

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
November 16, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.610, Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. OEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

The rule revisions to 6M-4.610 Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program include health and safety inspections for all contracted school readiness providers as required under federal rule requirements of the Child Care Development Fund and Block Grant. Changes also expound upon a provider's inability to deliver the school readiness program due to disqualifying events of non-compliance or fraud by individual members associated with the provider.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.610, F.A.C. Form OEL-SR 20 (October 2016), Form OEL-SR20A (October 2016), Form OEL-SR 20FFN (October 2016), Form OEL-SR 20L (October 2016), Form OEL-SR 20LE (October 2016)

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**Substantial rewording of Rule 6M-4.610 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.**

**6M-4.610 Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program.**

(1) General Provisions.

(a) The Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, Form OEL-SR 20 with exhibits 1 through 5 (October, 2016), is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Form OEL-SR 20L entitled “Licensed Provider Responsibilities” (October, 2016), Form OEL-SR 20LE entitled “License Exempt Provider Responsibilities” (October, 2016), Form OEL-SR 20FFN entitled “Informal Provider Responsibilities” (October, 2016), and Form OEL-SR 20A entitled “School Readiness Provider Contract Amendments” (October, 2016) are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. A copy of Form OEL-SR 20 including exhibits 1 through 5, Form OEL-SR 20FFN, OEL-SR 20LE and OEL-SR 20L may be obtained at [http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel\\_resources/rules\\_guidance\\_technical\\_assistance.aspx](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel_resources/rules_guidance_technical_assistance.aspx) or from the Office of Early Learning, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399. The incorporated forms are also available at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07583> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01342>.

(b) To request participation in the SR Program, a provider must complete a copy of the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, the appropriate provider responsibility form, and submit all required documentation as indicated in the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract to the early learning coalition under which the provider will operate.

(c) By July 1, 2017, all SR providers that register to offer the SR Program must execute Form OEL-SR-20 including exhibits 1 through 5, and Form OEL-SR 20FFN, OEL-SR 20LE or OEL-SR 20L.

(d) The Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract shall be in effect for a term of one year. A school district may sign a single Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract on behalf of all public schools in the district offering the SR Program. The owner, officer, principal or other authorized representative of multiple private child care providers may sign a single Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract on behalf of all of his or her private providers within an early learning coalition service area in which it operates.

(e) An early learning coalition shall not pay a new School Readiness (SR) Program provider, which registers to offer the SR Program on or after January 1, 2017, except under the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract adopted herein with the coalition. A coalition must be a party to a Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract.

(f) A coalition shall keep the original fully executed Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract in the coalition’s records for each SR provider. An early learning coalition may execute and retain this contract electronically in compliance with Section 668.50, F.S., the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act.

(g) Neither a coalition nor an SR provider may omit, supplement or amend the terms and conditions of the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, except for those amendments made with the execution of Form OEL-SR 20A (School Readiness Provider Contract Amendments). Neither a coalition nor an SR provider may include any attachments, addenda or exhibits to the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract except Exhibit 1

(Provider Location List), Exhibit 2 (Required Documentation), Exhibit 3 (Provider Reimbursement Rates), Exhibit 4 (Holiday Schedule), Exhibit 5 (Due Process Procedures), Form OEL-SR 20L (Licensed Provider Responsibilities), Form OEL-SR 20LE (License Exempt Provider Responsibilities), Form OEL-SR 20FFN (Informal Provider Responsibilities), and Form OEL-SR 20A (School Readiness Provider Contract Amendments).

(2) Inspections.

(a) Upon the effective date of this rule, and annually thereafter, all participating school readiness program providers shall receive an inspection to determine compliance with the health and safety requirements of section 1002.88, F.S., and minimum standards adopted under Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C. Annual inspections shall be conducted by the Department of Children and Families (the department) or local licensing agency, whichever is applicable, be unannounced and shall take place within the contract year at a time as scheduled by the department or local licensing agency (as applicable).

(b) For all new providers that are not regulated by the department or local licensing that request participation in the SR Program and have not previously provided SR Program services or have had a one year lapse in providing SR Program services, a fully compliant pre-contractual health and safety inspection must be conducted prior to the execution of a school readiness contract. Upon determination by the coalition that a provider is eligible to participate in the SR Program, an early learning coalition shall complete and execute the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract with the provider.

(c) For new SR Program providers that are currently regulated by the department or local licensing agency, an inspection conducted by the department or local licensing agency within four (4) months for center-based programs and six (6) months for family child care homes prior to the execution of the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract will be sufficient to meet the pre-contractual health and safety inspection requirement. However, prior to execution of an initial school readiness contract a provider must not have any outstanding violations or issues of noncompliance pending from their most recent inspection. Upon determination by the coalition that a provider is eligible to participate in the SR Program, an early learning coalition shall complete and execute the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract with the provider.

(3) School Readiness Program Ineligibility. For the purpose of this subsection “individual associated with a provider” means an individual or family member of an individual who, regardless of compensation, holds a management position, oversees the operations of a provider, or is an officer, shareholder, beneficial owner or member of the board of directors of a provider. A provider shall not be eligible to contract to offer the SR program if any of the following circumstances apply:

(a) The provider is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List;

(b) An individual associated with the provider was, or is, associated with another provider that is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List;

(c) The provider has been terminated from participation in the program due to fraud and is currently not eligible to participate in the school readiness program;

(d) An individual associated with the provider was, or is, associated with another provider that has been terminated from participation in the program due to fraud and is currently not eligible to participate in the school

readiness program;

(e) The provider is currently ineligible to participate in the program pursuant to 1002.88(2), F.S.

(f) An individual associated with the provider was or is associated with another provider that is currently ineligible to participate in the program pursuant to 1002.88(2), F.S.

(g) For multi-site providers, such as corporate chains or school districts, School Readiness program ineligibility identified in paragraphs (e) and (f) above, is per site and may not apply to all locations unless specifically determined otherwise by the coalition. In determining ineligibility of multi-site providers, the coalition shall consider the following factors: the severity of the provider's actions leading to the ineligibility, the health, safety and welfare of children enrolled at the provider sites, the financial impact of the provider's actions, the impact that ineligibility would have upon the local community, consistency with coalition's actions against other providers for similar violations of the Contract or program requirements, the length of time that provider provided services under the contract with the coalition, and whether the provider had previously violated the terms of the Contract and prior contracts with the coalition.

(4) Transfer of ownership. In the event of a change of ownership, sale, sale of assets, conveyance of ownership or other transfer of ownership interest, the provider shall notify the coalition no later than 30 calendar days prior to the transfer of ownership. The coalition and the new owner shall execute a new contract for SR services, provided the new owner meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to subsection (2) of this rule and Section 1002.88, F.S., and is not disqualified from contracting pursuant to subsection (3) of this rule. Upon a request to contract due to a transfer of ownership, the coalition shall have up to 30 calendar days to execute or decline the contract. This timeline may be extended if all prerequisite requirements have not been met.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.213(2), 1002.82(2)(m) FS. Law Implemented 1002.82(2)(m), (6), 1002.82, 1002.83(7), 1002.84(8), (10), (15), (17), 1002.85(2)(h), 1002.87(2), 1002.88, 1002.91, 1002.97(3) FS. History—New 2-18-15, Amended \_\_\_\_\_.*



**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER CONTRACT**  
**FORM OEL-SR 20**

**I. PARTIES AND TERMS OF CONTRACT**

1. **Parties.** This Contract is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by and between the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “COALITION”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “PROVIDER”), with its principal offices located at \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Multiple Public School Locations.** If PROVIDER is a school district executing a single Contract on behalf of multiple public school School Readiness (SR) Program providers, a list of their names and their physical addresses are included in Exhibit 1: Provider Location List. Thereafter, PROVIDER shall include each location listed in Exhibit 1.
- b. Multiple Private Locations.** If PROVIDER is executing a single Contract on behalf of multiple private SR provider sites within COALITION’s service area, a list of their names and their physical addresses are included in Exhibit 1: Provider Location List. Thereafter, PROVIDER shall include each location listed in Exhibit 1.
- c. Employer Identification Number.** Insert PROVIDER’s EIN here:\_\_\_\_\_. If PROVIDER does not have an EIN, PROVIDER must insert PROVIDER’s Social Security Number (SSN) here \_\_\_\_\_. PROVIDER’s EIN or SSN is requested in accordance with sections (ss.) 119.071(5)(a)2. and 119.092, F.S., for use in the records and data systems of the Office of Early Learning and COALITION. Submission of PROVIDER’s EIN or SSN is mandatory. PROVIDER’s EIN or SSN will be used for processing payments to PROVIDER as an SR provider, for reporting those payments for federal tax purposes, and for routine identification. If PROVIDER completes Exhibit 1 listing multiple locations with multiple EIN numbers, this paragraph may be left blank.
2. **Purpose.** This Contract is designed to inform PROVIDER of the requirements of participation in the SR Program. Payment is not conveyed to PROVIDER through this Contract. Instead, PROVIDER must agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract in order to be eligible to participate in the SR Program. This contract is to engage an eligible provider to provide SR services to eligible SR children. PROVIDER will receive payment based on Legislative appropriations, the Office’s Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursement (Rule 6M-4.500, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)), and Reimbursement During Emergency Closures (Rule 6M-8.501, F.A.C.)
3. **Term.** This Contract begins on \_\_\_\_\_ of the fiscal year (20\_\_) or on the date on which the Contract is signed and dated by the last party required to sign the Contract, whichever occurs last, and the Contract ends on (**COALITION select one**)  June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year 20\_\_ or  the last day of the month twelve (12) months after the effective date of the contract as indicated herein.

