

# Early Learning Update

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## HB 7165: SR + VPK + CCR&R = OEL → FDOE

Not an equation, but an illustration of OEL structure now that HB 7165 is in effect.

Moving trucks have been pulling into the parking lot at the Lottery building in Tallahassee during July as VPK staff from FDOE's towering Turlington Building moved into new quarters at OEL's offices. Consolidating VPK services within OEL was an element of the new early learning legislation – House Bill 7165. The work of implementing other provisions in the bill continues statewide and involves OEL, coalitions, providers and other

around the state. As part of the *One Goal Summer Conference* in Tampa, Goff served on the “2013 State and Legislative Review” panel and provided an overview of the bill. *One Goal* draws more than 1000 early education and care providers and leaders from around the state.

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet also offered an opportunity for Goff to update

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entities involved in early learning services.

Executive Director Shan Goff and other OEL staff have been speaking about the legislation and its impact on early learning at meetings and conferences

their members at its July meeting.

If you would like to receive a biweekly update on implementing the bill, email [HB7165@oel.myflorida.com](mailto:HB7165@oel.myflorida.com).

## School Readiness Funding Work Group

Work begins for group of early learning stakeholders.

The first meeting of the School Readiness Funding Model Work Group took place on July 26 at OEL offices in Tallahassee. The group heard presentations from staff on current and historical funding, funding practices and

methodologies from other states, and factors they may consider in recommending a new funding formula and then agreed on guiding principles and proposed funding components. The group meets next in September.

## NorthEastWestSouth

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Nearly 100 business and community leaders attended a first-of-its-kind summit about the impact of early learning on the economy. Sponsored by the **ELC of Escambia County**, the meeting took place at the Gulf Power offices in Pensacola. You can read about it in this [newspaper article](#).

The **ELC of Manatee County** has moved and is showing off their new Palmetto location Aug. 6 with a ribbon-cutting and open house hosted by the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. Senator Bill Galvano, Palmetto Mayor Shirley Bryant and School Board Chair Karen Carpenter will be present for the event. The new address is 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, FL.

The **ELC of Palm Beach** is starting a new online child assessment program to help inform classroom practices. So far six early childhood programs are participating in the first group, which represents 360 children, 45 teachers and 140 child observations.

The **ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe** is tackling childhood obesity with a Healthy Eating and Exercise Initiative. Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and The Nemours Foundation, the ELC will work with early care and education providers in South Florida to support families who want to learn more about the benefits of good nutrition and exercise and how they can get their young children to participate.

## The Governor's Corner by Governor Rick Scott

Thanks to the hard work of our public servants, Floridians are experiencing the excitement of an incredible economic turnaround. Our unemployment rate is below the national average and our housing market is on the upswing. Every day we are working together to continue Florida's success. Some of our recent efforts include unveiling the Teacher Supply Debit Card, which will provide our hard working teachers with an average of \$250 to help them buy supplies for their classrooms. This card will

allow teachers to buy supplies tax free all year long without reaching into their pockets.

Florida also continues to experience incredible job gains, with more than 333,000 private sector jobs created in the last two years. All across the state, families are getting jobs, teachers are being rewarded, and students who will someday make up Florida's workforce are receiving the training they need to succeed.

It's working in Florida, but we aren't letting up. With the help of our public servants, we are committed to being the number one

state for job creation, the number one state to get a great education, and the best place for families to live their version of the American Dream.

### The ELC of Southwest

**Florida** showed off their new offices July 23. Between 150 and 200 guests toured the building. During the welcome session, the audience chanted along with staff, "Kindergarten is too late," a theme that ties into a campaign the ELC's

## Early Learning Programs Profile Monthly State Report

June 2013

### School Readiness (SR)

#### By Provider Type

	Private Center or School	Public Schools	Family Day Care Home	Informal	Total
Children Served in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	204,519	11,378	18,668	213	222,439
Providers Active in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	6,263	940	2,491	104	9,800

<sup>1</sup>Duplication may exist if a child receives School Readiness services from more than one provider within the limits allowed by OEL policies.

<sup>2</sup>Duplication may exist if a provider's type changed during the service period.

#### By Care Level

	By Age							School Age	Special Needs	Total
	Infant	Toddler	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr				
Children Served in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	10,746	23,016	29,367	33,235	33,552	25,728	65,711	1,083	222,439	
Providers Active in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	4,917	6,278	6,704	6,912	7,037	6,766	7,263	701	9,800	

<sup>1</sup>Duplication may exist if a child receiving School Readiness services has a birthday during the service period.

### Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK)

#### By Provider Type

	Child Care Facility	Public Schools	Family Day Care Home	Private School	Total
Children Served in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	143,284	29,944	926	1,762	175,916
Providers Active in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	5,187	1,069	115	57	6,428

<sup>1</sup>Duplication may exist if children receiving VPK services transfer among different providers within limits allowed by OEL policies.

<sup>2</sup>Duplication may exist if a provider's type changed during the period of time being examined.

### Current Program Year Compared to the Previous Program Year

	School Year	Summer	Program Year
Children Served in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	167,302	6,485	173,787
Providers Active in 2012-13 as of 06/2013	6,312	494	6,416
Children Served in 2011-12 Final Count	167,348	7,776	175,124
Providers Active in 2011-12 Final Count	6,273	560	6,387