



Continue Learning All Summer

Find resources that combine fun and learning

Celebrate summer with your children by having fun as a family. Sharing fun activities together offers learning opportunities for children in science, math and literacy concepts. Visit the [2016 Summer Activities](#) page to discover ideas for fun at home, on the go, with water, in nature and getting ready for kindergarten.



Providers Selected for 2016-17 Early Learning Performance Funding Project



The third year of the **Early Learning Performance Funding Project** got off to a good start in June when 479 school readiness providers learned they had been selected to participate. Almost 900 child care providers applied to be part of the 2016-17 project. Grouped in three tiers, providers in the project get special coaching and training for classroom teachers and incentives during the year when they reach certain goals. Providers are eligible for year-end bonuses based on improving outcomes for children.

Spill the Water!

New campaign engages kids' help to fight mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are part of life in Florida. Most children don't know mosquitoes not only make them itch, but carry diseases like Zika and West Nile virus. To help reduce the spread of mosquito-borne diseases, it's

important for kids and parents to practice basic mosquito bite prevention: cover skin with long clothing and repellent and **spill!** sources of standing water. A smaller mosquito population means fewer bites. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as one teaspoon or a bottle cap of water. Kids can be heroes and help fight mosquitoes when they *Spill the Water!* around their home and neighborhood.

To help educate Florida's kids and involve them in the fight against mosquito-borne illnesses, Florida's Department of Health has launched [SpillTheWater.com](#), which is full of resources tailored to students, parents and teachers.



More Than \$2 Million Raised for Early Education at June Gala

Orange County leaders gather at The First Five Years Gala

Celebrating the sixth and most successful gala since it began in 2011, **The First Five Years Gala** raised an estimated \$2.2 million that will provide access to high-quality care and education for children in the community. The **Early Learning Coalition of Orange County** recognized co-hosts Dick Batchelor and Tico Perez for their continued involvement in early learning.



Coalition holds Zika Virus Information Session

Early learning groups joined to get the word out about the virus

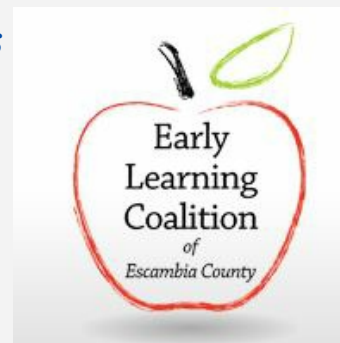
The **ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe** in collaboration with the **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade** hosted a free session Friday, July 8. Participants learned about the virus, how to prevent it and how it can affect mothers.



"Jumping Into Your Curriculum" Class Aids in Childhood Development

Look at curriculum as a set of daily activities, instead of an open book

The **ELC of Escambia** is holding a two-part class about preschool curriculum. Scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, and Thursday, July 21, the classes will focus on how to implement developmentally appropriate curriculum properly. Participants are encouraged to attend **both trainings** at 3300 North Pace Blvd, Suite 220, in Pensacola. A similar training on **infants and toddlers** will take place Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



ELC Hosting Trainings to Understand Literacy and Motor Development

July trainings will cover early literacy and developing motor skills

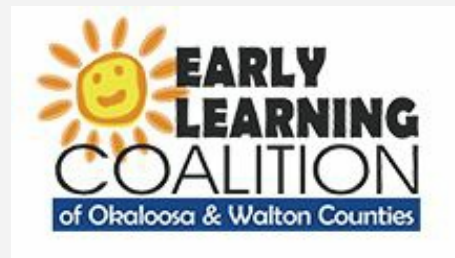
On Thursday, July 14, the **ELC of Southwest Florida** is hosting a course for participants to develop basic foundational skills in language and literacy and apply hands-on strategies engaging preschoolers learning English as a second language. The **training** takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. at 506 Hope Circle in Immokalee. A second training about motor development in children birth to 5 is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 6920 Immokalee Road in Naples. Participants can **register online** for the training.



ELC Receives Grant from Community Foundation

Grant will assist economically challenged families

The **ELC of Okaloosa and Walton** recently received a nearly \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Northwest Florida. Thanks to the donation, children from economically challenged families in the community will gain access to quality early education.



Combined with \$15 from federal and state sources, the grant will actually provide \$47,840 of services to families.

Save the Date for the "Race 4 Readiness"

Calling all runners! The Big Bend's third annual race is fast approaching

On Saturday, Oct. 1, runners are encouraged to participate in the **ELC of the Big Bend Region's** "Race 4 Readiness." The annual event supports early learning, school readiness and early childhood literacy throughout the community. Look forward to registration and run times in the future.



ELC Seeks Sponsors for Second Annual Gala

Planning for the "Change the First Five Years Gala" is underway

The **ELC of Flagler and Volusia** is hosting its second annual gala Oct. 29, 2016, and looking for sponsors to make it a success. The gala combines fun with fundraising to support early learning. Events include a lip sync battle, photo booth and silent auction. **Learn more** about the gala to be held at 75 N. Halifax Drive in Ormond Beach at the Oceanside Country Club Ballroom.



#BringABook Yields Positive Results

Participants donated more than 400 books

The #BringABook drive held recently in Orange County encouraged early learning providers to donate books for students and early literacy learners. Thanks to a collaboration with Leadership Florida, Connect Florida and Volunteer Florida, the **ELC of Orange County** received more than 400 new and used books.



Learn How to Promote Literacy for Free

The **ELC of Manatee** presents "Mind in the Making" module trainings

An upcoming workshop series titled "Mind in the Making" is designed to assist parents, grandparents, child care professionals, educators and caregivers with helping their children thrive in early education. The trainings stem from Ellen Galinsky's ground-breaking novel, *Mind in the Making*. **Registration** for the first class on Saturday, July 16, is open now.



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