4. **Payment Limitations.** PROVIDER will not receive nor be entitled to payment for SR Program services performed before this Contract is fully executed by both parties or after expiration of the Contract.
5. **Applicable Law.** PROVIDER and COALITION agree that the following, including any revision made after the execution of this Contract, are the provisions governing the SR Program and that PROVIDER and COALITION will be bound by the same:
  - 42 U.S.C. §9858, et seq.;
  - 45 C.F.R. §98;
  - 45 C.F.R. §99;
  - Chapter 1002, Florida Statutes;
  - Chapter 6M-4, Florida Administrative Code; and
  - Chapter 6M-9, Florida Administrative Code.
6. **Not Transferrable.** This Contract is not transferrable or assignable to another entity. A change in ownership requires execution of a new contract. In the event of a change of ownership, sale, sale of assets, conveyance of ownership or other transfer of ownership interest, the provider shall notify the coalition no later than 30 calendar days prior to the transfer of ownership.

## II. PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY

### 7. General Eligibility

- a. **Provider Type.** To be eligible to deliver the School Readiness Program, PROVIDER must be one of the provider types identified in section (s.) 1002.88(1)(a), F.S., listed below.

Check the box to indicate PROVIDER's type:

- A child care facility licensed under s. 402.305, F.S. (Form OEL-SR 20L is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)
- A family day care home licensed or registered under s. 402.313, F.S. (Form OEL-SR 20L is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)
- A large family child care home licensed under s. 402.3131, F.S. (Form OEL-SR 20L is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)
- A public school or nonpublic school exempt from licensure under s. 402.3025, F.S. (Form OEL-SR 20LE is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)
- A faith-based child care provider exempt from licensure under s. 402.316, F.S. (Form OEL-SR 20LE is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)
- A before-school or after-school program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S.

For a licensed before-school or after-school program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S., Form OEL-SR 20L must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.

For a license exempt or programs that are not required to be licensed as described in Rule 65C-22.008, F.A.C., before-school or after-school program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S., Form OEL-SR 20LE must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.

An informal child care provider to the extent authorized in the state's Child Care and Development Fund Plan as approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 45 C.F.R. s. 98.18. (Form OEL-SR 20FFN is hereby incorporated by reference and must be completed as an authorized attachment to this Contract.)

- b. Eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.91(5), F.S.** PROVIDER represents that PROVIDER, or an owner, officer, or board director thereof, has not been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S., within the last five (5) years and is not acting as the beneficial owner for someone who has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S., within the last five (5) years.
- c. Eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.91(7), F.S.** PROVIDER represents that PROVIDER is not on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List nor does PROVIDER share an officer or board director with a provider that is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List.
- d. Eligibility pursuant to the successful completion of terms of existing corrective action plans or probation.** PROVIDER represents that PROVIDER agrees to successfully complete previous corrective action or terms of probation due to noncompliance determinations from a prior Contract, as applicable, for the duration of this Contract. PROVIDER also represents that currently PROVIDER, or an owner, officer, or board director thereof, has not had their eligibility to provider School Readiness services revoked. For multi-site PROVIDERS, such as corporate chains or school districts, eligibility revocation is per site and not all locations unless specifically determined otherwise by the coalition pursuant to criteria referenced in Paragraph 60 of this contract.
- e. Eligibility pursuant to ss. 1002.82 and 1002.84, F.S.** PROVIDER represents that PROVIDER must have a pre-contractual inspection conducted by the Department of Children and Families or local licensing agency (as applicable) to ensure compliance with health and safety standards and checklist(s) established pursuant to Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C to be eligible to deliver the School Readiness Program.

### III. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCOPE OF WORK

- 8. Child Enrollment.** PROVIDER agrees to enroll eligible children for the SR Program only with ~~written~~ authorization from COALITION which will be provided in the form of a child care certificate. PROVIDER also understands that it will not be reimbursed for services provided to a child beyond the service begin and end date identified by COALITION on the child care certificate, or if the child's eligibility is terminated prior to the end date. As described in s. 1002.87(2), F.S., PROVIDER also agrees to serve children enrolled into its SR Program according to the services

and location established by COALITION on the child care certificate indicating authorized hours of care. In the event that PROVIDER has multiple locations, PROVIDER shall notify and obtain approval ~~in writing~~ from COALITION prior to changing the location where the child shall be served.

9. **Child Care.** PROVIDER agrees to provide child care and to supervise enrolled children at the care level designated by the child care certificate received from the COALITION. Pursuant to 45 C.F.R s. 98.2, child care is defined as the care given to an eligible child by an eligible child care provider. PROVIDER will comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and other standards and requirements in providing child care services under this agreement.
10. **Instruction and Activities.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(b), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to offer instruction and activities to enhance the age-appropriate progress of each child in attaining the child development standards established by the *Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: Birth to Five*, Form OEL-SR 30, adopted by the Office of Early Learning in Rule 6M-4.700, F.A.C. PROVIDER agrees to include activities to foster brain development in infants and toddlers; provide an environment that is rich in language and appropriate and child-friendly music and filled with objects of various colors, shapes, textures, and sizes to stimulate visual, tactile, auditory, and linguistic senses; and include at least thirty (30) minutes of reading to children each day.
11. **General Health and Safety.**
  - a. Provider agrees to provide a healthy and safe environment for children in care pursuant to s. 402.305(5), (6), and (7), F.S., Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C, and all Forms adopted by reference, as applicable, and as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, F.S. Health and Safety requirements are specifically addressed in the administration of the Child Care and Development Block Grant pursuant to 45 CFR 98 and in each provider type attachment.
  - b. **Supervision.** Provider agrees to provide minimum staff-to-children ratio by provider type at all times and direct supervision to ensure the health and safety of children in care.
12. **Smoke Free Environment.** In accordance with Part C of Public Law 107-110 (No Child Left Behind), the “Pro-Children Act of 2001,” no child care facility shall permit smoking within any indoor facility (or portion of such facility) operated by PROVIDER, to provide routine child care or early childhood development services to children. This does not apply to any portion of such facility that is used for a private residence. Individuals in violation are subject to a \$1,000 fine, administrative compliance or both.
13. **Curricula.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(f), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to use the following state-approved curriculum or curricula in the provision of the SR Program:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
edition or date: \_\_\_\_\_  
If PROVIDER is using different curricula at different PROVIDER sites listed in Exhibit 1, PROVIDER must complete the column in Exhibit 1 indicating the name of the curriculum or curricula being used at each site. If PROVIDER is offering school age programs exclusively, PROVIDER may insert “Not Applicable” in the space provided.
14. **Character Development Program.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(g), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to implement the following character development program to develop basic values: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, edition or  
date: \_\_\_\_\_.

If PROVIDER is using a different program at different PROVIDER sites listed in Exhibit 1, PROVIDER must complete the column in Exhibit 1 indicating the name of the character development program being used at each site. If PROVIDER is offering school age programs exclusively, PROVIDER may insert "Not Applicable" in the space provided.

- 15. Developmental Screenings.** PROVIDER acknowledges that \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for conducting developmental screenings for each child aged six weeks to kindergarten eligibility in accordance with Rule 6M-4.720, F.A.C. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(h), F.S., PROVIDER must collaborate with COALITION to complete initial screening for each child, aged six weeks to kindergarten eligibility, within forty-five (45) days after the child's first or subsequent enrollment, to identify a child who may need individualized supports. PROVIDER acknowledges that COALITION is responsible for initiating individualized services, including but not limited to providing referrals, based on child screening results. PROVIDER and COALITION acknowledge that pursuant to s. 1002.84(5), F.S., screening shall not be a requirement of entry into the School Readiness Program and shall be only given with parental consent.

**Subsequent Screenings.** PROVIDER acknowledges that \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for subsequent screenings. Subsequent screening will be conducted at a minimum, annually in the month of the child's birthday or at time of redetermination in accordance with Rule 6M-4.720, F.A.C.

