supervision of children within a 2 year period may not participate for a period of 5 years from the date of the last violation.

BILLS

- HB 951 (Similar SB 1192)
 - Private VPK providers and public schools shall provide pre and post assessment results to parents within 10 days after administration, including any needed resources
 - Within 30 days after administration of pre and post assessment, OEL will:
 - Report results at the aggregate level
 - Distribute aggregate results to ELCs and school districts
 - Display aggregate results on their website

BILLS

- HB 951 (Similar SB 1192)
 - Beginning in 19.20 school year, a child who completed the school year or summer program but is determined by OEL to be at risk of attaining the performance standards may reenroll in a school year program during the subsequent year at the request of the parent:
 - Must be offered by a program that meets the readiness rate
 - OEL will establish criteria for determining if a student is at risk for not attaining performance standards
 - OEL to prepare estimate of number of students impacted

BILLS

- HB 1365 (Similar SB 1822)
 - Requires OEL to calculate readiness rates based on an observation-based assessment and not pre and post assessments
 - Requires OEL to adopt an observation-based child assessment system
 - Used a minimum of three times a year
 - Used to determine learning gains and measures growth among all domains
 - Statewide implementation plan

BILLS

- HB 1365 (Similar SB 1822)
 - Differential payment for providers up to 5% for each child the provider implements an assessment; Full 5% if provider is able to demonstrate learning gains
 - Requires local and statewide data collection

BILLS

- HB 305 (Identical SB 486)
 - “Child Safety Alarm Act”
 - On or after January 1, 2019, vehicles must be equipped with a reliable alarm system approved by DCF
 - DCF to maintain list of systems that meet those standards

