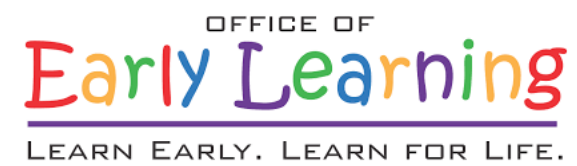




April 6, 2020



Board Meeting



This month's Board of Directors Meeting will be on April 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar only at:

(646) 558-8656 using meeting ID number 365 921 3194.

Upcoming OEL Rule Workshops and Hearings



6M-4.200/.208

A Public Hearing on Rule 6M-4.200 School Readiness Eligibility Provisions and Rule 6M-4.208 Documenting Eligibility for the School Readiness Program will be held via webinar on the following date and time -

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier. To register click [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to oel.rules@oel.myflorida.com.

All emails should have “6M-4.200/.208” Comment” in the subject line.

In these unprecedented times...

Having to make difficult decisions is hard. The board and staff of the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida trust that you will do what's best for your program.

To the child care providers in our seven county service area, we are here to support you and your decisions as you navigate through the pandemic. If you choose to close your program to help stop the spread of COVID-19, we support you and will be ready to work with you when you reopen. If you choose to remain open to provide child care for first responder and essential employees children, we support you and will be right beside you throughout the pandemic.

Each provider, each day, each decision, we support you.



Community Information

2020 Provider Update

January 1- May 31, 2020

The annual Child Care Resource and Referral provider update is an important time for child care providers statewide to ensure their information is current within the Provider Portal. Even if your information has not changed, you will need to perform some action in your profile to be counted in the update.

When you participate in the Annual Provider Update, our CCR&R staff can:

- Inform communities about child care and the cost of care.
- Offer accurate customized child care listings based on the needs of families.
- Provide a FREE marketing tool for ALL legally operating child care providers in Florida.

Bonus Info: Your profile must be in **ACTIVE** status in order to be included when CCR&R staff are generating custom child care listings for families.



Community Partner: Florida Kid Care



AS OF 3/26/2020



To ensure the affordability of medical care:

- Waiver of all costs associated with COVID-19 testing
- Waiver of copays for most commonly used services through April 30 (done in partnership with Aetna Better Health of Florida, Simply Healthcare Plans and Community Care Plan)

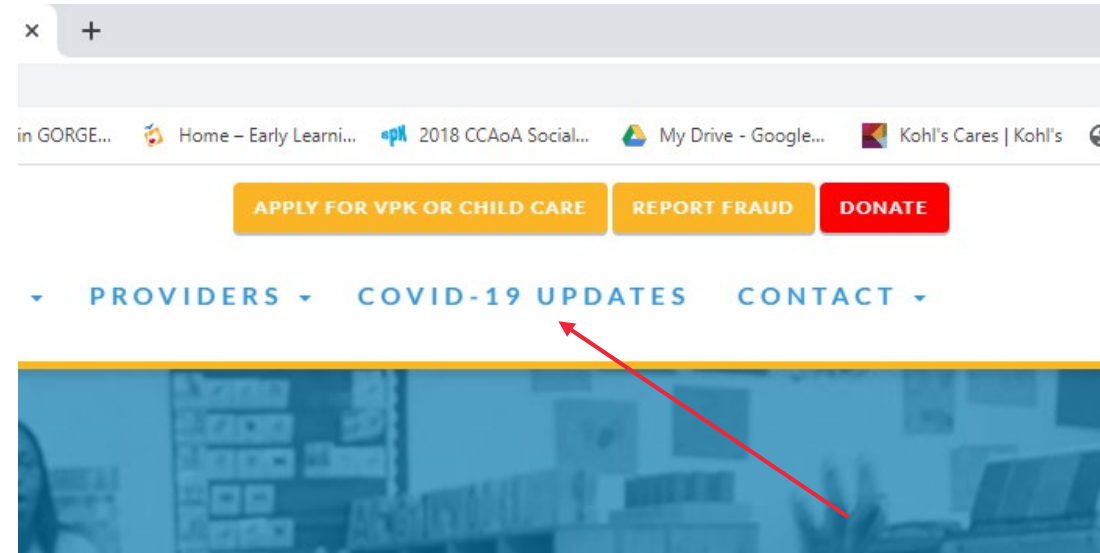
To improve access to care:

- Relaxed prior authorizations for hospitals, physicians, home health and durable medical equipment
- Allowance of 90-day supply of medications at retail and mail-order pharmacies (only for medications for which a 90-day supply is clinically appropriate)
- Waiver of early refill requirements