- 16. Prohibited Forms of Discipline.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(i), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to implement minimum standards for child discipline practices that are age-appropriate and consistent with the requirements in s. 402.305(12), F.S. Such standards must provide that children not be subjected to discipline that is severe, humiliating or frightening. The discipline must not be associated with food, rest or toileting. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited. Children may not be denied active play as a consequence of misbehavior.
- 17. Child Immunizations and Health Screenings.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(j), F.S., within thirty (30) calendar days of enrolling a child, PROVIDER agrees to obtain and retain information from the parent regarding the child's age-appropriate immunizations, physical development and other health requirements as indicated on the Student Health Examination form DH 3040 and Florida Certification of Immunization form Part A-1, B, or C DH 680 or the Religious Exemption from Immunization form DH 681.
- 18. Program Operation.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(k), F.S., if PROVIDER offers before-school or after-school programs, PROVIDER agrees those programs shall meet or exceed the requirements of s. 402.305(5), (6), and (7), F.S. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(q), F.S., and as identified in Exhibit 3, PROVIDER agrees to operate on a full-time and part-time basis and provide extended-day and extended-year services to the maximum extent possible without compromising the quality of the program to meet the needs of parents who work.
- 19. Workers' Compensation and Reemployment Assistance** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(n), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to obtain and maintain any required workers' compensation insurance under Chapter 440, F.S., and any required reemployment assistance or unemployment compensation coverage under Chapter 443, F.S.

20. **Sign-In/Sign-Out Process.** PROVIDER agrees to maintain daily attendance documentation, including a documented “sign-in/sign-out” process in accordance with Rule 6M-4.500(1)(c), F.A.C. which accurately documents attendance and absences. PROVIDER agrees to retain the attendance documentation in accordance with COALITION’s records retention requirement established in accordance with s. 1002.84(10), F.S.
21. **Child Absences.** In accordance with s. 1002.87(8), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to notify COALITION in writing if a child enrolled is absent for five (5) consecutive days with no contact from the parent by the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day. In accordance with ss. 1002.81(5) and 1002.87(7), F.S., if the need for care cannot be re-established, then the COALITION will notify the PROVIDER and the parent that school readiness funding will be discontinued. The end of eligibility for funded child care services will be fourteen (14) days from the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day that the child was not in attendance with no contact from the parent.
22. **Rilya Wilson Act and At-Risk Children.** In accordance with s. 1002.87(9), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to abide by the provisions of the “Rilya Wilson Act” (s. 39.604, F.S.) for each at-risk child under the age of school entry who is enrolled in the School Readiness Program.
23. **Parental Choice.** PROVIDER agrees that the parent has the right to choose the provider of child care services for his/her children. In the event the parent chooses to change to a different SR PROVIDER, it is within the parent’s rights to do so, except as limited by s. 1002.84(8), F.S., as described in paragraph 46.c.
24. **Parental Access.** PROVIDER agrees to afford authorized parents unlimited access to their children in SR Programs, during normal hours of provider operation and whenever the children are in the care of the provider. Access may be subject to appropriate safety procedures.
25. **Statewide Information System.** PROVIDER agrees to utilize the statewide information system as referenced in s. 1002.82(2)(n), F.S., as available, to submit information and updates regarding the SR Program. The PROVIDER shall register and execute this Contract on the Provider Portal found on <https://providerservices.floridaearlylearning.com>.
26. **Child Care Resource and Referral.** PROVIDER agrees to participate in the annual update process coordinated by each Child Care Resource and Referral agency as described in Rule 6M-9.300(5) and (6), F.A.C.
27. **Direct Deposit.** PROVIDER agrees to provide information necessary to facilitate direct deposit in order to receive SR reimbursement for services rendered. PROVIDER agrees to provide alternative reimbursement arrangements if PROVIDER chooses to opt out of Direct Deposit, however, the reimbursement may be delayed up to 21 calendar days should the PROVIDER choose to opt out.
28. **Deliverables**

Deliverable	Tasks and Activities	Due Date	Payment
1. One month of child care services	Child enrollment activities per the requirements in section III	Monthly	Per the level of service: established by the child care certificate provided to the PROVIDER by the
	Instruction and activities per the requirements in section III		

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Tasks and Activities</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Payment</b>
	Health and safety activities per the requirements in section III		COALITION; at the rates specified in Exhibit 3: Provider Reimbursement Rates; and documented through an approved monthly attendance report
	Use of curriculum per the requirements in section III		
	Character development activities per the requirements in section III		
2. Monthly attendance report	Monthly attendance report submitted by the PROVIDER to the COALITION per the requirements in section VII	Monthly by the day indicated in section VII	N/A
3. Proof of Developmental Screening	<b>If applicable:</b>		N/A
Applies to providers responsible for developmental screening as indicated in section III	Developmental screenings for each child aged six weeks to kindergarten eligibility per the requirements in section III.	Within 45 days after the child's first or subsequent enrollment	
Proof of Developmental Screening (continued)	Subsequent screenings conducted annually in month of child's birthday.	Annually	
	PROVIDER shall submit the child's screening results to the COALITION	Within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of screening	
	Enter the data into an electronic system	Within sixty (60) calendar days after screening	
	PROVIDER shall provide in writing the screening results for each child to the child's parent.		

#### IV. COALITION RESPONSIBILITIES

**29. Training and Technical Assistance.** COALITION will notify PROVIDER of the availability of training, technical assistance, and other targeted assistance in support of the provision of quality SR services.

30. **Developmental and Subsequent Screenings.** Applicable if PROVIDER is responsible for Developmental Screenings and Subsequent Screenings as indicated in paragraph 15. COALITION shall give notification to PROVIDER a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the child must be screened. COALITION will have staff persons available to explain screening results if ~~requested~~ by a parent.
31. **Child Eligibility.** COALITION has the responsibility for determining the eligibility of children enrolling in the SR Program. COALITION will issue forms that make up a child care certificate (also known as a payment certificate), as described in s. 1002.82(6)(b) and (c), F.S., to the parent of each eligible child who enrolls in the SR Program.
32. **Limitations on Authority.** COALITION may not impose any requirement on PROVIDER that exceeds the authority provided under Chapter 1002, F.S., or rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 1002, F.S.; or require PROVIDER to administer a pre-assessment or post-assessment.

## V. MONITORING, AUDITING AND ACCESS

### 33. Monitoring.

a. COALITION will monitor PROVIDER for compliance with this Contract and the provisions governing the SR Program listed in paragraph 5., in accordance with s. 1002.85(2)(h), F.S. PROVIDER will be monitored in accordance with the COALITION monitoring plan, or in response to a parental complaint.

b. PROVIDER monitoring results may be shared with other COALITIONS that have an executed and current school readiness contract with the PROVIDER for the purposes of minimizing the administrative burden on the COALITIONS and the PROVIDER.

34. **Physical Access.** PROVIDER agrees to allow the Office of Early Learning, the Department of Children and Families or Local Licensing Agency, if applicable, and COALITION staff or sub-contractors immediate access to the facilities and spaces used to offer the SR Program during normal business hours, except as otherwise restricted by government facilities.
35. **Records Access.** PROVIDER agrees to allow COALITION staff or sub-contractors, the Department of Children and Families or Local Licensing Agency, if applicable, the Office of Early Learning or the United States Department of Health and Human Services to inspect and copy records pertaining to the SR Program during normal business hours and upon request by COALITION, the Department of Children and Families, the Office of Early Learning or the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Records that are stored off-site shall be provided within seventy-two (72) hours.

## VI. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, DATA, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

36. **Record Confidentiality.** PROVIDER agrees to protect the confidentiality of child and family records. PROVIDER agrees to have all staff complete confidentiality agreements and have processes in place to protect the privacy of child and family information. Confidentiality agreements will be maintained by the PROVIDER and provided to the COALITION upon request. Information associated with the SR Program shall only be made available in accordance with the restrictions of s. 1002.97, F.S. For the purposes of records of children enrolled in the SR Program, this Contract is considered an interagency agreement for the purpose of implementing the SR

Program as described in s. 1002.97(3)(g), F.S. Accordingly, to the extent that PROVIDER receives school readiness records in order to carry out its official functions, PROVIDER must maintain and protect the data as required in s. 1002.97, F.S., and as explained below. Individuals and organizations eligible to receive records include PROVIDER, the parent, COALITION, Office of Early Learning, and other entities identified in s. 1002.97, F.S.

37. **Record Maintenance.** PROVIDER agrees to maintain records, including sign in and sign out documentation, enrollment and attendance certification, documentation to support excused absences and proof of parent co-payments for children funded by the SR Program. The records must be maintained for audit purposes for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last reimbursement request for that fiscal year or until the resolution of any audit findings or any litigation related to this Contract, whichever occurs last. PROVIDER may maintain records in an electronic medium and if the PROVIDER does so, then the PROVIDER shall back up records on a regular basis to safeguard against loss.
38. **Record Transfer on Termination.** In the event that PROVIDER permanently ceases to offer the SR Program before the conclusion of the retention period for SR records as described in paragraph 37, whether as a result of unilateral or mutual termination of PROVIDER's eligibility to offer the SR Program or as a result of PROVIDER ceasing to do business, PROVIDER shall transfer all SR records required to be maintained under paragraph 37. to COALITION no later than the close of business on the day PROVIDER ceases to offer the SR Program. Failure to remit all SR Program records required to be maintained will result in COALITION withholding final payment until the requirements of this paragraph are met.

