

School Readiness Wait List Funding Allocation Report October 1, 2020



Florida Department of Education
Office of Early Learning

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Background

The School Readiness (SR) Program supports low-income working parents by providing their children access to early education programs, allowing parents to work and give their children a successful start in school and life.

The 2020 Legislature provided an increased allocation of SR funding in [Specific Appropriation 85 of Chapter 2020-111, L.O.F.](#), of an unprecedented \$60 million in Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund authority to expand school readiness services to families currently on a school readiness wait list. In order to be eligible for funding, an early learning coalition must have a school readiness wait list on July 1, 2020, that complies with the provisions of Rule 6M-4.300, F.A.C.

Requirement for this Legislative Report

[Specific Appropriation 85 of Chapter 2020-111, L.O.F.](#)

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 85, \$60,000,000 is provided to expand school readiness services to families currently on a school readiness wait list. To be eligible for funding an early learning coalition must have a school readiness wait list on July 1, 2020, that complies with the provisions of rule 6M-4.300, F.A.C. The Office of Early Learning shall work with each early learning coalition to verify the number of children on each early learning coalition's school readiness wait list. The office shall develop an allocation plan for purposes of distributing the funds to eligible early learning coalitions and shall submit the plan to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee by October 1, 2020. If the total amount of the allocation is greater than the amount provided in this specific appropriation, the allocation shall be prorated to the level provided to support the appropriation, based on each early learning coalition's proportionate share of the total school readiness wait list. The purpose of this report is to provide the above information.

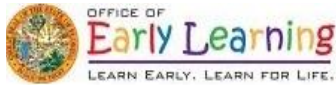
Early Learning Coalitions' Waiting Lists

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) Data Services team extracted data from the Single Statewide Information System (EFS Mod) waiting list as of July 1, 2020. The data includes child-level details by county and by coalition. OEL convened a Workgroup on August 21, 2020, comprised of a representative group of Early Learning Coalition (ELC) Executive Directors across the state to review these data and proposed verification process.

On August 27, 2020, all ELCs and Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) were directed "to review the attached waiting list file to verify the number of children on the waiting list, and either confirm the total number of children or provide documentation to support any discrepancies within fourteen (14) calendar days..." (see Appendix A for memorandum and waiting list provided).

Responses from all ELCs and RCMA were received in a timely manner. Two coalitions requested revisions due to a reporting issue that was subsequently resolved. In addition, revisions were also made for nine coalitions and RCMA for the same reporting issue.

The revised 2020-21 School Readiness Waiting List and allocations are below.



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FY 20-21 School Readiness Waiting List Allocation Final
Specific Appropriation in Line Item #85 of Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida

