

Early Learning Coalition of Duval

2018 - 2019 Annual Report



Our mission:
To lead and support
the early learning
community
in building the best
foundation for children
birth to five.



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Message from Executive Leadership



On behalf of the Early Learning Coalition of Duval, we are pleased to share with you the 2018 - 2019 Annual Report. As we look back, we cannot be more proud of what we have accomplished which goes to show what can be done when all of us - board members, administrators, staff, families, donors, volunteers, neighbors and corporations - all come together in finding our children the high-quality child care they both need and deserve.

In this Annual Report, you will learn about the programs and services, the impact on the community we serve, as well as a few of our accomplishments in 2019.

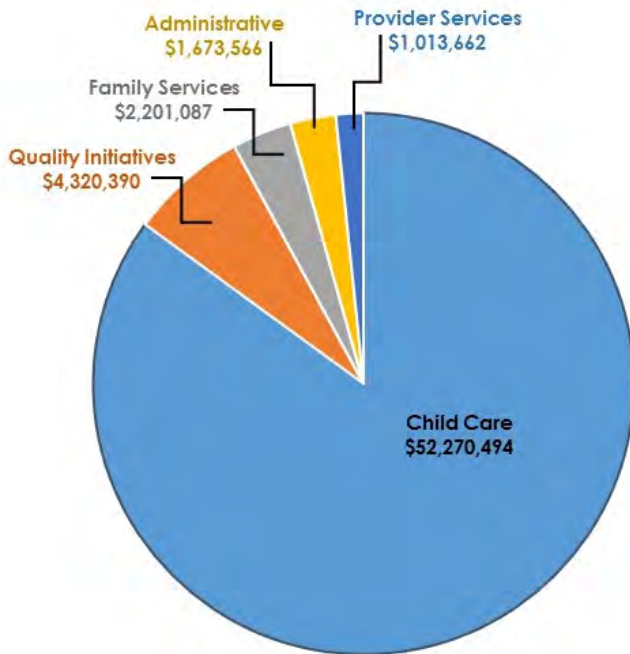
We are confident these accomplishments and successes support our commitment to excellence and to providing high quality services that will make lasting impacts on our community.

Denise Marzullo
President and CEO

Marcus Rowe
Board Chair



Financial Distribution



Child Care	\$52,270,494
Quality Initiatives	\$4,320,390
Family Services	\$2,201,087
Administrative	\$1,673,566
Provider Services	\$1,013,662
Total	\$61,479,199

Our Vision

The Early Learning Coalition of Duval is Jacksonville's first stop for early learning through collaborative leadership that ensures:

- All children receive high-quality care and learning
- All families have the support they need for their children to succeed
- All children are ready for their academic and lifelong success

Core Values



CEO/President Denise Marzullo visited twenty child care centers throughout the year



DELDN members meet with Rep. Tracie Davis



Back to School Shoes and Socks Drive



ELC of Duval's Day of Service in the community

Impact on the Early

27,652

Families assisted in person, finding quality child care or other services through Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)

VPK 9,815

four-year olds enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten program with

419

qualified early learning providers

45,358

Families assisted by phone or email, finding quality child care or other services through Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)

1,768

educators

attended 143 trainings totalling

489

training hours

160

Child care providers participated in Guiding Stars of Duval and received the following star ratings:



728

Guiding Star teachers received incentive checks totalling

\$1,539,200

1,060

CLASS assessments conducted with 333 eligible providers to measure and improve teacher-student interactions

HB 1091

Florida Legislature introduced House Bill 1091 which increases quality and accountability in the School Readiness Program through CLASS assessments

Learning Community

180

Military families served through
Exceptional Family Member program

142,775

hours of care provided

11,743

Children enrolled in the School Readiness
program with

564

quality School Readiness
child care providers

401

Families received clothing through
GrowUp Great Clothing Closet utilizing

141

volunteers for a total of 439 volunteer hours

141

Family Engagement sessions or activities
held for families through Raising a Reader,
Born Learning and Parent Cafés.

