

Policy: Services for Providers

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The Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc (ELCFV) implements a needs-based approach to building capacity of providers in Flagler and Volusia Counties to offer quality early learning opportunities so that programs strengthen every child's ability to make age-appropriate progress in the Florida Development and Early Learning Standards.

ELCFV uses both compliance monitoring and quality assessment tools to identify existing levels of quality. These tools help us meet the individual needs of each program as they choose and implement strategies that increase the quality of their services so that high quality inclusive childcare is available for all children in our community

Technical Assistance is offered to all child care providers in Flagler and Volusia counties, whether they contract with ELCFV or not. Technical assistance can be related to the contracting process, contract compliance, and/or improving quality in the child care program. Technical assistance is also offered as support for various training classes and quality initiatives that are offered to the providers and their employees.

School Readiness Contracts are available to all licensed and license exempt providers that meet the health and safety standards established in the Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Rule 6M-4. ELCFV verifies that each provider meets the requirements of the contract prior to certification. Providers contracted for School Readiness receive reimbursement for any eligible children that are enrolled in the provider's program.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Contracts are available to qualified providers. VPK serves to provide children with the skills necessary to successfully transition to kindergarten. ELCFV verifies the provider meets the requirements established in Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 6M-8 prior to certification of the contract. Providers receive payment for each eligible child enrolled in the provider's VPK program.

Contract Compliance and Enforcement is a task required by the ELCFV contract with the Office of Early Learning. ELCFV completes on site and desk review monitoring of all providers, as required by FAC 6M-4 and FAC 6M-8. Failure to comply with contract requirements and/or corrective action may result in probation or termination of the contract(s).

Quality Initiatives are opportunities offered to providers to increase the quality of the childcare and education each provides. These opportunities may include training and/or materials for classrooms and stipends for staff. Providers must comply with the requirements of the various initiatives to maintain eligibility.

Consultation Regarding Special Needs is available to all child care centers and family day care homes as required by FL Statute 1002.87(2)(r). Consultation, including training, technical assistance and resources can be accessed by calling the [Warm Line](#) or submitting a request via the ELCFV website. The goal of



this consultation is to increase the capacity of providers to include all children in their programs and to provide any needed intervention as early as possible in a child's life to maximize their readiness for Kindergarten.

Professional Development opportunities are available to all child care providers in Flagler and Volusia Counties. Opportunities include online and face to face learning, coaching and ELCFV facilitated communities of practice. The goal of Professional Development is to keep childcare practitioners moving forward on a professional development pathway that continuously increases the quality of instruction and teacher-child interactions.