



Education Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

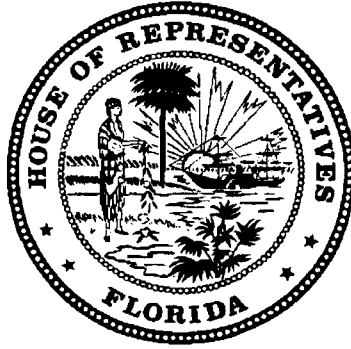
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Meeting Packet

Will Weatherford
Speaker

H. Marlene O'Toole
Chair



AGENDA

Education Committee

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3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Update from Subcommittee Chairs
- IV. Presentation on the implementation of HB 7065 by the Office of Early Learning
- V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment



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Coalitions

Providers

Stakeholders

“ ... a quality early learning system is critical to providing Florida children the tools they need to succeed ... ”

Governor Rick Scott



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Early Learning Population

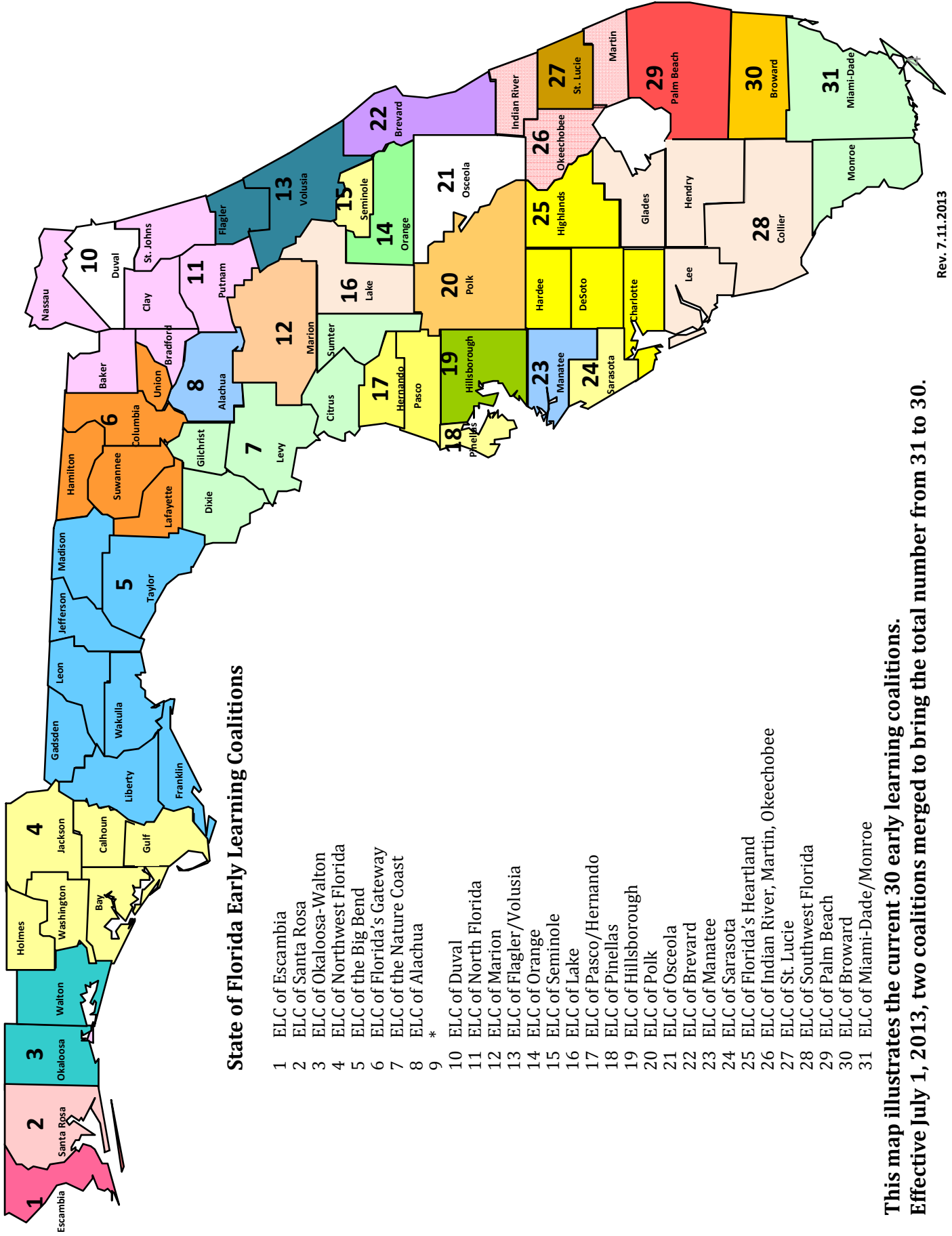
- There are approximately 1.3 million children younger than age 6 in Florida¹
- Approximately 49 percent of those children are from low-income families²
 - Of this 49 percent, approximately 25 percent participated in the School Readiness program³
- Approximately 80 percent of all 4-year-olds in Florida participated in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education program

¹US Census Bureau - Census 2010 Summary, File 1, Table PCT12, February 7, 2013.

