

# Hurricane Michael

## Post Hurricane Information

November 1, 2018



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# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. DEO <http://www.floridajobs.org/disaster-recovery-programs>
3. DCF
4. General Information
5. Next Meeting- December 6, 2018 at TBD

# Executive Orders

- We anticipate an Executive Order coming out from the Gov.'s office in the next few days to waive or modify certain School Readiness and VPK requirements as a result of Hurricane Michael, including extended number of absences a provider can claim for displaced SR children and extended emergency closure days for VPK providers. We will share that information as soon as possible.
- DCF and the Gov.'s office have already released an Executive Order allowing providers to operate under certain conditions as long as they have power and water supplied by their utility company, a fence for their playground (can be temporary fencing), and have any structural damage repaired.

# Family Support/Customer Eligibility

- Redline is up and running. If possible, please send questions and communications to the Coalition via the Redline at [redline@elcnwf.org](mailto:redline@elcnwf.org)
- The Marianna office is currently set up as our main operational Family Support office. Starting 11/5/18, we will have established operating hours for this office of 7:30 am to 5:00 pm M-Th and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays.
- The Coalition is working to set up a temporary worksite at the Panama City office so families and providers can access their Portals and equipment to be able to submit paperwork. Will send out information when it is functional.
- Families can reach the Coalition via our 2 temporary eligibility phone lines: 850-372-3053 and 850-372-3054. We are working to get the main line, 850-747-5400 number working by next week.
- Operating SR and VPK providers are being included daily on a DCF/CCR&R provider list. Coalition staff are able to use this list to locate operating SR and VPK providers for enrollments and transfers.
- Storm closures days will be paid at the regular reimbursement rates minus the parent fee/copayment. To assist families, providers may choose not to collect the Coalition-assessed parent fee/copayment to School Readiness parents, without penalty, until they reopen.

# CCR&R/Provider Listings

- We are working closely with DCF to maintain a daily updated provider list to be able to assist families with CCR&R provider listings in each county
- Providers who initially reported damages to facilities must contact DCF so they can approve a provider to reopen.
- At a minimum, providers must have power and water supplied by their utility company, a fence for their playground (can be temporary fencing), and have any structural damage repaired.

# Contracts and Reimbursement

- During storm recovery, we will continue to follow the established contingency plan and make October payments based on September's payment amounts taking into account additional payable days, allowed closure days, and extended number child absences.
- Reimbursements will be reconciled with actual attendance once attendance is functional in the OEL Provider Portal.
- Due to limited functionality, the Coalition has instructed some providers to track and document SR child transfers using the paper transfer form. If possible, providers should submit the transfer forms to the Coalition by uploading them to the Coalition Document Exchange. If that is not possible, please hold onto the forms until submission functionality is restored, or drop them by the Coalition offices during operational hours.
- If you have missing or destroyed records due to the hurricane, you must document what is missing/destroyed and send an email to the redline (when possible) with that information. Providers will NOT be held in noncompliance as these situations are covered by the federal and state's State of Emergency declarations.

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- For November attendance please use the November roster that has been uploaded to the Coalition Document Exchange. At this time we are planning to use the contingency plan to reimburse for November services.
- Please ensure that you are having parents complete daily sign-in and out sheets and that you submit them when you turn in November's attendance.

# Emergency Grants

- Micro-grants for Hurricane Michael clean-up efforts for \$250 will be available by next week. More information on how to access these grants will be in the Wednesday BLAST.
- We are working on securing funding for larger grants for outdoor environments, indoor environments and health and safety concerns. Information on how to access these grants will be made available as funds are secured.
- Please ensure you have utilized all resources- such as your business insurance, FEMA, SBA and others available to private businesses.

# Other Resources

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