

School Readiness Match Report

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Background

The School Readiness (SR) Program supports low-income working families by providing their children access to outcome-focused early education programs. The SR Program allows parents to work and give their children a successful start in school and life. In 2024-2025, families may have qualified for the SR Program if their income was at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and did not exceed 85 percent of the state median income (SMI). Effective October 1, 2025, families may qualify for the SR Program if their income is at or below 55 percent of the SMI.

The 2019 Legislature revised how local match contributions are collected and reported for the expansion of SR program services, which has come to be known as the SR Match Program. [Specific Appropriation 81 of Chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida](#), provided to the Florida Department of Education (Department)/Division of Early Learning (DEL) by the 2025 Legislature, released \$30 million from the Child Care and Development Trust Fund (CCDF) to expand services to low-income families at or below 70 percent of the SMI if their income does not exceed 85 percent of the SMI. The SR Match Program ensures the Department remains in compliance with federal match requirements.

The SR Match Program enables the state's 30 early learning coalitions (ELCs) and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to work with public and private businesses to match federal funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis with contributions from local governments, charitable foundations and private businesses that want to help provide child care services to participating families. This effectively doubles the funding available for early education and care for working families in these communities and creates local partnerships focused on using state and local funds for direct services and expanding the number of child care slots.

Requirement for this Legislative Report

[Specific Appropriation 81 of Chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida](#)

The Division of Early Learning shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee by December 1, 2025, that includes the following information about the division's allocation of the \$30,000,000 in local matching funds provided in Specific Appropriation 81 of chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida: (1) the amount of funds allocated to each early learning coalition and a breakdown, by coalition, of the amount of funds expended by the coalition on direct services and the amount expended by the coalition on expanding school readiness slots, and (2) the total number of school readiness slots funded by each early learning coalition with the local matching funds.

The purpose of this report is to provide the above information.

2024-2025 Allocations to Early Learning Coalitions

For Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 28 of the 30 ELCs and RCMA participated in the SR Match Program. The amount of funds allocated to each coalition, the amount expended on direct services and on expanding SR slots and the estimated total number of SR slots funded with local matching funds are displayed in the following table. These amounts are pending final expenditure reconciliations as part of the fiscal year close-out activities.

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FY 2024-2025 School Readiness Match Expenditure Report

Specific Appropriation 81 - Chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida

Coalition	Total Amount Allocated ¹	Direct Services State (CCDF) Match Expenditures Invoiced to DEL as of 9/17/25 ²	Direct Services Local Match Expenditures Reported to DEL as of 9/17/25 ²	Total Direct Services Expenditures from State and Local Match Funds ²	Non-Direct Local Match Expenditures Used to Expand Child Care Slots Reported to DEL as of 9/17/25 ²	Number of Children Funded from Local Match Funds ³
ELC of Alachua County	\$ 93,438	\$ 82,218	\$ 82,051	\$ 164,269	\$ -	117
ELC of the Big Bend Region	\$ 82,944	\$ 30,375	\$ -	\$ 30,375	\$ -	0
ELC of Brevard	\$ 237,482	\$ 156,905	\$ 331,147	\$ 488,053	\$ -	75
ELC of Broward County	\$ 6,018,720	\$ 6,018,720	\$ 6,181,085	\$ 12,199,805	\$ -	5,006
ELC of Duval	\$ 2,818,893	\$ 2,818,708	\$ 1,630,718	\$ 4,449,427	\$ 1,882,933	904
ELC of Escambia County	\$ 177,957	\$ 155,361	\$ 208,153	\$ 363,513	\$ -	133
ELC of Flagler and Volusia Counties	\$ 270,901	\$ 267,124	\$ 357,195	\$ 624,319	\$ -	3,333
ELC of Florida's Gateway	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
ELC of Florida's Heartland	\$ 173,649	\$ 173,639	\$ 141,948	\$ 315,587	\$ 55,653	1,667
ELC of Hillsborough County	\$ 1,208,633	\$ 1,208,321	\$ 1,383,217	\$ 2,591,537	\$ -	2,611
ELC of Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee	\$ 273,326	\$ 174,285	\$ 2,506	\$ 176,791	\$ 254,596	14
ELC of Lake County	\$ 50,809	\$ 46,170	\$ 57,418	\$ 103,588	\$ -	663
ELC of Manatee County	\$ 1,347,990	\$ 1,347,989	\$ 1,204,926	\$ 2,552,915	\$ 274,348	548
ELC of Marion County	\$ 136,663	\$ 74,421	\$ 147,749	\$ 222,171	\$ -	2,287
ELC of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties	\$ 2,614,510	\$ 2,614,510	\$ 4,404,197	\$ 7,018,707	\$ -	803
ELC of the Nature Coast	\$ 6,875	\$ 4,331	\$ 4,383	\$ 8,713	\$ -	23
ELC of North Florida	\$ 180,727	\$ 136,555	\$ 202,367	\$ 338,922	\$ -	3,542
ELC of Northwest Florida	\$ 191,748	\$ 155,535	\$ 243,446	\$ 398,980	\$ -	192
ELC of Okaloosa and Walton Counties	\$ 70,732	\$ 50,327	\$ 58,586	\$ 108,913	\$ -	135
ELC of Orange County	\$ 2,159,854	\$ 1,546,994	\$ 2,509,596	\$ 4,056,590	\$ -	1,527
ELC of Osceola	\$ 115,256	\$ 103,706	\$ 137,673	\$ 241,379	\$ 14,098	311
ELC of Palm Beach County	\$ 8,904,270	\$ 9,083,578	\$ 6,868,802	\$ 15,952,380	\$ 1,748,525	15,559
ELC of Pasco and Hernando Counties	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
ELC of Pinellas	\$ 911,087	\$ 892,995	\$ 991,682	\$ 1,884,677	\$ -	965
ELC of Polk County	\$ 210,100	\$ 205,755	\$ 211,203	\$ 416,958	\$ -	551
ELC of Santa Rosa	\$ 37,109	\$ 37,108	\$ 42,598	\$ 79,707	\$ -	954
ELC of Sarasota	\$ 313,885	\$ 313,787	\$ 300,483	\$ 614,270	\$ -	281
ELC of Seminole County	\$ 172,994	\$ 172,952	\$ 172,953	\$ 345,905	\$ -	253
ELC of Southwest Florida	\$ 513,740	\$ 370,500	\$ 927,118	\$ 1,297,618	\$ -	1,075
ELC of St. Lucie	\$ 433,269	\$ 433,305	\$ 513,860	\$ 947,164	\$ -	4,796
RCMA	\$ 272,439	\$ 238,010	\$ 553,986	\$ 791,996	\$ -	1,295
Grand Total	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 28,914,184	\$ 29,871,047	\$ 58,785,231	\$ 4,230,153	49,620

¹. FY 2024-2025 Notices of Awards.

². DEL SR Expenditure Workbooks FY 2024-2025 as of 9/17/25; DEL SR Expenditure Workbooks FY 2025-2026 as of 9/17/25 for prior year expenditures. All expenditures for FY 2024-2025 are within the service period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25. This does not reflect final expenditure reconciliations.

³. From Enhanced Field System (EFS) Modernization payment data as of October 20, 2025, in 'Paid' status; Reporting Period closed on 10/17/25. Children were counted if they had a net positive match amount for the period, 7/1/24 through 6/30/25. More specifically, children were counted if they were funded at any point throughout the period with local match funds, no duplicates. No data reported for the ELC of Florida's Gateway and ELC of Pasco and Hernando Counties.



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