

What We Do

We coordinate services that allow children to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn.

This means all birth to pre-kindergarten aged children in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties will have access to efficient, integrated, early learning programs and services that meet standards appropriate for their level.

Our mission is to serve parents, caregivers and educators of children by managing and evaluating early child care and early childhood education programs through a quality school readiness delivery system in North Florida.

Join Us

The success and safety of our communities ***begins with providing the best start possible for our youngest children.***

Get involved.

Serve as a child advocate for education in your community regarding the importance of quality early learning programs.

Attend coalition meetings and volunteer as an active board or committee member.

Read to a child.

Offer praise and encouragement.

Donate to the Early Learning Coalition so we can continue to help children, families and Florida.

Join us on Facebook and Twitter today and help us ***spread the word about early learning!***

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parenting tips and ways
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"Together, we are responsible for ensuring that the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of the children that we serve is our top priority."

- ELC Board Member

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Helping Children.
Helping Families.



Here's how we serve parents of children birth to five years:

Help Parents Receive Quality Child Care

Through Child Care Resource and Referral (CC&R) we help families find child care that is easily accessible, educational, safe and affordable. This free service is offered to all families.

Provide School Readiness Programs for Income-Eligible Families

School Readiness programs are designed to increase children's chances of achieving future educational success. Working families who meet certain income requirements are able to enroll their children. Parents pay a co-payment based on a sliding fee scale and developmental screenings are conducted at least semi-annually to chart the individual progress.

Special Needs Services

The ELC assists with transition to mainstream child care by working with child care providers to create inclusive programs. We provide child screenings to identify potential development delays. If identified, the ELC refers the child to appropriate community agencies for additional screening and assistance.



Assist Parents Registering Children for Free Pre-Kindergarten

Florida's FREE Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program is available to all of Florida's 4 year olds, regardless of income. Children who attend a quality pre-kindergarten program are better prepared when they enter school. The program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten and to build a foundation for educational success.

Visit www.ecs4kids.org/vpk or Call (800) 238-3463 and ask for VPK.

Early Education Means Lifelong Success!

Connect Parents and Children with the Foundations and Love of Reading

Our goal is to help children get ready to read through storytelling, events and sharing early learning tips with caregivers. ELC offers the following resources to North Florida:

Literacy Programs & Events

- **Toddler Fests** - Community event that includes storytelling, music, crafts and visits from book characters. Every toddler receives a free book.
- **Reading Pals** - Links child care providers with community volunteers who read to children
- **Read to Me** - Workshops for expecting and new parents
- **Themed Literacy Programs** - Put on directly in child care facilities. Each child receives a free book and teachers receive resources to duplicate the program.
- **Other reading events include:**
Read for the Record, Reading with Ronald and Dr. Seuss Week.

Book Distribution

- **Baby Bags** - Age appropriate book bags given to our clients with children 0-2 when they sign up for our services.
- **Three Year Old Book Bag Project** - Book bags filled with a dozen books and educational materials for parents are distributed to local three year olds in child care centers.
- **Books for Bravery** - Books given to local health departments to give out to kids when coming for immunizations.

Be an Early Learning Advocate!

Many volunteer opportunities available. **For literacy or volunteer info, call 904-342-2267.**