To provide ample opportunity for eligibility and enrollment (upon a family's request):

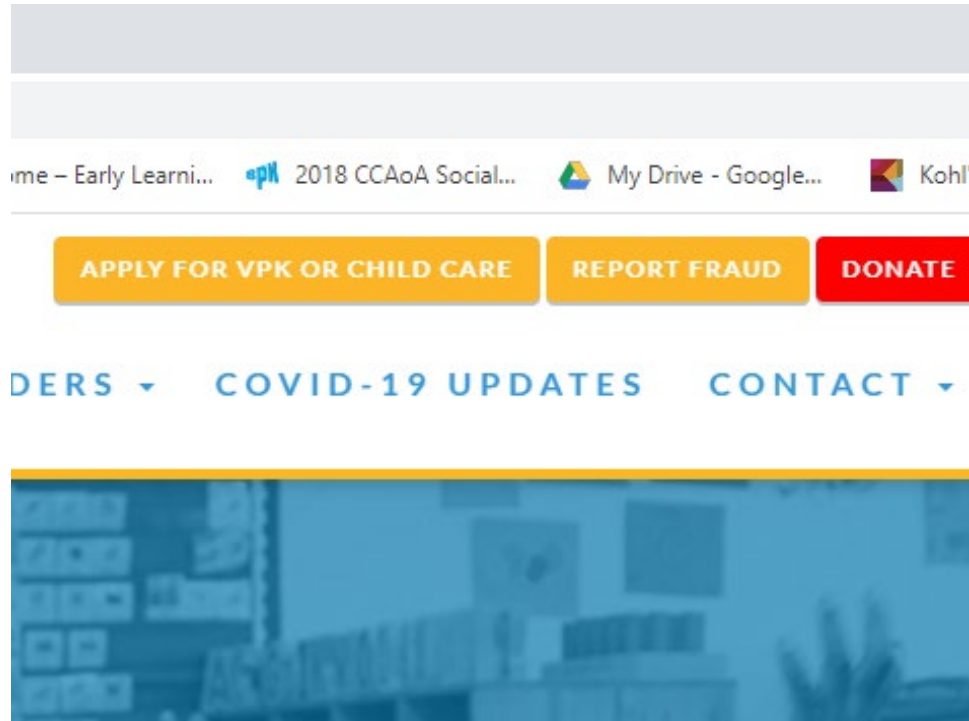
- Retroactive enrollment for new applicants to the start of the month when the application is approved, and payment is received
- Additional time to complete annual renewals
- Additional time to pay premiums and retroactively enroll (*e.g. March payment is made on March 27; coverage is retroactive back to March 1*)

COVID-19 Update Page



Visit www.elcnwf.org/covid-19-updates/ for business resources, resources for parents, and resources for teachers.

COVID-19 Update Page – SBA Loan Application



Please ensure you are visiting the COVID-19 Update page on our website on a daily basis, as it is being updated as often as new information is released.

Under the "Business Resources for Providers" you will find links to webinars that will assist you in determining which programs are the best programs for your business, and the links to apply for them.

[CCAoA Stimulus Bill Updates and Business Resources for ECE Programs – Webinar](#)

[CCAoA Stimulus Bill Updates and Business Resources for ECE Programs – Slides](#)

[SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Application](#)



VPK Information

VPK Enrollments as of March 27, 2020



Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
School Based	590	23	50	43	85	182	115	1088
Non-School Based	421	18	21	25	52	104	31	672
	1011	41	71	68	137	286	146	1760

VPK Contract Corner



Remember to

1. Communicate with the early learning coalition to inform us of any temporary closures that occurred **BEFORE** attendance is submitted.
2. Don't change your 2019-2020 provider profile "Closures Calendar" tab due to COVID-19.
3. Don't change your 2019 VPK Provider Application class calendar due to COVID-19 at this time.
4. Continue efforts to complete your 2020-2021 VPK Provider Application and VPK-20 Statewide Contract in the Provider Services Portal and submit for approval.



