PROVIDER TOWN HALL MEETING
March 08, 2022
AGENDA ITEMS

Updates

1. ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants for Providers
2. VPK Tablets and Headphones
3. New State Guidance for ECE Providers
4. Provider Survey: Restarting the ELC’s Vision & Hearing Screenings in Centers
5. FDOH: School Health/Daycare Health Supplies For Covid-19 Mitigation
What is it?

- **ARPA** = American Rescue Plan Act
- **Goals:**
  - Stabilize and support early learning providers
  - Expand access to high quality providers
  - Invest in quality
  - Invest in early learning workforce
  - Strengthen providers
- **Minimum payment:** $12,000 per provider!
Who is eligible?

- All licensed and license-exempt providers
- Child care centers and family home providers
- Currently open, or closed for reasons related to COVID-19 public health emergency

**ELIGIBLE Providers are:**

- Licensed, regulated, or registered and met all applicable requirements as of March 11, 2021 **OR**
- CCDF-eligible at date of application
Who is eligible?

VPK **Only** Providers at public and non-public schools, license exempt providers and school-age only programs.

- VPK programs operated by public/nonpublic schools are **NOT** eligible for the ARPA grants, as they are not deemed child care and are not regulated by the state.
- License-exempt child care programs ARE eligible.
- License-exempt school-age programs are **NOT** eligible; to be eligible, school-age programs must either have an SR contract or be licensed/regulated by DCF.
- Providers Licensed/Regulated by DCF with an origination date **AFTER March 11, 2021** are **ONLY** eligible IF the provider meets CCDF Health & Safety Requirements (SR Health & Safety Checklist Inspection).
First Step

Check your profile!

- Make sure that you have a 2021-22 CCR&R profile.
- Upload your W9, direct deposit form, and voided check on the Documents tab.
- It is beneficial to the efficiency of processing applications, for ALL Providers, to have your Profiles completed.
ELC of Seminole Applications Go Live (on the Provider Portal), Wednesday 03/09/22
**Q: HOW MUCH WILL WE BE PAID?**

**A:** That depends!....

1. Each qualified provider will receive at least **$12,000**.

2. Payments are based on the children enrolled, and their ages **NOT** capacity.
   - a. ALL enrolled children are counted - private pay, School Readiness, Head Start, VPK, school-age (through age 13), etc.
   - b. **Note:** The numbers will be based on enrollment the day the application is submitted, so consider changes in your calendar before submitting. For instance, VPK providers will want to submit before that program ends, or school-age programs may want to wait for spring or summer breaks when enrollments may be higher.

3. This subgrant is **NOT** the same as other CARES or CRRSA grants offered in 2020 to 2022.

**You can use this calculator to estimate what you might receive. ARPA GRANT CALCULATOR**
# ARPA Grant Calculator

[Visit the ARPA Grant Calculator](https://providerservices.floridaearlylearning.com/ARPAGrantCalculator.html)

## ARPA Provider Stabilization Subgrant - Round 1 Calculator

### Base Stabilization Subgrant

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### Total SR Enrollment:

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### Are you a Contracted School Readiness Provider?

Select One

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**Important FAQs**

**Q: If a provider’s enrollment is low, would it be wise to delay applying for the subgrant until enrollment increases?**

**A:** Providers expecting their enrollments to increase soon would benefit from waiting to apply. Since the calculated subgrant amount is largely impacted by the number of current enrollments, a provider could see a significant increase in subgrant dollars if more children are enrolled when they apply for a subgrant. Providers should weigh the advantages and disadvantages of delaying an application.

**Q: Can I use enrollment from last month as opposed to this month since my enrollment was higher last month?**

**A:** Providers are required to report their current enrollments on the day they submit their application. Providers are to maintain documentation that supports their enrollment in the event they are selected for monitoring.

**Q: If a provider delays the application while continuing to increase enrollments, will the funds still be available?**

**A:** Yes, adequate funding is available for all eligible providers that apply through June 30, 2022. If a provider believes they may have an increase in enrollments soon, it is their discretion to wait to apply for a subgrant.

