# Early Learning Answers on the Go 38e. - English Version

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| **38e. What is Gold Seal?** |
| One of the most important decisions families will ever make as parents is choosing quality care for their children. The Florida Department of Education’s Division of Early Learning partners with 30 early learning coalitions and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association to offer high quality child care options for families.  As a child care facility or family child care home, you can be designated as a **Gold Seal** provider if accredited by an accrediting association approved by the Department of Education. The Gold Seal Quality Care Program recognizes that your center has gone above the required minimum licensing standards and reflects that you are committed to providing a high level of care and supervision to the children you serve.  Providers like you can receive additional benefits when participating in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program, including:  1. A marketing tool for prospective parents.  2. Exemptions for taxes on educational materials and property tax.  3. Higher reimbursement rates for the School Readiness program.  4. Eligibility to participate in the Voluntary Prekindergarten program if not licensed by the Department of Children and Families or local licensing agency.    All child care facilities and family child care homes meeting the requirements in section 1002.945, Florida Statutes, are allowed to apply. Upon review and verification of the application, the Division of Early Learning will award the Gold Seal Certificate, recognizing your achievement.  For more information on the Gold Seal Quality Care Program, call the Division of Early Learning’s toll-free number at one-eight-six-six, three-five-seven, three-two-three-nine.  The project described was supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5) Award Number 90TP0068-03-02 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. |