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Early learning highlights from North, East, West and South Florida

Preschoolers, candy corn necklaces and a maze... Coalition creates early literacy event

The [Early Learning Coalition of North Florida](#) hosted their fourth early literacy fall event at the Amazing Grace Crop Maze in Green Cove Springs recently. Twenty-one preschools with 430 children attended. They enjoyed a crop-maze science adventure and other farm activities such as rat rollers, duck races, jumping on a giant corn popper trampoline and visiting farm animals.

Child care providers in attendance from Bradford, Clay, Putnam, St. Johns and Duval counties received a bagful of assorted books.



Early Learning Coalition Vies for 2018 Organization of the Year Award

***Florida Today* praises Brevard ELC**

The **ELC of Brevard County** earned high praise recently in an article in *Florida Today* for its role in helping provide child care and education to young children and families in Brevard County. The article also recognized the Help Me Grow program for the way it identifies children with developmental disabilities and intervenes years ahead of public schools.



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The full article is available on [Florida Today's website](#).

Coalition Says Goodbye and Hello... **Board members depart, arrive**

The **ELC of Southwest Florida** said goodbye to one board member and hello to another at their October board of directors meeting. Dr. Denis Wright, who had served on the board four years, stepped down as he is retiring from his position at Florida Southwestern State College.



Jeff Alluri (pictured, right) joined the board. Newly appointed, Alluri is an entrepreneur and principal of Element Technologies, LLC. He and his wife Tara have been involved in early education activities when their children were small.

ELC helps Manatee Children's Services GAP Program families celebrate Thanksgiving early

Children and families from Manatee Children's Services GAP Program will celebrate Thanksgiving early at a Thanksgiving luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 17, thanks to the **ELC of Manatee County** and their partners. They are expecting more than 120 children and families.

GAP participants are relatives who have taken responsibility for raising children within their families for various reasons, including drugs/alcohol, deaths, or not being able or willing to take care of their children. Many of the families may not otherwise have a Thanksgiving holiday. This annual event enables them to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, celebrate the holiday and express gratitude for their families and communities.





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