## VII. COMPENSATION AND FUNDING

39. **Method of Payment.** PROVIDER reimbursement for eligible children will be based on the child care certificate (also known as a payment certificate) issued by COALITION and presented by a parent, and through the use of the procedures outlined herein.
40. **Reimbursement Rates Established.** PROVIDER agrees to provide documentation of its published private child care rates included in Exhibit 3. PROVIDER agrees to accept the approved PROVIDER reimbursement rate which is the lesser of the COALITION maximum reimbursement rate established by COALITION and approved by Office of Early Learning, identified in Exhibit 3. PROVIDER is paid based on budget availability, at the approved PROVIDER reimbursement rate less any parent co-payments assessed by COALITION as reflected on the child care certificate.
41. **Gold Seal Rate.** PROVIDER agrees to provide documentation of its Gold Seal Quality Designation. Gold Seal providers shall receive the Gold Seal rate identified in Exhibit 3 for all care levels which have received a Gold Seal Quality Designation.
42. **Special Needs Rate.** PROVIDER will receive a special needs rate identified in Exhibit 3 when providing services to a child with an identified special need in accordance with Rule 6M-4.500(5)(a) and (b), F.A.C. A special need child is defined as a child who has been determined eligible as a child with a disability in accordance with Chapter 6A-6, F.A.C., and is participating

in a program for children with disabilities provided by the school district or a child who has an individualized educational plan (IEP) or family support plan (FSP).

- 43. Rate Changes and Limitations.** PROVIDER agrees to report any changes in its published child care rates or its Gold Seal status, if applicable. PROVIDER acknowledges that COALITION is prohibited from making payments, inclusive of Gold Seal or special needs rate differentials, which would cumulatively exceed PROVIDER's private payment rate. In the event that any information submitted by PROVIDER in Exhibit 3 changes, PROVIDER must notify COALITION in writing of the change no later than close of business on the day of the change. COALITION may amend PROVIDER's reimbursement rate based on the information submitted by PROVIDER or any of the factors identified in this paragraph. COALITION must notify PROVIDER, in writing, of any change in reimbursement rate at least thirty (30) calendar days before the change is implemented.
- 44. Rates and Fees for Parents.** PROVIDER acknowledges that it is prohibited from charging parents receiving SR services a higher rate than that charged to private pay parents. In addition to the parent co-payment assessed by COALITION, PROVIDER must provide the parent with a list of any fees it charges and, if applicable, written notice of the difference between the private pay rate and SR reimbursement, prior to the parent enrolling his/her child in PROVIDER's SR Program. PROVIDER is prohibited from charging any fees other than the parent co-payment or those fees provided to the parent on the fee list described above.
- 45. Military Subsidies.** PROVIDER agrees that it will notify COALITION if it receives military subsidy payments through or from the Child Care Aware of America<sup>®</sup> (formally NACCRRRA) or any legal successor organizations, on behalf of any child enrolled in PROVIDER's SR Program. PROVIDER understands that its SR reimbursement rate may be changed as a result of receipt of such military subsidy payments. If PROVIDER fails to report receipt of such military subsidy payments, PROVIDER will be subject to fraud investigation for violation of the requirements of the SR Program.
- 46. Co-payment.** As required by s. 1002.84(8), F.S., PROVIDER shall collect the assessed parent co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment in accordance with Rule 6M-4.400, F.A.C., from the parent.

  - a. Co-payment Amount or Graduated Phase-Out Co-payment Amount.** The amount of the co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment which must be collected for each child is included on his or her child care certificate. In the event that an assessed parent co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment is changed by COALITION, COALITION will send the PROVIDER written notice of the change. Only co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment changes from the COALITION are valid.
  - b. Co-payment or Graduated Phase-out Co-payment Assessment and Collection.** Assessed parent co-payments or graduated phase-out co-payments are automatically deducted from PROVIDER's monthly reimbursement. PROVIDER is required to collect parent co-payments or graduated phase-out co-payments.
  - c. Co-payment or Graduated Phase-out Co-payment Documentation.** PROVIDER must give the parent a receipt for each co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment made by the parent and retain receipt records for all child care co-payments or graduated phase-out co-payments. Upon request, PROVIDER shall provide a current accounting and copy of co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment receipt records to the COALITON. COALITION

will use this documentation to ensure parents who transfer their children to another child care provider have met their co-payment or graduated phase-out co-payment obligations before receiving additional school readiness services.

47. **Holiday Schedule.** PROVIDER agrees to follow the holiday schedule approved by COALITION for PROVIDER's program, which includes \_\_\_\_\_ days per year as set forth in Exhibit 4: Holiday Schedule and understands that these are the only holidays for which PROVIDER will receive reimbursement. Pursuant to Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C., reimbursement may be made for up to twelve (12) recognized holidays per year.
48. **Attendance Documentation.** PROVIDER agrees to document daily attendance and submit monthly attendance reports for payment. PROVIDER agrees to submit all required attendance records to COALITION on or before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) business day of each month. If the due date falls on a holiday, PROVIDER agrees to submit all required attendance records to COALITION on the preceding business day. Records submitted late will be processed and paid in the next open payment cycle.
49. **Reimbursement Summary Review.** PROVIDER agrees to review the reimbursement summary provided with the monthly reimbursement statement. PROVIDER agrees to report to COALITION any discrepancy, overpayment, or underpayment within sixty (60) calendar days of transmission of the reimbursement summary.
50. **Emergency Temporary Closure.** PROVIDER agrees all requests for compensation for temporary closures beyond PROVIDER's control will be handled in accordance with Rule 6M-4.501, F.A.C.
51. **Disallowed Costs.** PROVIDER understands expenditures submitted for reimbursement shall be disallowed if PROVIDER does not adhere to the provisions governing the SR Program as described in paragraph 5. Any disallowed expenditure may be deducted from any future reimbursement. PROVIDER agrees to return to COALITION any funds received as a result of error or overpayment or disallowed cost. If PROVIDER ceases to offer the SR Program before the payment is fully recovered, PROVIDER agrees to return the funds it was overpaid. If PROVIDER fails to return the funds it was overpaid, PROVIDER will be subject to collection efforts and restitution.
52. **Head Start Agencies.** If PROVIDER is a Head Start Agency, PROVIDER understands that, in accordance with federal law, PROVIDER's Head Start programs must be "in addition to, and not in substitution for, comparable services previously provided without Federal assistance." (42 U.S.C., s. 9835(c))
53. **Title 20 Schools.** If PROVIDER receives federal funds under Title 20, United States Code, ss. 6311-6322, PROVIDER understands that, in accordance with federal law, PROVIDER may use "Federal funds to supplement, [but] not [to] supplant non-Federal funds." (20 U.S.C., s. 6314(a)(3)(B))

## VIII. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

54. **Financial Consequences.** As a result of PROVIDER's failure to provide the minimum level of services required by this Contract, COALITION shall temporarily withhold reimbursement,

disallow all or part of services not in compliance with the terms of this contract or terminate the contract.

## **IX. NONDISCRIMINATION**

- 55. Discrimination Prohibited.** PROVIDER agrees not to discriminate against children, families and staff on the basis of race, national origin, ethnic background, sex, religious affiliation, or disability. PROVIDER will comply with the terms of 45 C.F.R. §98.47 regarding non-discrimination against staff persons on the basis of religion.

## **X. NONCOMPLIANCE, PROBATION AND TERMINATION**

### **56. Noncompliance Determination.**

- a. Corrective Action Notice.** If COALITION determines PROVIDER has failed to comply with the provisions governing the SR Program as described in paragraph 5, or the requirements of this Contract, and COALITION concludes that corrective action will resolve the failure to comply, COALITION must notify PROVIDER in writing. (“Corrective action” means implementation of specific action(s) designed to correct the failure to meet a specific requirement.) The notice must identify the specific requirement(s) which PROVIDER failed to meet and describe how PROVIDER failed to meet each requirement. In addition, the notice must provide a detailed description of any required corrective action and set a deadline for completion of the corrective action. Finally, the notice must state that PROVIDER may request a review of the determination as described in paragraph 64. Upon determining that the PROVIDER has satisfactorily completed the corrective action, the COALITION shall notify the PROVIDER in writing. If the PROVIDER has not satisfactorily implemented its corrective actions by the end of this CONTRACT, the PROVIDER will still be held accountable for implementing the remainder of the corrective actions accepted under the previous contract if the PROVIDER remains eligible to deliver the School Readiness Program and executes a new CONTRACT with the COALITION.
- b. Probation.** If COALITION concludes that PROVIDER has received a corrective action notice for the same violation two or more times or have had multiple corrective action plans within the contract year or if the corrective action plan is not completed within the prescribed timelines, PROVIDER shall be placed on probation for a period up to six (6) months. Probation may include one or more of the following conditions: training or staff development, monitoring or technical assistance by COALITION or submission of documentation related to the violation. COALITION must notify PROVIDER in writing of the terms and duration of the probation, including required timelines. The terms of the probation must correlate to the basis of the corrective action. If the PROVIDER has not satisfactorily completed the terms of its probation by the end of this CONTRACT, the PROVIDER will still be held accountable for the terms of the probation of the previous contract if the PROVIDER remains eligible to deliver the School Readiness Program and executes a new CONTRACT with the COALITION.

