



2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORT

Quality ~ Integrity ~ Respect ~ Education ~ Service ~ Teamwork

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Family Engagement has a positive impact on a child's academic future. As a result, ELC of Duval works with providers and community partners to ensure children benefit from a wide variety of programs and resources, including United Way's Born Learning parenting classes.



The ELC is thankful to the many volunteers who give their time to the Grow Up Great Children's Closet, located at Gateway to Heaven Christian Church. The Closet is open the first Friday of each month, thanks to sponsors: PNC Bank, Gateway to Heaven, Kid to Kid and Clothes 4 Souls.



The Closet assists people like Olgui Lopez, a first time mother, who had to quit her job based on a doctor's recommendation.



The Kids Hope Alliance funds our *Raising a Reader* program in the Washington Heights, Vista Landing and Eureka Gardens communities. This program helps families understand the importance of early literacy exposure for their children.

SPOTLIGHT



PNC supports our family engagement efforts in a wide variety of ways. Throughout the year, employees help sort clothes at the Grow Up Great Children's Closet, assemble bikes and wagons for children, assist with our book giveaways, sponsor events and much more!

**In 2017-2018, the ELC of Duval held:
31 Parent Cafes, 92 Raising a Reader Sessions, 36 Born Learning Parenting Classes, and assisted 378 families (909 children) at the Grow Up Great Children's Closet.
153 volunteers donated 463 volunteer hours.**

DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH & INCLUSION

All children, ages 0-5, who participate in the **School Readiness program (SR)** and get financial assistance receive a developmental screening. ELC of Duval partners with the United Way of Northeast Florida and Florida's Help Me Grow (HMG) program to link families with a wide array of resources to address concerns about the health and development of their children.

The Kids Hope Alliance funds ELC of Duval through a Social Emotional Screenings and Behavioral Health Services Grant. This funding allows an inclusion specialist to administer a developmental screening (ASQ-SE 2) to school readiness and non-school readiness children, 1 month to 60-months of age.

In partnership with Lutheran Services Florida/Early Head Start (EHS), the ELC of Duval offers Ages and Stages (ASQ) kits and training to LSF Early Head Start Child Care partnership staff. The ELC of Duval also permits LSF to use the Help Me Grow system free of charge. This allows LSF to process and upload their screenings to a secure website.

SPOTLIGHT



It's called Books, Balls and Blocks! Periodically, throughout the year, the ELC holds this event to give free screenings to children, 4-months to 5-years-old. Children are screened for communication, behavior, cognitive, and gross and fine motor skills.

SCREENINGS

School Readiness

8,135 (ASQ-3)

Social/Emotional

372 (ASQ-SE2)

Help Me Grow

658 (ASQ-3); 83 (ASQ-SE2);
28 (PSC)

Vision is Priceless

1,141 Screenings

Inclusion

Warm Line:

- 280 Calls
- 1,607 Contacts
- 195 Visits
- 105 Referrals

ASQ Inclusion:

- 543 Contacts
- 214 Visits
- 7 Referrals

Training:

- 42 Hours

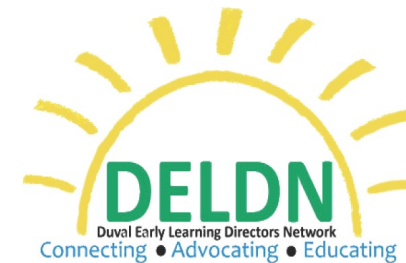
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development delivers quality trainings to early child care educators. Our International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) accreditation shows our commitment to best practices in adult learning, and we are proud to be one of only four coalitions in Florida to successfully master this rigorous accreditation process.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

145 Trainings to
2,201 Providers =
607 Training Hours



The Early Learning Coalition of Duval is proud to partner with the **Duval Early Learning Directors Network (DELDN)** which empowers directors of early learning centers through connecting, advocating, and educating. Members speak before panels and legislative committees and advocate for children, families and the child care community.