\$ 60,000,000

| Coalition | SR Waiting List as of July 1, 2020 ¹ | Revisions ² | Revised SR Waiting List | Percentage of Total Revised Waiting List ³ | Eligible for Funding (Y / N) ⁴ | Estimated Annual Cost to Serve all Children on Waiting List ⁵ | Prorated Allocation Based on Each ELC's Proportionate Share ⁶ |
|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| ELC of Alachua County | 704 | 1 | 705 | 3.4% | Y | \$ 4,230,000 | \$ 2,042,590 |
| ELC of the Big Bend Region | 21 | 0 | 21 | 0.1% | Y | \$ 126,000 | \$ 60,843 |
| ELC of Brevard | 832 | 0 | 832 | 4.0% | Y | \$ 4,992,000 | \$ 2,410,546 |
| ELC of Broward County | 3,394 | 2 | 3,396 | 16.4% | Y | \$ 20,376,000 | \$ 9,839,203 |
| ELC of Duval | 1,851 | 0 | 1,851 | 8.9% | Y | \$ 11,106,000 | \$ 5,362,886 |
| ELC of the Emerald Coast | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0.1% | Y | \$ 78,000 | \$ 37,665 |
| ELC of Escambia County | 212 | 0 | 212 | 1.0% | Y | \$ 1,272,000 | \$ 614,226 |
| ELC of Flagler and Volusia Counties | 221 | 0 | 221 | 1.1% | Y | \$ 1,326,000 | \$ 640,301 |
| ELC of Florida's Gateway | 59 | 2 | 61 | 0.3% | Y | \$ 366,000 | \$ 176,735 |
| ELC of Florida's Heartland | 431 | 0 | 431 | 2.1% | Y | \$ 2,586,000 | \$ 1,248,732 |
| ELC of Hillsborough County | 1,382 | 0 | 1,382 | 6.7% | Y | \$ 8,292,000 | \$ 4,004,056 |
| ELC of Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0.1% | Y | \$ 174,000 | \$ 84,021 |
| ELC of Lake County | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0.1% | Y | \$ 108,000 | \$ 52,151 |
| ELC of Manatee County | 372 | 0 | 372 | 1.8% | Y | \$ 2,232,000 | \$ 1,077,792 |
| ELC of Marion County | 525 | 0 | 525 | 2.5% | Y | \$ 3,150,000 | \$ 1,521,078 |
| ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe | 217 | 0 | 217 | 1.0% | Y | \$ 1,302,000 | \$ 628,712 |
| ELC of the Nature Coast | 53 | 16 | 69 | 0.3% | Y | \$ 414,000 | \$ 199,913 |
| ELC of North Florida | 264 | 1 | 265 | 1.3% | Y | \$ 1,590,000 | \$ 767,782 |
| ELC of Northwest Florida | 384 | 2 | 386 | 1.9% | Y | \$ 2,316,000 | \$ 1,118,354 |
| ELC of Orange County | 989 | 2 | 991 | 4.8% | Y | \$ 5,946,000 | \$ 2,871,215 |
| ELC of Osceola | 448 | 0 | 448 | 2.2% | Y | \$ 2,688,000 | \$ 1,297,986 |
| ELC of Palm Beach County | 1,802 | 2 | 1,804 | 8.7% | Y | \$ 10,824,000 | \$ 5,226,713 |
| ELC of Pasco and Hernando Counties | 990 | 0 | 990 | 4.8% | Y | \$ 5,940,000 | \$ 2,868,318 |
| ELC of Pinellas | 1,317 | 2 | 1,319 | 6.4% | Y | \$ 7,914,000 | \$ 3,821,527 |
| ELC of Polk County | 1,213 | 0 | 1,213 | 5.9% | Y | \$ 7,278,000 | \$ 3,514,414 |
| ELC of St. Lucie | 655 | 0 | 655 | 3.2% | Y | \$ 3,930,000 | \$ 1,897,726 |
| ELC of Santa Rosa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | N | \$ - | \$ - |
| ELC of Sarasota | 437 | 0 | 437 | 2.1% | Y | \$ 2,622,000 | \$ 1,266,116 |
| ELC of Seminole County | 208 | 1 | 209 | 1.0% | Y | \$ 1,254,000 | \$ 605,534 |
| ELC of Southwest Florida | 1,440 | 86 | 1,526 | 7.4% | Y | \$ 9,156,000 | \$ 4,421,266 |
| RCMA | 107 | 4 | 111 | 0.5% | Y | \$ 666,000 | \$ 321,599 |
| Grand Total | 20,588 | 121 | 20,709 | 100.0% | | \$ 124,254,000 | \$ 60,000,000 |

Footnotes / Data Sources:

¹From EFS Modernization as of July 1, 2020. Number of children on the School Readiness Waiting List on July 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

²Two coalitions requested revisions due to a reporting issue that was subsequently resolved. In addition, revisions were made for nine coalitions and RCMA for the same reporting issue.

³Each early learning coalition (ELC)'s proportionate percentage of children on its wait list compared to the total revised school readiness wait list statewide total.

⁴To be eligible for funding an early learning coalition must have a school readiness wait list on July 1, 2020, that complies with the provisions of rule 6M-4.300, F.A.C.

⁵Estimated cost to fund all children on the SR Waiting List as of July 1, 2020 is based on \$6,000 average annual cost of care.


⁶The total amount of the estimated annual cost to serve all children on the SR Waiting List is greater than the amount provided in this specific appropriation. The allocation is prorated to the level provided to support the appropriation, based on each early learning coalition's proportionate share of the total school readiness wait list.

Appendix A

August 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors and Finance Directors

FROM: Shan Goff, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2020-21 General Appropriations Act - \$60 M Waiting List Verification Memo 2020-024

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) was provided a \$60-million-dollar allocation in Specific Appropriation 85 of Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, to expand school readiness services to families currently on the school readiness waiting list. To be eligible for this funding, an early learning coalition (ELC) must have children on its Waiting List as of July 1, 2020. OEL pulled the attached School Reading Waiting List, reflecting the number of children by the coalition on the waiting list as of July 1 at 12:01 a.m. OEL convened a workgroup on August 21, 2020, comprised of a representative group of ELC Executive Directors across the state to discuss the waitlist data and verification process. The workgroup members confirmed that the attached waitlist is an accurate representation of the children on the waiting list in accordance with the legislative proviso.

The purpose of this memo is to provide instructions for all ELCs and RCMA to review and verify the number of children on the School Readiness Waiting List as of July 1, 2020. ELCs are instructed to review the attached waiting list file to verify the number of children on the waiting list, and either confirm the total number of children or provide documentation to support any discrepancies within fourteen (14) calendar days and notify Bob Pope, Bob.Pope@oel.myflorida.com. OEL will coordinate with ELCs as needed in order to complete review and verify data. The outcomes of this verification process will be incorporated into OEL's allocation plan and methodology.

OEL's allocation plan must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee by October 1, 2020.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, and we look forward to allocating these funds to serve additional children on the waiting list.

SG/gs

Attachment

FY 20-21 School Readiness Waiting List as of July 1, 2020

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