



# Provider Town Hall

October 15, 2025

# Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome** | *Angel Carro, President and CEO*
- ▶ **School Readiness Funding & Enrollment**
- ▶ **CLASS Second Edition** | *Lashonda Hicks, Chief Program Officer*
- ▶ **DELDN Upcoming Meetings**
- ▶ **Grants**

# School Readiness Funding & Enrollment

- ▶ Initial funding cuts for Duval had us losing between \$7 million to 13 million.
- ▶ The legislative session ended with Duval receiving a \$7 million cut, but with the potential to receive extra funds from roll over dollars.
- ▶ The initial plan with cuts had us reducing enrollment and cuts to some provider support.
- ▶ Duval received an additional \$5.4 million, reducing the cuts for 2025-2026 to \$1.6 million.
  - ▶ This allowed us to increase SR enrollment of children with the goal of getting through SR wait list by end of October.
  - ▶ This allowed us to add some of the provider supports previously cut.

# SR Sliding Fee Scale

- ▶ House Bill 1255 that passed during the 2025 legislative session changed the entry income for the School Readiness program from 150% of federal poverty level to 55% of the state median income as of 10/1/25.

— Annual Gross Income - Number of People in the Family —

|         | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 55% SMI | 29,476 | 38,546 | 47,615 | 56,685 | 65,754 | 74,824 |

- ▶ Full scale is on our website

# CLASS Second Edition

Florida will be transitioning to CLASS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition beginning with the 2026-2027 Program Year.

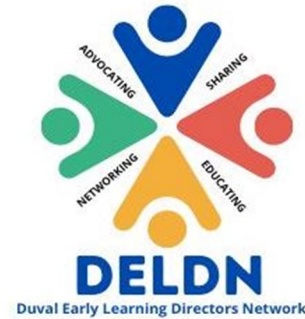
- ▶ **CLASS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Infant-Toddler** will replace:
  - ▶ Infant CLASS 2008
  - ▶ Toddler CLASS 2008
- ▶ **CLASS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup>** will replace:
  - ▶ Pre-K CLASS 2008
  - ▶ K-3<sup>rd</sup> CLASS 2008

# Key changes:

- ▶ **Refined Dimension Definitions**  
Improved clarity to better reflect each dimension across diverse settings.
- ▶ **Enhanced Indicator Definitions**  
Support more accurate observer interpretation and scoring.
- ▶ **Updated Behavioral Markers**  
Broader representation and current insights into child development.
- ▶ **Inclusive Language Additions**  
Expanded guidance for children with varying abilities and backgrounds.
- ▶ **Support for Diverse Settings**  
Facilitates use in varied environments, including Family Child Care programs.
- ▶ **Improved Clarity and Usability**  
Language updates make the tool easier to understand and apply.

# DELDN Meetings

- ▶ October 23, 2025 - Provider Services Updates
- ▶ November - No meeting due to holidays
- ▶ December - No meeting due to holidays
- ▶ January 22, 2026- Round Tables & Networking
- ▶ February 26, 2026 - CCR&R- ELC Resources
- ▶ March 26, 2026 - Updates from DCF
- ▶ April 23, 2026 - Round Tables & Networking



To register for a DELDN training, go to [elcduval.org](http://elcduval.org) and click - **I Am a Provider** and then click **Register for a Training**. Feel free to email Cheryl Benveniste at [cbenveniste@elcduval.org](mailto:cbenveniste@elcduval.org) with any DELDN questions.

# Grants

## ▶ VPK Curriculum Grant

- ▶ Providers who received a probation designation
- ▶ \$5,000 to cover curriculum or curriculum training

## ▶ School Readiness Professional Grant

- ▶ Limited funding available - **25** childcare centers will be awarded up to \$10,000 and **12** family childcare homes will be awarded up to \$8500
- ▶ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focus
- ▶ Grant application will be posted on the Web Author portal (link)
- ▶ Providers who received funding from the 2024-25 Professional Learning Grant cannot apply

Please  
encourage  
families to  
attend!



Free! FALL-A-DAY  
FAMILY FUN!

TRICK OR TREATING  
October 25, 2025  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

EARTHA'S FARM & MARKET  
4850 MONCRIEF ROAD, 32209

Fall into fun at our FREE Fall-A-Day event at Eartha's Farm & Market on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Bring the whole family for arts & crafts, seed planting, a fall-themed photo booth, story times, a pumpkin patch, fresh produce, giveaways, candy, and more! It's a perfect way to harvest some memories - no RSVP is needed! Children in costumes are welcome!

Every family will receive a voucher for \$15  
for fresh fruit, veggies, or a pumpkin!

Logos at the bottom: Early Learning Coalition of Duval, PNC, Grow Up Great, Eartha's Farm & Market, KPMG, OPERATION CROSS SAVER, Volunteers in Medicine, HEY MAMA, Marco Polo Learning, and a Duval County seal.

# Professional Development Training Calendar

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                            | Monday | Tuesday                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                 | Friday                       | Saturday                                                         |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                                | 29     | 30                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                        | 3                            | 4                                                                |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6      | 7                                                                         | 8<br>05:30pm<br>Online Pilot - Understanding and Supporting Children Milestones                                                                                                                       | 9<br>05:30pm<br>Online Training - PILOT More Than Baby Talk                                                              | 10<br>12:30pm<br>CLASS Chats | 11<br>09:30am<br>Online - Toddler Behavior Starts with YOU       |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                | 13     | 14<br>05:30pm<br>Online - Building Self Esteem in the Preschool Classroom | 15<br>12:30pm<br>Play to Grow: Boosting Learning Through Joyful, Purposeful Play Lunch & Learn<br><br>05:30pm<br>Online - Social Emotional Learning in Childhood<br><br>06:30pm<br>Provider Town Hall | 16<br>05:30pm<br>Online - Don't Let The Hard Days Win                                                                    | 17                           | 18                                                               |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                | 20     | 21<br>05:30pm<br>Online - Improving Experiences Through Science           | 22<br>05:30pm<br>Online - Providing a Healthy and Active Classroom                                                                                                                                    | 23<br>05:30pm<br>Online - Understanding and Supporting Children's Milestones<br><br>06:30pm<br>DELDN - Provider Services | 24                           | 25<br>08:30am<br>In Person - Learning and Exploring Through Play |

# Thank you!