SPOTLIGHT



The 2018 DELDN Conference was a huge success with Willie J. Brown, Author & Educator, as the guest speaker.

GUIDING STARS OF DUVAL

Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Guiding Stars of Duval is the Early Learning Coalition of Duval's quality rating improvement system (QRIS). It is a systematic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Similar to rating systems for restaurants and hotels, Guiding Stars awards quality ratings to child care centers and family child care homes (FCCH) that meet a set of defined program standards, which include: teacher-child interactions, staff qualifications, child screening and assessments and professional development.



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The Guiding Stars of Duval Wage Incentive Program is always a huge success. This year, we distributed over 1 million dollars of incentive money to teachers and directors. To learn more, visit our website at www.earlylearningjax.org and click on Guiding Stars.

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)** program provides free pre-k to 4-year-olds living in Florida. This high-quality program equips children with the skills they need to enter kindergarten ready to succeed.



In 2017-2018, 401 child care providers offered free Voluntary Prekindergarten services to nearly 9,800 children.



SPOTLIGHT



Senator Aaron Bean (R) held a mock session for Duval County providers and ELC staff during Children's Week at the State Capitol in Tallahassee.



EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER



The Navy's **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 the EFM program.



SPOTLIGHT

Hudson, CJ, Peanut, Baileigh, Tito, Makenna, Yogi, Elisa... all real-life characters who starred in a booklet, with many others, titled *Respite the Snowman, the Way EFM saw it*. The book contains photos, drawings, and adventures with *Respite*. Written by Tammy Latham-Hoffman with the help of moms, dads, providers and the Early Learning Coalition of Duval.

SPOTLIGHT



The Early Learning Coalition of Duval is proud of our new offices on Jacksonville's Southside and Westside.

In March, the new Westside office opened at 4251 Lenox Avenue, Suites 3 and 4. In April, the new Southside office opened at 6500 Bowden Road, Suite 290.

These two offices, combined with the Northside office, located at 5216 North Pearl Street, allows us to serve all of Jacksonville's children and families.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL



Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) is the front door for early learning services at the ELC of Duval. CCR&R helps families enroll their children in Florida's VPK program, apply for child care assistance or apply for the United Way's Success by 6 scholarship program. CCR&R also connects families with community resources and information.

The chart below reflects the number of families that visited our offices in 2017-2018 and total outreach efforts, including phone calls and emails.

Northside Office

12,050 Visits

Southside Office

11,374 Visits

Westside Office

8,730 Visits

Total Visits

32,154

Total Calls

24,997

Total Outreach

57,151

Committed to high quality child care and early learning success

SCHOOL READINESS

The **School Readiness (SR)** program enables income-eligible families to work or attend school while ensuring their children are in safe, high-quality child care programs.

In 2017-2018, the ELC of Duval served over **11,600** children in **350** child care centers, **171** family child care homes and **65** private centers and schools.



SPOTLIGHT

The ELC of Duval proudly participates each year in Family Foundation's Wise Money Week. In 2017-2018, more than 1,500 children participated from 30 child care centers across our community... all ages and income levels.

FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

Child Care

\$49,002,841

Quality Initiatives

\$3,185,725

Family Services

\$2,002,289

Administrative

\$1,709,215

Provider Services

\$872,015

TOTAL
\$56,772,085

FUNDING PARTNERS





BOARD CHAIR

As the Interim Board Chair for the Early Learning Coalition of Duval, I am proud to present the 2017-2018 Annual Report. This report shows the tremendous work we have accomplished in helping Jacksonville's children and families find the quality child care they both need and deserve. Please be sure to read the highlights about our people, programs, policies and events. After doing so, I think you will agree that the ELC of Duval keeps our strategic objectives in sight, and plays a leading role in making sure our children enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

- Marcus Rowe, Interim Chair

MISSION & VISION

Mission: To lead and support the early learning community in building the best foundation for children, 0-5.

Vision: We are 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 and all children are ready for the academic and lifelong success.

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