### **57. Termination for Cause.**

- a. Basis of Termination for Cause.** PROVIDER agrees that COALITION has the right to terminate this Contract for cause at any time. The following are grounds for termination for cause: (a) Action, or lack of action, which threatens the health, safety or welfare of children; (b) The material failure to comply with one or more of the terms of this Contract, including,

but not limited to, failure to implement corrective action or comply with the terms of probation as described in paragraph 56 above; (c) The refusal to accept any notice described under this Contract which COALITION is required to send to PROVIDER; or (d) Reasonable or probable cause for COALITION to suspect that fraud has been committed by PROVIDER as described in paragraph 63.

**b. Notice of Termination for Cause.** In order to terminate PROVIDER for cause, COALITION must send a written notice of termination for cause to PROVIDER. Such notice must be sent, with proof of delivery, at least five (5) business days before termination. The notice must state the date of, and the specific basis for, termination. Finally, the notice must state that PROVIDER may request a review of the determination as described in paragraph 64. Notwithstanding PROVIDER's refusal of delivery of the notice, this Contract shall be terminated on the date identified in the notice. COALITION shall document any refusal of delivery.

**58. Emergency Termination.** COALITION must immediately terminate this Contract on an emergency basis upon notification by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or local licensing agency of actions or inactions of a PROVIDER that pose an immediate and serious danger to the health, safety, or welfare of children. COALITION will terminate this Contract on an emergency basis by sending PROVIDER written notice of emergency termination at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to termination. The written notice must specifically state the basis of COALITION's determination. Finally, the notice must state that PROVIDER may request a review of the determination as described in paragraph 64.

**59. Termination for Health and Safety Violations.** PROVIDER agrees that COALITION has the right to terminate this Contract based on Health and Safety violations, verified by the Department of Children and Families or Local Licensing Agency, if applicable, in accordance with ss. 1002.82 and 1002.84, F.S., and Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., and applicable adopted forms.

**60 Revocation of Eligibility.**

**a.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(2), F.S., if PROVIDER's Contract is terminated under paragraph 56., 57., or 58., COALITION may revoke PROVIDER's eligibility to deliver the School Readiness Program for a period of five (5) years. The only statutorily authorized period of revocation is five (5) years (s.1002.88(2), F.S.). In determining whether to revoke PROVIDER'S eligibility, the COALITION shall consider the following factors: the severity of the PROVIDER'S actions leading to the termination of the contract, the health, safety and welfare of children enrolled at the PROVIDER, the financial impact of the PROVIDER'S actions, the impact that the revocation would have upon the local community, consistency with COALITION'S actions against other PROVIDERS for similar violations of the Contract or program requirements, the length of time that PROVIDER provided services under contract with the COALITION, and whether the PROVIDER had previously violated the terms of this Contract and prior contracts with the COALITION. COALITION shall provide notice of its intent to revoke PROVIDER'S eligibility at the same time that it provides written notice of intent to terminate the contract to PROVIDER.

**b.** The PROVIDER agrees that in the event that this contract is terminated under the provisions of paragraphs 57, 58, or 59, and the PROVIDER'S eligibility is not revoked for a period of five (5) years under paragraph 60 part a, the parties may not enter into another contract for school readiness services for the remainder of the contract term of this contract.

- 61. Termination of Contract by Provider.** PROVIDER and COALITION may agree to terminate this Contract by mutual consent or PROVIDER may unilaterally terminate this Contract at will. Written notice of termination must be given at least thirty (30) calendar days before the termination date in order for the COALITION to make alternative arrangements for uninterrupted services for children served under this Contract. If sufficient notice of termination is not provided, COALITION may refuse to issue the final reimbursement payment to PROVIDER. If PROVIDER unilaterally, terminates this Contract during the pendency of an inquiry due to suspected noncompliance with parts V and VI of chapter 1002, of the Florida Statutes, and chapters 6M, Florida Administrative Code, the COALITION may revoke the PROVIDER'S eligibility to offer the SR Program for a period of 5 years in accordance with s.1002.88(2), F.S., if the noncompliance is upheld by the early learning coalition review committee.
- 62. Legislative Appropriation.** Any obligation for payment under this Contract is contingent upon an appropriation by the Florida Legislature. If funds required to finance this Contract are unavailable, COALITION shall terminate this Contract after providing written notice, with proof of delivery, at least twenty-four (24) hours before termination of this Contract. In the event of termination of this Contract under this paragraph, PROVIDER shall be paid for the documented SR hours completed prior to termination of this Contract.
- 63. Eligible Child Care Provider.** In order to receive state or federal funds under this Contract, PROVIDER must be an eligible child care provider as defined under 45 C.F.R. §98.2. Failure to maintain status as an eligible child care provider shall be considered an immediate and serious danger to the health, safety, or welfare of children, which is grounds for emergency termination of this Contract as described in paragraph 58. PROVIDER certifies that each location at which PROVIDER offers the SR Program is an eligible child care provider. PROVIDER agrees to notify COALITION immediately if it ceases to be an eligible child care provider.
- 64. Fraud.**
- a. Payment Certificate Fraud Investigation.** In accordance with s. 1002.82(6)(d), F.S., if it is determined that PROVIDER has given any cash or other consideration to the beneficiary in return for receiving a payment certificate, COALITION or its fiscal agent shall refer the matter to the Department of Financial Services pursuant to s. 414.411, F.S., for investigation.
  - b. Suspension for Suspected Fraud.** In accordance with s. 1002.91(4), F.S., COALITION may suspend or terminate PROVIDER from participation in the School Readiness Program when it has reasonable cause to believe that PROVIDER has committed fraud. PROVIDER may request a review of COALITION'S determination to suspend PROVIDER as described in paragraph 64. This review shall be limited to a determination of whether the COALITION has reasonable belief fraud occurred. If suspended, PROVIDER shall remain suspended until the completion of any investigation by the Office of Early Learning, the Department of Financial Services, or any other state or federal agency, and any subsequent prosecution or other legal proceeding.
  - c. Termination for Fraud.** In accordance with s. 1002.91(5), F.S., if PROVIDER, or an owner, officer, or board director thereof, is convicted of, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S., or is acting as the beneficial owner for someone who has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S., the COALITION shall refrain from contracting with, or using the

services of, PROVIDER for a period of five (5) years. In addition, COALITION shall refrain from contracting with, or using the services of, any provider that shares an officer or board director with a provider that is convicted of, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S. for a period of five (5) years.

**d. Termination for National Disqualification.** In accordance with s. 1002.91(7), F.S., if PROVIDER is placed on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List, COALITION must terminate this Contract for cause. In addition, if PROVIDER shares an officer or board director with a provider that is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List, COALITION must terminate this Contract for cause.

**65. Due Process Procedures.** PROVIDER may request a review of determinations made by COALITION under this Contract. Reviews will be conducted in accordance with Exhibit 5: Due Process Procedures. While a request for a review is being examined, PROVIDER is not required to implement corrective action. In accordance with s. 1002.82(2)(m), F.S., PROVIDER may not offer any School Readiness services while a request for a review regarding termination of PROVIDER's School Readiness Contract is being examined.

**66. Severability of Provider Location.** If PROVIDER has executed this Contract on behalf of multiple locations and one or more of the locations is terminated pursuant to Section X of this Contract, then in lieu of re-executing a new contract for the remaining locations, COALITION may modify Exhibit 1 to indicate which location(s) previously part of this Contract has been removed by striking through the location(s), initialing and dating in the "official use only" column. COALITION shall provide a copy of the revised Exhibit 1 showing any stricken locations to the PROVIDER. This Contract shall remain in full force and effect as to all other locations on Exhibit 1 which have not been stricken.

**67. Litigation and Venue.** In the event that PROVIDER believes that this Contract has been inappropriately terminated, or in the event of a breach of this Contract, any available remedies may be pursued in a court of competent jurisdiction. COALITION and PROVIDER agree that any litigation related to this Contract which is brought by COALITION or PROVIDER will be brought in a county within COALITION's geographical service area.

## **XI. NOTIFICATION**

**68. Information Change Notification.** PROVIDER agrees that it will comply with each of the following notification requirements:

**a. Providing notice to the coalition of** changes in contact or program information within fourteen (14) calendar days.

**b. Providing notice to the coalition of** temporary emergency closings of the SR Program within two (2) calendar days.

**c. Providing notice the coalition of** permanent business closings or changes in business location or ownership must be reported at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to changes.