* A detailed FAQ document will be provided via email and on the ELC website, starting Wed. 03/09.
Q: How can eligible providers use the subgrant money?

A: Eligible providers that receive a subgrant can use the funds for a variety of purposes:

- Personnel costs, staff benefits, premium pay, sign-on bonuses, recruitment, and retention
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance, and insurance
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitation supplies/services, and training/professional development related to health and safety practices
- Equipment and Supplies: purchases of or updates to equipment or supplies to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health services for children and staff

** Eligible providers may reference the ARPA Child Care Stabilization Subgrant Spending and Documentation Guide if they are unclear whether a certain expense fits into one of these categories.

**IMPORTANT:** Providers MUST keep all receipts. Be sure to develop an operations procedure for filing, tracking and documenting purchases and receipts made with ARPA funds.

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Getting Started:
Log into your Provider Portal

providerservices.floridaelearlylearning.com
Open Grant Application

The Coalition will send an informative email to ALL Providers with step-by-step instructions. Also, to be found on the ELC website, starting Wed. Mar. 9th.
GRANT PAYMENTS

- Grant payments will be made at designated times, determined by the Division of Early Learning and the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole.

- Payments will be sent within 30-days of COMPLETED applications to awarded Providers.

- Payments will be made as direct deposits to the bank account listed.
WHAT ELSE?

- **DEADLINE**: June 30, 2022
- Please contact your Compliance Specialist with any additional questions.
- Consider waiting to submit until your enrollments are at their highest between now and June 15, 2022.
- You will be paid per child enrolled on the date you apply.
- ARPA Information Email will be sent March 9th, from the ELC.
- Applications go live via the Provider Portal Wed. Mar. 9th.
VPK Tablets and Headphones
Headphones and Tablets

1. Two sets per active VPK classroom
2. To be delivered directly to your center
3. To assist with COVID related learning loss and child assessment that will be required next year
4. Once received, a Property Transfer form will be required
5. Training and Resources will be forthcoming
New State Guidance for ECE Providers
Sent Via Email 03.04.2022
COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Facilities and Providers: New Quarantine Guidance

- The Florida Department of Health has updated its guidelines for students to safely return to the classroom by reducing the time a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 from 10 to 5 days.

- The guidance is also clear that healthy students do not need to quarantine. Florida will continue to do everything possible to support parents, keep children healthy and make sure kids have the ability to learn in the classroom.
COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Facilities and Providers:

- Children who have a COVID-19 exposure or close contact, but have no symptoms, are not required to quarantine and can remain in the classroom.

- If a child is COVID-19 symptomatic or COVID-19 positive, they should stay home while symptoms persist. The child will be able to return to the classroom after 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and are fever free for 24 hours.

- After an exposure, close contact, or positive COVID-19 diagnosis, a negative COVID-19 test is not required for a child to be able to return to school.

- Masking Guidance – Children in a child care facility are not required to wear a mask or face covering.

- Child care facilities are encouraged to continue to routinely clean classrooms and high-traffic areas.

- Children and staff are encouraged to practice routine and washing throughout the day.
Provider Survey: Restarting the ELC’s Vision & Hearing Screenings in Centers
Survey...to come!

FREE child vision & hearing screenings

The Early Learning Coalition of Seminole is offering FREE vision and hearing screenings for children ages 0-5.

Poor vision has a direct impact on early literacy skills along with hand-eye coordination.

Even temporary or partial loss of hearing can have a major impact on speech development.

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Office of Early Learning
Learn Early, Learn for Life.

United Way
Heart of Florida United Way
FDOH: School Health/Daycare
Health Supplies For Covid-19 Mitigation
School Health/Daycare Health Supplies For Covid-19 Mitigation

- The Florida Department of Health in Seminole County has some COVID-19 mitigation and health supplies like cleaning wipes, masks, band aids, hand sanitizers, etc.,

- They are using this survey to reach schools and child care providers to let them know what they need and share a contact to help coordinate getting supplies out:
  - https://forms.office.com/g/bhQ15Sapq8