



Florida Department of Education  
Office of Early Learning  
Program Guidance 780.01

## COVID – 19 Crisis

# Florida's Rising Kindergarten Summer Program

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### **OF INTEREST TO**

The Office of Early Learning (OEL, the Office), Early Learning Coalitions and public school districts.

### **SUMMARY**

This program guidance addresses the requirements for Florida's Rising Kindergarten Summer Program.

### **AUTHORITY**

#### **Related Federal Regulations/Authority**

[Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#)

[CCDF ACF Info Memo 2017-02 CCDF Spending Flexibility during Federal or State Declared Emergency](#)

[Child Care and Development Block Grant Act](#)

- Section 658(c)(2)(I) Establishment of Health and Safety Requirements
- Section 658(c)(2)(U) Disaster Preparedness

[45 CFR 98.56 Restriction on the Use of Funds](#)

[CCDF-ACF-IM-2020-01](#), CCDF Discretionary Funds Appropriated in the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136)

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State Territorial Local and Tribal Governments](#)

#### **Related Florida Statutes/Authority/Guidance**

[DEM Order NO. 20-004, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

[Florida Department of Education Press Release March 17, 2020](#)

[Section 252.34, Florida Statutes](#)

[Child Care and Development Fund State Plan for FY 19/21 \(effective 10/1/2018\), Section 1.8 – Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan](#)

[Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act , June 11, 2020](#)

## **BACKGROUND**

In an effort to minimize the potential loss of learning due to school and private prekindergarten program closures this spring and prepare Florida’s youngest students for success, OEL/FDOE is providing funds for school districts to provide a Summer Program for Rising Kindergarten Students based on practices that produce the greatest gains, targeted to support students with the most significant pre-academic and academic need. The program will help students acclimate to kindergarten, provide a jump start to the kindergarten literacy concepts and skills, and provide instruction to fill any early literacy achievement gaps for children in need.

## **PROGRAM GUIDANCE**

The following guidelines should be used for coalitions and school districts for the implementation of this 2020 program.

### **2020 Rising Kindergarten Summer Program**

In order to participate in the Rising Kindergarten Summer Program, coalitions and school districts must complete the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Attachment 1. School districts must complete the 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Application – Attachment 2 and the 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Application Budget – Attachment 3.

## **FISCAL GUIDANCE**

OEL will provide funding to early learning coalitions to fund school districts to deliver the Rising Kindergarten Summer Program. This funding is from the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) portion of the CARES Act and will be allocated to each early learning coalition by district(s). The coalition will collaborate on planning the summer program with its respective school district(s). A school district is required to complete the application and budget and submit it to the respective coalition and the Office for review and approval. The district is required to refund any unexpended balance to the coalition at the end of the program.

### **Allocation of Funds**

The funding is allocated by district and by coalition (See 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Funding Allocation – Attachment 4.) The district is required to refund

### **Invoicing/OCA coding instructions**

Costs for the Summer Program for Rising Kindergarten Students should be coded to the CARES funding OCA, CRKSP. Coalitions should submit its reimbursement request (invoice) per instructions in OEL’s [Program Guidance 240.06 – Reimbursement Requests](#).

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Issuance of this guidance represents approval by OEL management of the indicated procedures and related administrative forms. These procedures will be effective as of the date of this guidance listed below.

## **HISTORY**

Original guidance issued June 24, 2020.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Attachment 2 – 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Application

Attachment 3 – 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Application Budget

Attachment 4 – 2020 Rising Kindergarten Program Funding Allocation

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