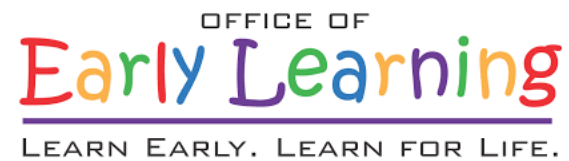




# Provider COVID-19 Impact Discussion

April 16, 2020



# U.S. Chamber Foundation Grant



The U.S. Chamber Foundation is launching the [Save Small Business Fund](#) with Vistaprint to provide assistance to small business owners impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. With contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, the Chamber Foundation will distribute \$5,000 grants to small employers in the U.S. and its territories.

**Grant applications will open on April 20, 2020.** For information on eligibility, grant timeline, and more, visit [savesmallbusiness.com](https://savesmallbusiness.com).

# Provider Appreciation Day – You are essential

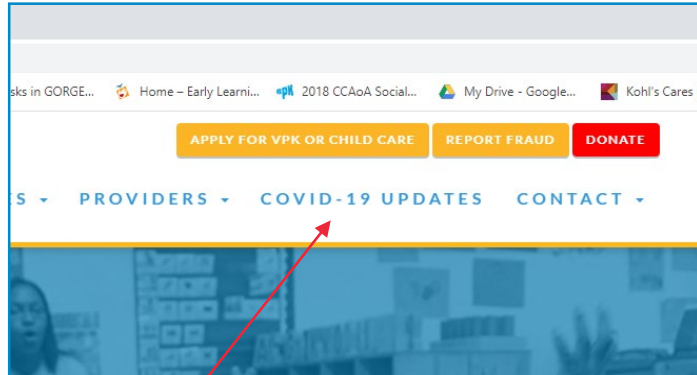
## We need your help!

We will be including a call to action for parents to submit a 20 second clip of them saying why their child's teacher is so important to them.

Some parents may need a little encouragement to get this done. Please help us out by reaching out to your parents to get these videos. If they send them to you, you can submit them to us through the redline.



# First Responder Referral Information



- [First Responder Referral Program](#)
- [Referral Program Check List](#)
- [List of First Responders and Healthcare Workers](#)
- [Current List of Open Child Care Providers](#)

The First Responder Referral Program checklist, and an excerpt from Executive Order 20-91 listing examples of first responders and healthcare workers are both listed on our website on the COVID-19 Updates page.

# How you can help

If you have a parent in your center that qualifies, or even a family member or friend that is a first responder and needs assistance with care, you can email their HR contact's **email and phone number** to the Redline.

We must get the referral from the parent's employer. We cannot process referral forms from providers.



# How you can help - continued



You can also help by opening your doors to first responders' children.

If you are closed but plan to reopen, email the Redline with your reopen date so we can include you on our daily open provider list.

# Background

- In response to the impact of COVID-19 on the number of provider closures across the state, the Office of Early Learning is providing first responders and health care workers access to school readiness services regardless of income
- OEL first met with Florida Hospital Association lobbyist and representatives from major hospitals, later expanding to FL Sheriffs and Police Chief's Association
- They worked with directors from seven coalitions to develop forms and refine the process
- They revised the definition of at-risk to include First Responders and Health Care Workers

# Access to Services

- Statewide program for Florida residents only
- Parents will apply based on county of residence
- Care for first responders and health care workers is not based on income
- Initial care authorization will be for no more than three (3) months
- The copay will be waived, but the parent will be responsible for any differential
- The ages of children served will be from birth through 12 years



# Referral Process

- Referrals are available only for first responders and health care workers at this time
- First responders and health care workers will be able to obtain a Child Care Application and Authorization form (CCAA) from their Human Resources office
- The parents will create a Family Portal Account and complete an online application for the School Readiness Program or contact their local early learning coalition for assistance
- The coalition will have three (3) days to review and approve the submitted application

# Referral Process

- The first responders or health care worker's HR can submit the CCAA referral directly to [referrals@elcnwf.org](mailto:referrals@elcnwf.org)
- The Customer Service Specialist will log the CCAA referral and reach out to the customer to request the required documentation and information
- A Family Support Specialist will process the referral within three (3) days and email the customer and provider once enrollment is complete
- If the parent needs help selecting a provider, he/she can contact the coalition's CCR&R department for assistance

# Funding



- Effective April 1, 2020
- The school readiness reimbursement rate is based on care level
- Incentive/bonus of \$500 a month per child of first responder or health care worker
- Maximum of \$4,000 a month per provider
- Maximum of \$12,000 over three months



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