

## Florida's School Readiness Program

### **What is the School Readiness (SR) program?**

Florida's School Readiness Program offers financial assistance to eligible low-income families for early education and care so they can become financially self-sufficient and their young children can be successful in school in the future. Services vary based on individual needs and range from extended care to school-age care. Parents can choose from private centers and schools, public schools and family childcare homes.

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) partners with 30 early learning coalitions throughout the state and Redlands Christian Migrant Association to deliver the School Readiness Program.

### **Who is eligible?**

There are three primary eligibility requirements:

- Gross income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level for family size.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) must work or participate in an educational activity such as attending college or trade school at least 20 hours per week.
- Families must pay a copayment for child care based on income and family size.

Other children may be eligible if they have special needs or are at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment, or if their parents are homeless, victims of domestic violence or income-eligible migrant workers.

### **How does the SR program help families?**

- Prepares young children to start kindergarten ready to learn.
- Helps working families afford quality early learning services.
- Keeps parents in the workforce and/or participating in educational or training activities.
- Helps families become financially independent.
- Provides parents information about child development and family well-being.

All providers meet quality standards established by the DEL as well as state and federal health and safety requirements.

*Children's early learning experiences help prepare them for kindergarten.*

**How to apply?** Visit <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com> or call at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).



[Link to sign up for SR](#)



[Link to DEL Website](#)