- 69. CCR&R Participation.** PROVIDER agrees to provide program and business information annually for inclusion in the Child Care Resource and Referral Network and is responsible for ensuring that COALITION has up-to-date business and contact (including emergency contact) information.
- 70. Unusual Incident Notification.** PROVIDER agrees to report unusual incidents to COALITION by no later than the close of business on the next business day of the unusual incident and to submit a written report to COALITION within three (3) business days from the date of the incident. For licensed providers, sending a copy of the incident report submitted for DCF to COALITION shall constitute compliance with this paragraph. An unusual incident is any significant event involving the health and safety of children under PROVIDER's care. Examples of unusual incidents include: accusations of abuse or neglect against PROVIDER or PROVIDER's staff; the injury of a child which requires professional medical attention at PROVIDER's site or written notification from the child's parent that the child received professional medical attention; and when PROVIDER receives notice of litigation where PROVIDER is named party or defendant and which relates to the PROVIDERs operation at any location at which SR services are being provided.
- 71. Notification of Disqualification or Public Assistance Fraud.**
- a. PROVIDER shall notify COALITION within five (5) calendar days if the PROVIDER is placed on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List, or if PROVIDER shares an officer or board director with a provider that is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List.
  - b. PROVIDER shall notify COALITION within five (5) calendar days if PROVIDER, or an owner, officer, or board director thereof, is convicted of, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S., or is acting as the beneficial owner for someone who has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, public assistance fraud pursuant to s. 414.39, F.S.

**72. Contact Persons.**

- a. **Coalition Contact.** The representative for COALITION for the purposes of this Contract is \_\_\_\_\_ who can be contacted at \_\_\_\_\_ or by email at \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. **Provider Contact.** The representative for PROVIDER for the purposes of this Contract is \_\_\_\_\_ who can be contacted at \_\_\_\_\_ or by email at \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. **Contact Change.** In the event that either party designates different representatives after execution of this Contract, notice of the name and contact information of the new representative will be rendered in writing to the other party within ten (10) calendar days of change.

**XII. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 73. Indemnification.** PROVIDER shall be fully liable for and indemnify, defend and hold harmless COALITION, the Office of Early Learning and all of their officers, directors, agents, contractors,

subcontractors and employees from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions, damages, judgments and costs that arise whether in law or in equity, from any of the PROVIDER's agents, subcontractors or employees' acts, actions, neglect or omission during the performance or operations under this Contract or any subsequent modification thereof. This includes attorney's fees and costs. This indemnification holds whether liability is direct or indirect and whether damage is to any person or real or personal tangible or intangible property. If PROVIDER is a state agency, or subdivision thereof, as defined in s. 768.28(2), paragraph is limited to the extent permitted by s. 768.28, F.S.

### **XIII. SEVERABILITY**

- 74. Severability.** If any provision of this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

### **XIV. NO AMENDMENTS**

- 75. Only Authorized Amendments.** No attachments, or supplements to this Contract are authorized or permitted, except those specifically incorporated by reference in this form, including Exhibit 1: Provider Location List; Exhibit 2: Required Documentation; Exhibit 3: Provider Reimbursement Rates; Exhibit 4: Holiday Schedule; Exhibit 5: Due Process Procedures; and Form OEL-SR 20L, Form OEL-SR 20LE, or Form OEL-SR 20FFN, as described in paragraph 7. No amendments to this contract are authorized or permitted except for those amendments made with the execution of Form OEL-SR 20A (School Readiness Provider Contract Amendments).

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**XIV. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(p), F.S., PROVIDER has caused this Contract to be executed as of the date set forth in Paragraph 1. By signing below, PROVIDER hereby certifies that PROVIDER has read and understood this Contract. PROVIDER certifies that all information provided is true and correct and agrees that noncompliance with the requirements of the School Readiness Program including, but not limited to the requirements of this Contract, and all Exhibits and authorized attachments, shall result in corrective action, withholding of funds, or termination of this Contract at the discretion of COALITION, in accordance with Section X.

**Warranty of Authority.** Each person signing this contract warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of President/Vice President/  
Secretary/Officer/Owner/Principal/or Other  
Authorized Representative**  
 By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Provider’s Additional Signatory (If required by  
the Provider)**  
 By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

COALITION has caused this Contract to be executed as of the date set forth in paragraph 1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Authorized Coalition  
Representative**  
 By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

### Exhibit 1: Provider Location List

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If PROVIDER is executing this Contract on behalf of one physical location, mark this Exhibit “Not Applicable” in the box below.

Not Applicable.

If PROVIDER is a school district executing a single Contract on behalf of multiple public school School Readiness (SR) Program providers ~~enter each name and physical location in the table below.~~ If PROVIDER is executing a single Contract on behalf of multiple private SR sites within COALITION’s service area, PROVIDER shall complete a Provider Location List in a table format with the following columns:

- A. Location Number (optional)
- B. Location Legal Name
- C. Doing Business As Name (if applicable)
- D. Physical Address
- E. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- F. Curriculum (Date/Edition)
- G. Character Development (Date/Edition)
- H. Official Use Only (for coalition use)

If COALITION determines a location to be ineligible to offer the SR Program, COALITION will strike through the name and location on the table and initial and date in the column titled “Official Use Only” and send a revised copy to PROVIDER.

## Exhibit 2: Required Documentation

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDER must mark the appropriate box in each section or subsection below. In addition, if PROVIDER is executing this Contract on behalf of multiple public schools or private provider sites, PROVIDER must mark the documentation with the corresponding Location Number from Exhibit 1.

1. Private Child Care Rates

- PROVIDER has provided a copy of its private child care rate information to COALITION with this Contract.

2. Gold Seal Rates

- PROVIDER has provided a copy of documentation with appropriate age designation related to its Gold Seal status, if applicable, to COALITION with this Contract.
- PROVIDER does not possess a Gold Seal Quality Care Designation.

3. Documentation of Eligible Child Care Provider

Private SR Providers

- PROVIDER has provided a copy of its Certificate of Licensure which includes a DCF identification number.
- PROVIDER has provided a copy of its Letter of Confirmation which includes a DCF exemption number and explains the nature of the exemption.
- PROVIDER has provided a copy of its certificate of accreditation.
- PROVIDER certifies that it is not regulated by DCF and therefore does not require documentation from DCF.
- PROVIDER has provided evidence of liability insurance.

Public School, Private School, and Charter School SR Providers

- PROVIDER is a public school and has provided a copy of documentation showing its school district and public school number.
- PROVIDER is a private school and has provided a copy of its Certificate of Licensure which includes a DCF identification number or a Letter of Confirmation which includes a DCF exemption number.
- PROVIDER is a charter school and has provided a copy of its charter which includes preschool aged children as a service population and documentation showing its school district and school number.
- PROVIDER has provided evidence of liability insurance.

4. Specialized Program Type

- PROVIDER offers the Head Start program.
- PROVIDER does not offer the Head Start program.

5.  IRS W-9 Form (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number).

6.  Documentation of signature authority.

7.  Current Sunbiz print-out identifying the office, director or authorized person(s), if applicable.

### Exhibit 3: Provider Reimbursement Rates

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Operational Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDER must mark the appropriate box below indicating the appropriate provider type. In addition, PROVIDER must mark whether or not it has a Gold Seal Quality Care Designation. Finally, PROVIDER must complete the table below marked “To be completed by PROVIDER.” COALITION will complete the remainder of the Exhibit.

Does PROVIDER have a Gold Seal Designation?  Yes  No

#### PROVIDER’s Private Pay Rates (To be Completed by PROVIDER)

CARE LEVEL	(INF) <12 MTH	(TOD) 12<24 MTH	(2YR) 24<36 MTH	(PR3) 36<48 MTH	(PR4) 48<60 MTH	(PR5) 60<72 MTH	(SCH) In School	(SPCR) Special Needs If applicable
<b>Full-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Part-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Before or After School Rates</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				

#### COALITION Maximum Reimbursement Rates (To be Completed by COALITION)

CARE LEVEL	(INF) <12 MTH	(TOD) 12<24 MTH	(2YR) 24<36 MTH	(PR3) 36<48 MTH	(PR4) 48<60 MTH	(PR5) 60<72 MTH	(SCH) In School	(SPCR) Special Needs
<b>Full-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Full-Time Gold Seal Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Part-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Part-Time Gold Seal Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Before or After School Rates</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
<b>Full-Time VPK Wrap Rate</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	
<b>Part-Time VPK Wrap Rate</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	

Approved PROVIDER Reimbursement Rate\*  
(To be Completed by COALITION)

CARE LEVEL	(INF) <12 MTH	(TOD) 12<24 MTH	(2YR) 24<36 MTH	(PR3) 36<48 MTH	(PR4) 48<60 MTH	(PR5) 60<72 MTH	(SCH) In School	(SPCR) Special Needs If applicable
<b>Full-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Part-Time Daily Rates</b>								
<b>Before or After School Rates</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
<b>Full-Time VPK Wrap Rate</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	
<b>Part-Time VPK Wrap Rate</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	

*\*Note: Rate PROVIDER will be paid shall not exceed PROVIDER's Private Pay Rates for each category.*

Effective Date of Rates Established in This Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_



## Exhibit 5: Due Process Procedures

Provider Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Purpose of Exhibit.** Early Learning Coalitions are responsible for the local implementation of early learning programs funded with state and federal funds, such as the School Readiness Program and Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Providers of such early learning programs may request a review of determinations made by an Early Learning Coalition in accordance with the due process procedures described below.
- 2. Request for Review Hearing.** If a provider disputes any action taken by the Coalition pursuant to the terms of the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, the provider may request a review hearing in writing by sending it to the contact person listed in the Coalition’s action. A review hearing is a “meeting” for the purposes of the Sunshine Law which is subject to public notice. During a review hearing, the provider will have a reasonable opportunity to address Coalition staff-persons or sub-contractor staff regarding the Coalition’s action and to present supporting evidence before a Review Hearing Committee. Provider may have an attorney present at the review hearing to represent or advise the provider.