SR Information

SR COVID-19 PROVIDER UPDATE

- All absences and temporary closures in March 2020 will be paid.
- Communicate with the early learning coalition to inform us of any temporary closures that occurred **BEFORE** attendance is submitted.
- Mark absences for open days in the Provider Services Portal per usual.
- For absences related to COVID-19, choose the “Absence due to Disaster” reason; comments and a document are not required. Then, submit the completed attendance roster to the early learning coalition in April.
- Don’t change your 2019-2020 provider profile “Closures Calendar” tab due to COVID-19. Temporary closures outside of your normal operating business hours and dates should be communicated to your early learning coalition. All absences and temporary closures in March 2020 will be paid.
- Expect additional guidance regarding 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SR contracts. **In the meantime, continue efforts to complete your 2020-2021 provider profile in the Provider Services Portal and submit for approval.**
- **Don’t collect parent co-payments beginning April 1, 2020. The effective period will be reassessed every 15 days.**
- All terminations for SR family eligibility have been suspended effective March 15, 2020. No families should be removed from the program.
- Re-determinations of eligibility is extended an additional 60 days. No families should be removed from the program.



QUALITY SERVICES

Gulf Coast State College-FCCPC Course Schedule



EEC1319 Students

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gulf Coast State College will be making changes to the current observation schedules for students taking course EEC1319.

Students, if additional assistance is needed or you have questions, please send a message in Gulf Coast State College's Canvas platform.

ASQ Screenings

The Coalition will continue to send emails to Providers with the updates of children needing ASQs due to new enrollments or annual birthdays. **If a SR Provider is unable to complete the ASQ due to circumstances related to COVID-19 (child absences, teacher's absences, program closure) please reply to the email indicating the reason the provider is unable to complete the ASQ.**

Please send questions to the [Redline](#).

Program Assessments for 2019-2020



The program assessment (CLASS) deadline for SR providers that were required to be completed by June 30, 2020 for contracting for the 2020-21 contract year will be extended. We will be receiving additional guidance from OEL and will pass the information along after we receive it.

Please send questions to the [Redline](#).

Child Assessments

Child assessments of SR children have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-20 program year.

Please send questions to the [Redline](#).

Mental Health Services available for ELC Children, Families and Child Care Staff



The Coalition will be offering support services including the opportunity to talk with **mental health specialists** who can help provide information, support, and even counseling.

These services are **free** to the children and families in your care as well as child care center staff. Sessions can be conducted via phone or video until it is safe to meet in person.

These services are confidential and are designed to help in this time of increased stress and uncertainty.

If you are interested, please send a request to the learningline@elcnwf.org



Service Numbers

SR Enrollments as of March 27, 2020



Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	80	6	0	0	9	37	13	145
Ones	162	10	6	3	14	55	35	285
Twos	218	7	8	4	26	96	41	400
Threes	207	6	7	9	18	102	34	383
Fours	178	14	5	8	29	76	34	344
Fives	98	4	1	6	13	48	12	182
School Age	226	19	4	1	32	97	53	432
Special Needs								0
	1169	66	31	31	141	511	222	2171

SR Wait List as of March 27, 2020

Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	9
Ones	4	1	0	0	1	1	3	10
Twos	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	8
Threes	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Fours	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	5
Fives	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
School Age	40	1	0	0	2	15	7	65
	61	3	0	0	3	27	16	110

Wait List Placement Update

- Between the months of February and March, 182 children were sent funding notifications from the wait list using School Readiness funding under billing group BG8-ECON
- As of March 27th:
 - 53 children have been placed
 - 18 are in the process of review or waiting on additional documentation from the parent
 - 19 are waiting provider approval
 - 9 are looking for a provider(4 Infant, 2 2YR, 1 3YR, 1 4YR, and 1 5YR)
 - 3 stated they no longer needed care
 - 11 were not eligible
 - 34 have not responded

EFS MOD Guidance COVID-19: Families



- All terminations of SR families' eligibility have been suspended effective March 15, 2020.
- Redeterminations of eligibility is extended an additional 60 days. No families shall be removed from the program.
- The parent waiting list revalidation notification is extended by 60 days.
- Providers will not collect parent copayment beginning April 1, 2020. The effective period will be reassessed every 15 days.

Reimbursement Information

Let's talk about
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Reimbursement Information



The Coalition is working diligently toward including the Provider Retro payment of \$5.00/day for Full-Time (FT) enrollments from November 2019 to January 2020 with this payment.

All Adjustments which COULD be completed have been entered in the EFS Mod System. There were issues entering some Adjustments.

We are waiting for the Office of Early Learning to push through Phase 3 and Phase 4.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Coalition had planned to meet Face to Face with Providers once the data was stable and complete. This plan may alter to include virtual meetings. Currently, we are not able to meet with Providers regarding the "True-Up" but anticipate those meetings to begin prior to the end of this fiscal year.



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