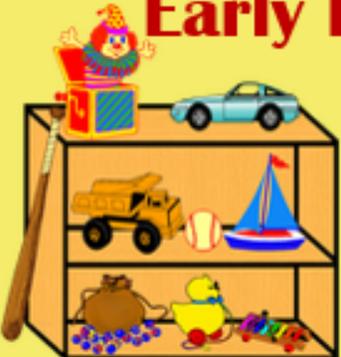




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Early Learning Parents' Pages



Play: What the doctor orders
Kindness counts
National Book Month
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

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After Michael...

State offers help as area works to recover

While the Panhandle struggles to recover from the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Michael, there is help available in many forms. To begin a search for help, turn to the official state [website](#).

Of special interest is an offer from Healthy Kids Corporation to cover monthly premiums for families in the hardest hit areas in 12 counties.



The premium relief applies to the following Florida KidCare programs:

- [MediKids](#): subsidized and full-pay coverage for children ages 1 through 4.
- [Florida Healthy Kids](#): Subsidized and full-pay coverage for children ages 5 through 18
- [Children's Medical Services Managed Care Plan](#): Subsidized coverage for children with special health care needs from birth through age 18.

Coalition turns the table, serves other service organizations

The [Early Learning Coalition of Duval](#) took part in its first "Service Palooza," volunteering at many local non-profits, as a way to kick off their United Way Campaign. President/CEO Denise Marzullo closed the doors for one day -- Columbus Day -- to allow volunteers to give their time and talents to coalition partners who help Jacksonville's families and communities. Staff across Duval County volunteered at the Jacksonville Zoo, Clara White Mission, Humane Society, St. Paul's Thrift Store, Beach Cleanup, Habijax, Catholic Charities, Jacksonville Symphony, Grow Up Great Children's Closet, Ronald McDonald House and Rethreaded.



Tampa Bay Business Journal Picks Coalition for Top Award

Coalition honored for service to children

A leading business publication has named the [ELC of Manatee County](#) as a 2018 *Tampa Bay Business Journal* One Tampa Bay Honoree, known as the Non-Profit of the Year Award. The award continues recognition of the work the ELC does in the county and its efforts for child care safety statewide. The coalition will receive the award at a luncheon and presentation in Clearwater on Thursday, Nov. 15.



Coalition CEO Says a Team... Approach is best for early learning

[Duval ELC](#) President/CEO Denise Marzullo recently wrote an [editorial](#) for the *Florida Times-Union* calling for a team approach to early learning. In the column, Marzullo reminded readers about just how fast young children's brains develop.



Early Learning Coalition of Duval
Your One-Stop Early Learning Resource

Don't Forget!

Two opportunities to support kids coming up...

Coalitions in Central Florida and Tallahassee have events in the next few days that let you do something fun and help raise money for early learning, too. On Friday, Oct. 26, from 11 am to 4 pm, drop by the Panda Express in Altamonte Springs when 20 percent of all sales will go to benefit the [ELC of Seminole County](#). Order online using the promotional code 254605 or download this [flyer](#).



In Tallahassee, Race for Readiness

Prepare to run on Oct. 27!

Runners and walkers alike from around Tallahassee will put on their running shoes for the [ELC of the Big Bend Region's](#) 5th Annual Race for Readiness. It's at Tom Brown Park and includes a Halloween costume competition. The run starts at 8 am with registration beginning at 7:30, Saturday, Oct. 27. There's a 5K race and a 1 mile fun run. Kids under 5



are free. [Click here for tickets.](#)

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