  - a. Content of Request for Review Hearing.** The request for review hearing must state: the name and contact information of an individual authorized to provide information and binding responses on behalf of provider; the specific action by the Coalition that the provider disputes, the specific reasons for the provider’s belief; and whether the provider will be represented by an attorney or another individual during the review hearing.
  - b. Request Time.** The provider’s request for a review hearing must be submitted in writing to the Coalition within five (5) business days of receipt of notice of the determination which the provider believes to be incorrect.
  - c. Supporting Documentation.** The provider must send copies of any written documentation supporting the claims of the provider. Examples of relevant documentation may include, but are not limited to, attendance documentation, notarized attestations from parents, documentation from licensing or accrediting bodies, documents demonstrating dates of information submission, and a proposed corrective action plan.
- 3. Implementation of Review.** If the Coalition receives a request for review hearing from the provider, the Coalition must address the request by taking the following steps.

  - a. Assignment of Review Hearing Committee.** Within three (3) business days of receipt of a request for review hearing, the Coalition must assign a Review Hearing Committee to complete the review. The Review Hearing Committee must be composed of at least three but no more than five members of the Coalition Board. The Chair of the ELC shall appoint the Review Hearing Committee and shall name the chair of the committee. At least one ~~three~~ of the members must be a mandatory member as set forth in section 1002.83(4) and at least one other member shall be one of the provider representative members. If no provider representative is available to participate, a waiver is possible if documented in the deliberations of the review hearing committee.

- b. Response to Request for Review Hearing.** Within five (5) business days of receipt of the request for review hearing, the Coalition must respond to the provider in writing, return receipt requested. The notice must include at least three (3) proposed dates and times for the review hearing which must be within forty-five (45) days of the date of receipt of the request for review hearing. The notice must also state that the review hearing may be conducted in person at a location designated by the Coalition or via any method of telecommunications, as long as the public is given reasonable access to observe and, when appropriate, participate. Finally, the notice must state whether or not all of the Coalition staff persons or sub-contractor staff whom the provider wishes to have present during the hearing will be made available. If any individual whom the provider requested to have present is not available, the Coalition must make available an individual who is qualified to address the subjects the provider wished the individual to address.
- c. Date and Location Selection.** Within five (5) business days of receipt of the response to a request for review hearing, the provider must inform the Coalition of the date and time which it selects for the review hearing and whether the provider will attend the meeting in person or via a method of telecommunication. Within five (5) business days of receipt of the response to a request for review hearing, if the provider is unable to attend any of the proposed dates and times for the review hearing, the provider must submit written notice which states the specific reasons that provider is unable to attend and must contact the Coalition to select a mutually agreed upon date for the review hearing. If the provider does not inform the Coalition of the date and time within the required time period, then the process is considered complete and the request is denied.
- d. Conducting the Review Hearing.** The Review Hearing Committee shall assess the claim(s) the provider made in its request for review by examining all information and documentation submitted by the provider. The provider must be given a reasonable opportunity to question Coalition staff-persons or sub-contractor staff regarding the determinations of the Coalition and to present evidence before the Review Hearing Committee. The Coalition will also be provided a reasonable opportunity to submit evidence to rebut any claims made by the provider.
- e. Review Hearing Committee Decision ~~Conclusion~~.** Following completion of the presentation by the provider and the Coalition, the Review Hearing Committee will vote regarding each of the provider's claims. The decision of the Review Hearing Committee is final. In its' deliberations, the Review Hearing Committee must determine:
- i.** If the determination made by the Coalition was correct, in whole or in part, or incorrect.
  - ii.** If no part of the determination made by the Coalition was correct, then provider is not required to take further action.
  - ii.** If any part of the determination made by the Coalition is correct, the Committee must identify the portion(s) determined to be correct- and as applicable, decide:
    - A.** If corrective action is necessary, that the provider must take corrective action in regard to the part(s) which the Review Hearing Committee determines to be correct; and the revised deadlines for completion of the corrective action(s); or

**B.** If the provider's School Readiness Contract or eligibility to offer the School Readiness Program will be terminated, the date of termination.

**f. Notice of Review Hearing Conclusion.** The Chair of the Review Hearing Committee shall ensure a written notice of the review hearing conclusion is prepared. The written notice must state the outcome of the Review Hearing Committee's vote regarding each of the provider's claims. In addition, the notice must specifically state the reasons supporting the Review Hearing Committee's conclusions. The dates for either corrective action to be completed, or termination of eligibility to offer the School Readiness [Voluntary Prekindergarten] Program shall be included in the notice. The Chair of the Review Hearing Committee shall approve the notice and ensure it is made public within ten business days of the conclusion of the Review Hearing.



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
 AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS  
 PROVIDER CONTRACT  
 Form OEL-SR 20A**

**I. General Amendment Information**

<b>Amendment Number:</b>	
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**II. Parties and Terms of Contract Amendment**

This AMENDMENT to the Statewide School Readiness (SR) Provider Contract is entered into between the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, SR provider (PROVIDER).

WHEREAS, on <Contract start date>, the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the Contract with this PROVIDER to provide SR services; and

WHEREAS, PROVIDER desires to amend this Contract to replace, delete, or supplement one of the following provisions of the existing Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to amend the Statewide SR Provider Contract as indicated in Section III.

**III. Amendments**

The Contract is hereby amended to replace the following as noted below (check each applicable box for the modified term(s)).

**Location of the Provider’s Principal Office (1).** The deleted address is:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**The replacement address is:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reason for modification:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Adding or Deleting Provider Locations Listed on Exhibit 1.**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**The added/deleted location(s) is and address(es):**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reason for modification:**

**Curriculum (13).** The state-approved curriculum will now be:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**with the edition date of:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Character Development Program (14).**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**with the edition date of:** \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Reimbursement Rates Established** (40). COALITION is replacing its original documentation of its established COALITION approved reimbursement rates included in Exhibit 3 with amended COALITION reimbursement rates on the attached and incorporated revised Exhibit 3.

**Number of Holidays** (47). Early Learning Coalition modifies the approved number of holiday days per year from \_\_\_\_ days to \_\_\_\_ days as amended in Exhibit 4, Holiday Schedule, which has been attached to and incorporated in this Amendment.

**Contact Persons** (70). The new contact person is: <name, telephone number and email> who replaces <name> as contact for <early learning coalition or PROVIDER>.

**Gold Seal Status** (Exhibit 2, number 2.). Provider has \_\_\_\_ GAINED or \_\_\_\_ LOST its Gold Seal designation for \_\_\_\_ birth to 5 or \_\_\_\_ school age and has attached to this Amendment a copy of documentation of this change in status.

**Liability Insurance** (Exhibit 2, number 3.) PROVIDER has CHANGED its liability insurance carrier from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, effective on \_\_\_\_\_ and has attached to this Amendment evidence of this new coverage.

**Provider Reimbursement Rates** (Exhibit 3). PROVIDER has modified its Private Pay Rates and has attached and incorporated in this Amendment the revised Exhibit 3: Provider Reimbursement Rates. The Early Learning Coalition has completed the remaining sections of Exhibit 3 (COALITION Maximum Reimbursement Rates and the Approved PROVIDER Reimbursement Rate) and entered the new Effective Date as referenced on the Exhibit prior to attaching the revised Exhibit 3 to this Amendment.

**Holiday Schedule** (Exhibit 4). PROVIDER has modified its Holiday Schedule with respect to either the Holiday observed or the Date observed and has attached and incorporated in this Amendment the revised Exhibit 4: Holiday Schedule.

#### **IV. Execution of Amendment**

The effective date of the Amendment shall be the date that it is signed by both parties. All provisions in the contract and any attachments/exhibits in conflict with this amendment shall be and are hereby changed to conform to this Amendment. All provisions not in conflict with this Amendment are still in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and are to be performed at the level and in the manner specified in the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this <total number of pages> page Amendment to be executed by their proper and duly authorized representatives.

**Warranty of Authority.** Each person signing this Amendment warrants that he or she is dually authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the amendment.