11,122

School Readiness and Social/Emotional
screenings conducted and

2,308

Inclusion contacts made resulting in
346 visits and 92 referrals

7

Trainings and a summer conference were
hosted by Duval Early Learning Directors
Network with

450

attendees

\$2,670,000

The amount ELC of Duval received in
additional match dollars for child care slots



320

volunteer hours served by ELC staff on the
inaugural Day of Service in the community

Programs

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) offers an array of services to our families and community including:

- Finding quality childcare, after school care, or a summer program;
- Enrolling their children in Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program;
- Applying for child care assistance and United Way's Success by 6 Program; and Community resources and information.

Guiding Stars of Duval (GSOD) is THE quality rating improvement system for child care providers in Duval County. GSOD is a voluntary program and participants commit to not only meeting the basic requirements for licensing set by the State of Florida, but agree to hold themselves accountable to higher standards. Through GSOD, child care programs are measured on important indicators and standards such as staff education and qualifications, teacher-child interactions, child screenings and assessments, curriculum implementation and professional development. GSOD 4.0 aligns with HB1091 standards and includes health and safety standards.

Professional Development conducts trainings to equip teachers, directors and staff with best practices related to early care and education. ELC of Duval maintains their International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) accreditation which demonstrates our commitment to best practices in adult learning.

Exceptional Family Member (EFM) program serves active military families who have a child with special needs. This program provides families 40-hours a month respite care at no charge. Jacksonville is one of only 5 homestead areas selected due to a large Navy population, a Navy hospital, and remarkable resources and facilities for families. Each family selects their providers based on referrals from the ELC of Duval, who locates, trains, and refers providers to EFM Respite Care.

Duval Early Learning Director's Network (DELDN) empowers directors of early learning centers through connecting, advocating and educating. DELDN members work collaboratively to create awareness for early learning, influence public policy, provide networking opportunities for educators and receive a myriad of training opportunities.

The Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program offers all four (4) year old children a jump start on reading, math, language and social skills. Qualified VPK teachers utilize developmentally appropriate curriculum to educate children, prepare them for kindergarten while inspiring their desire to learn. VPK is offered free of charge during the school year as well as summer.

The School Readiness (SR) program provides early education opportunities to children with ages birth to 5 years old. SR allows eligible families to offset the expense of child care by paying a reduced payment fee allowing parents to maintain employment or pursue their education.

Developmental Health & Inclusion provides developmental screenings for all children, ages 0-5, who participate in SR Program. Additionally, ELC partners with:

- United Way of Northeast Florida to link families with a wide array of resources to address concerns about the health and development of their children.
- Kids Hope Alliance funds ELC of Duval's Social/Emotional Screenings and Behavioral Health Services Grant that allows an inclusion specialist to administer a developmental screenings to school readiness and non-school readiness children, one to 60-months of age.
- Lutheran Services Florida/Early Head Start (EHS) funds ELC of Duval's processing of Ages and Stages (ASQ) and Social/Emotional Screenings for LS/EHS children.

Family Engagement works with providers and community partners to ensure children benefit from a wide variety of programs and resources, including United Way's Born Learning classes, the Kids Hope Alliance, which funds our Raising a Reader program, and PNC Bank which supports our family engagement efforts in many ways. PNC sponsors the "Grow Up Great Children's Closet" located at Gateway to Heaven Christian Church. Kid to Kid and Clothes 4 Souls are also sponsors of the Closet.



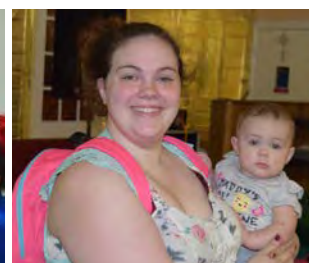
ELC of Duval conducted two Town Hall meetings with child care providers.



2019 VPK graduation



Incentive checks distributed to GSOD teachers totaled more than \$1.5 million.



Grow Up Great Children's Closet assisted more than 400 families.

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

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Funding Partners



A. Baggett, D. Marzullo, and M. Rowe visit a child care center



Board Member K. Feagins reads to children



ELC of Duval holds a "Pink Out" as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



ELC staff celebrates Children's Literacy Week 2019