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Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<Name of SR Provider as it appears on Original Contract>

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of President/Vice President/  
 Secretary/Officer/Owner/Principal/or Other  
 Authorized Representative**

By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Provider's Additional Signatory (If required by the  
 Provider)**

By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Authorized Coalition Representative**

By Electronic Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER CONTRACT  
INFORMAL PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES  
FORM OEL-SR 20FFN**

**I. PARTIES AND PROVIDER TYPE**

1. **Parties.** This document is executed as an attachment to the Contract made and entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by and between the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “COALITION”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “PROVIDER”).
2. **Provider Type.** To be eligible to deliver the school readiness program, PROVIDER must be one of the provider types identified in s. 1002.88(1)(a), F.S. This attachment is for use by informal providers (also known as Family Friends and Neighbors or FFNs) authorized in the state's Child Care and Development Fund Plan as approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 45 C.F.R. s. 98.18. The form includes requirements that are in addition to, not in lieu of, any requirements specified in Form OEL-SR 20. This form shall become a part of the formal contract between PROVIDER and COALITION.

**II. INFORMAL PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Health and Safety.** In accordance with section (s.)1002.88(1)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), PROVIDER agrees to provide basic health and safety of its premises and facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness program.
  - a. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(c), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to comply with the health and safety standards and checklist(s) established pursuant to ss. 1002.82(i), F.S., and Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., and verified by the Department of Children and Families or, if applicable, Local Licensing Agency.
  - b. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(e), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to employ child care personnel, as defined in s. 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the office pursuant to Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C.
2. **Staff to Children Ratio.** PROVIDER agrees that it may not serve more than five (5) children as an informal provider. PROVIDER agrees and acknowledges that it shall only provide care for the children from one family.
3. **Insurance.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(l) and (m), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to maintain general liability insurance as described by subparagraph a. or homeowner’s liability insurance as described by subparagraph b. Indicate which insurance policy the provider will maintain by checking one of the following boxes:
  - a. **General liability insurance.**  PROVIDER chooses to maintain a general liability insurance policy as described by this subparagraph. If PROVIDER chooses to maintain a general liability insurance policy, PROVIDER agrees to maintain general liability insurance and provide the coalition with written evidence of general liability insurance coverage, including coverage for

transportation of children if school readiness program children are transported by the PROVIDER. PROVIDER must obtain and retain an insurance policy that provides a minimum of \$100,000 of coverage per occurrence and a minimum of \$300,000 general aggregate coverage. PROVIDER must add the coalition as a named certificate holder and as an additional insured. PROVIDER must provide COALITION with a minimum of ten (10) calendar days' advance written notice of cancellation of or changes to coverage. The general liability insurance required by this paragraph must remain in full force and effect for the entire period of this Contract.

- b. Homeowner's insurance.**  PROVIDER chooses to maintain a homeowner's policy, and agrees to maintain homeowner's liability insurance and, if applicable, a business rider. PROVIDER must obtain and retain a homeowner's insurance policy that provides a minimum of \$100,000 of coverage per occurrence and a minimum of \$300,000 general aggregate coverage. PROVIDER must add the coalition as a named certificate holder and as an additional insured. PROVIDER must provide the coalition with a minimum of ten (10) calendar days' advance written notice of cancellation of or changes to coverage. The insurance required by this paragraph must remain in full force and effect for the entire period of the Contract.



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER CONTRACT  
LICENSED PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES  
FORM OEL-SR 20L**

**I. PARTIES AND PROVIDER TYPE**

1. **Parties.** This document is executed as an attachment to the Contract made and entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by and between the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “COALITION”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “PROVIDER”).
  
2. **Provider Type.** To be eligible to deliver the school readiness program, PROVIDER must be one of the provider types identified in section (s.) 1002.88(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.). This form is designed for use by licensed providers. PROVIDER must check the box to indicate PROVIDER’s type:
  - A child care facility licensed under s. 402.305, F.S.
  - A family day care home licensed or registered under s. 402.313, F.S.
  - A large family child care home licensed under s. 402.3131, F.S.
  - A before-school or after-school program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S., which has elected to be licensed.

**II. LICENSED PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Health and Safety.**
  - a. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(c), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to offer basic health and safety of its premises and facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness program. PROVIDER’s compliance with ss. 402.305, 402.3131, or 402.313, F.S., satisfies this requirement.
  - b. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(c), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to comply with the health and safety standards and checklist(s) established pursuant to ss. 1002.82, F.S., and Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., and verified by the Department of Children and Families or, if applicable, Local Licensing Agency.
  - c. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(e), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to employ child care personnel, as defined in s. 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of Chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the Office pursuant to Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C.
  
2. **Group Size and Staff to Children Ratio.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(d), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to maintain the required group size and staff to child ratio in accordance with ss. 402.305(4), 402.302(8), or 402.302(11), F.S., as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, F.S.

**3. Insurance.**

**a. General liability insurance.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(1), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to maintain general liability insurance and provide the coalition with written evidence of general liability insurance coverage, including coverage for transportation of children if school readiness program children are transported by the PROVIDER. PROVIDER must obtain and retain an insurance policy that provides a minimum of \$100,000 of coverage per occurrence and a minimum of \$300,000 general aggregate coverage. PROVIDER must add the coalition as a named certificateholder and as an additional insured. PROVIDER must provide COALITION with a minimum of ten (10) calendar days' advance written notice of cancellation of or changes to coverage. The general liability insurance required by this paragraph must remain in full force and effect for the entire period of this Contract.

**b. Limitations on indemnification.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(o), F.S., if PROVIDER is a state agency or a subdivision thereof, as defined in s. 768.28(2), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to notify the coalition of any additional liability coverage maintained by the provider in addition to that otherwise established under s. 768.28, F.S. PROVIDER shall indemnify COALITION to the extent permitted by s. 768.28, F.S.

**4. Substitute Instructors.** In accordance with s. 1002.83(14), F.S., COALITION may request a list of all individuals currently eligible to act as a substitute teacher from a school district. PROVIDER may employ individuals listed as substitute instructors for the purpose of offering the school readiness program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and all other legally operating child care programs.



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER CONTRACT  
LICENSE EXEMPT PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES  
FORM OEL-SR 20LE**

**I. PARTIES AND PROVIDER TYPE**

1. **Parties.** This document is executed as an attachment to the Contract made and entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by and between the Early Learning Coalition of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “COALITION”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “PROVIDER”).
  
2. **Provider Type.** To be eligible to deliver the school readiness program, PROVIDER must be one of the provider types identified in section s.1002.88(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.). This form is designed for use by license exempt providers. PROVIDER must check the box to indicate PROVIDER’s type:
  - A public school or nonpublic school exempt from licensure under s. 402.3025, F.S.
  - A faith-based child care provider exempt from licensure under s. 402.316, F.S.
  - A before-school or after-school program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S., which is not licensed.
  - A summer camp described in s. 402.305(1)(c), F.S., which is not licensed.

**II. LICENSE EXEMPT PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Health and Safety.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(c), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to provide basic health and safety of its premises and facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness program.
  - a. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(c), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to comply with the health and safety standards and checklist(s) established pursuant to ss. 1002.82, F.S., and Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., and verified by the Department of Children and Families or, if applicable, Local Licensing Agency.
  - b. In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(e), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to employ child care personnel, as defined in s. 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the office pursuant to Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C.
  
2. **Group Size and Staff to Children Ratio.**

In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(d), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to maintain the required group size and staff to child ratio in accordance with ss. 402.302(8) or (11), F.S., as applicable, and as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, F.S.
  
3. **Insurance.**
  - a. **General liability.** In accordance with s. 1002.88(1)(l), F.S., PROVIDER agrees to maintain general liability insurance and provide the coalition with written evidence of general liability insurance coverage, including coverage for transportation of children if school readiness program children are transported by PROVIDER. PROVIDER must obtain and retain an

insurance policy that provides a minimum of \$100,000 of coverage per occurrence and a minimum of \$300,000 general aggregate coverage. PROVIDER must add the coalition as a named certificate holder and as an additional insured. PROVIDER must provide COALITION with a minimum of ten (10) calendar days' advance written notice of cancellation of or changes to coverage. The general liability insurance required by this paragraph must remain in full force and effect for the entire period of this Contract.

**b. State Agencies and Subdivisions.** In accordance with section 1002.88(1)(o), F.S., if PROVIDER is a state agency or a subdivision thereof, as defined in s. 768.28(2), PROVIDER agrees to notify the coalition of any additional liability coverage maintained by the provider in addition to that otherwise established under s. 768.28, F.S.

**4. Substitute Instructors.** In accordance with s. 1002.83(14), F.S., COALITION may request a list of all individuals currently eligible to act as a substitute teacher from a school district .If PROVIDER is a child care facility as defined in s. 402.302, F.S., PROVIDER may employ individuals listed as substitute instructors for the purpose of providing the school readiness program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and all other legally operating child care programs.