²American Community Survey 2007-2011; Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, November 2011; Florida Demographic Database, August 2012.

³OEL Fact Book.





State of Florida Early Learning Coalitions

- 1 ELC of Escambia
- 2 ELC of Santa Rosa
- 3 ELC of Okaloosa-Walton
- 4 ELC of Northwest Florida
- 5 ELC of the Big Bend
- 6 ELC of Florida's Gateway
- 7 ELC of the Nature Coast
- 8 ELC of Alachua
- 9 *
- 10 ELC of Duval
- 11 ELC of North Florida
- 12 ELC of Marion
- 13 ELC of Flagler/Volusia
- 14 ELC of Orange
- 15 ELC of Seminole
- 16 ELC of Lake
- 17 ELC of Pasco/Hernando
- 18 ELC of Pinellas
- 19 ELC of Hillsborough
- 20 ELC of Polk
- 21 ELC of Osceola
- 22 ELC of Brevard
- 23 ELC of Manatee
- 24 ELC of Sarasota
- 25 ELC of Florida's Heartland
- 26 ELC of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee
- 27 ELC of St. Lucie
- 28 ELC of Southwest Florida
- 29 ELC of Palm Beach
- 30 ELC of Broward
- 31 ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe

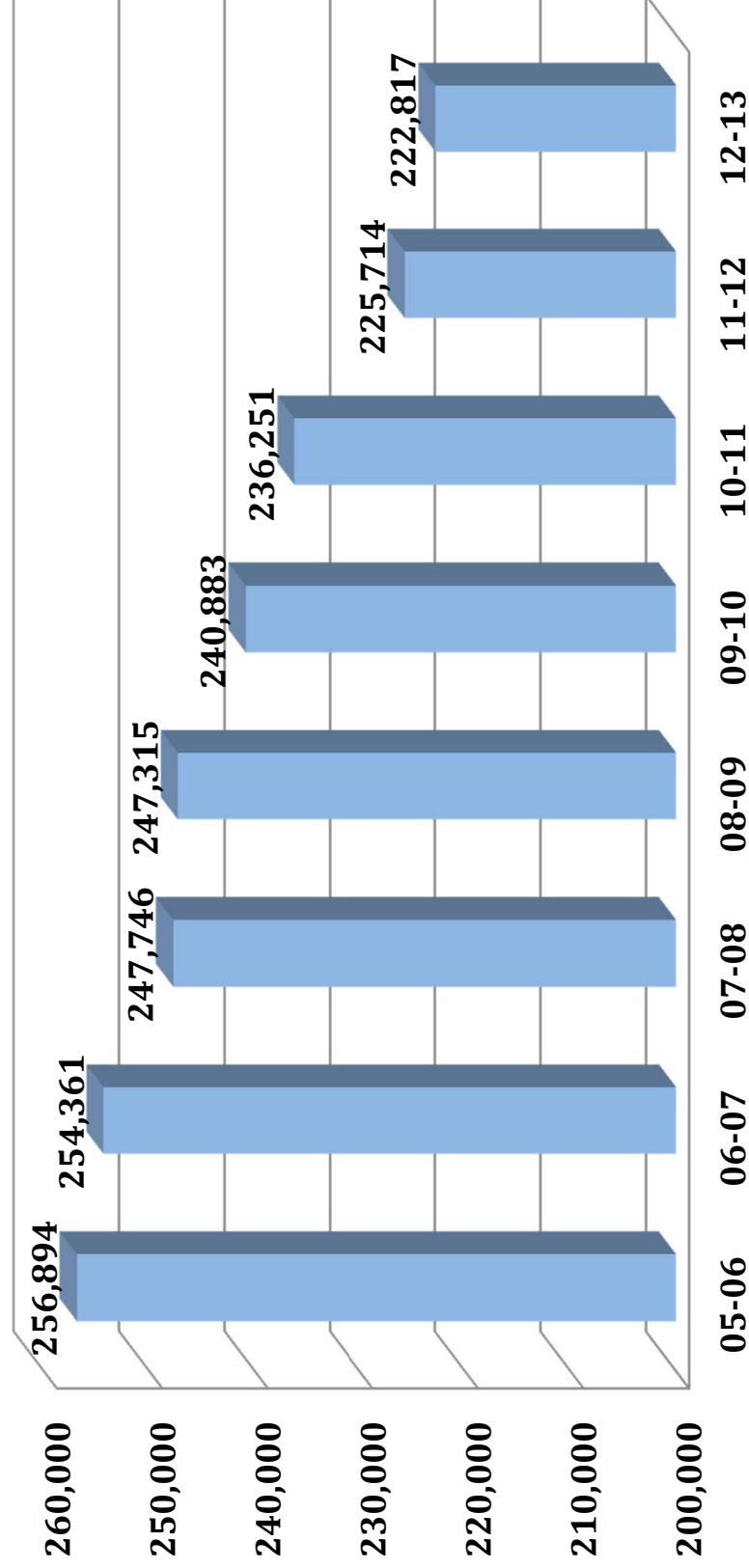
This map illustrates the current 30 early learning coalitions. Effective July 1, 2013, two coalitions merged to bring the total number from 31 to 30.

Overview

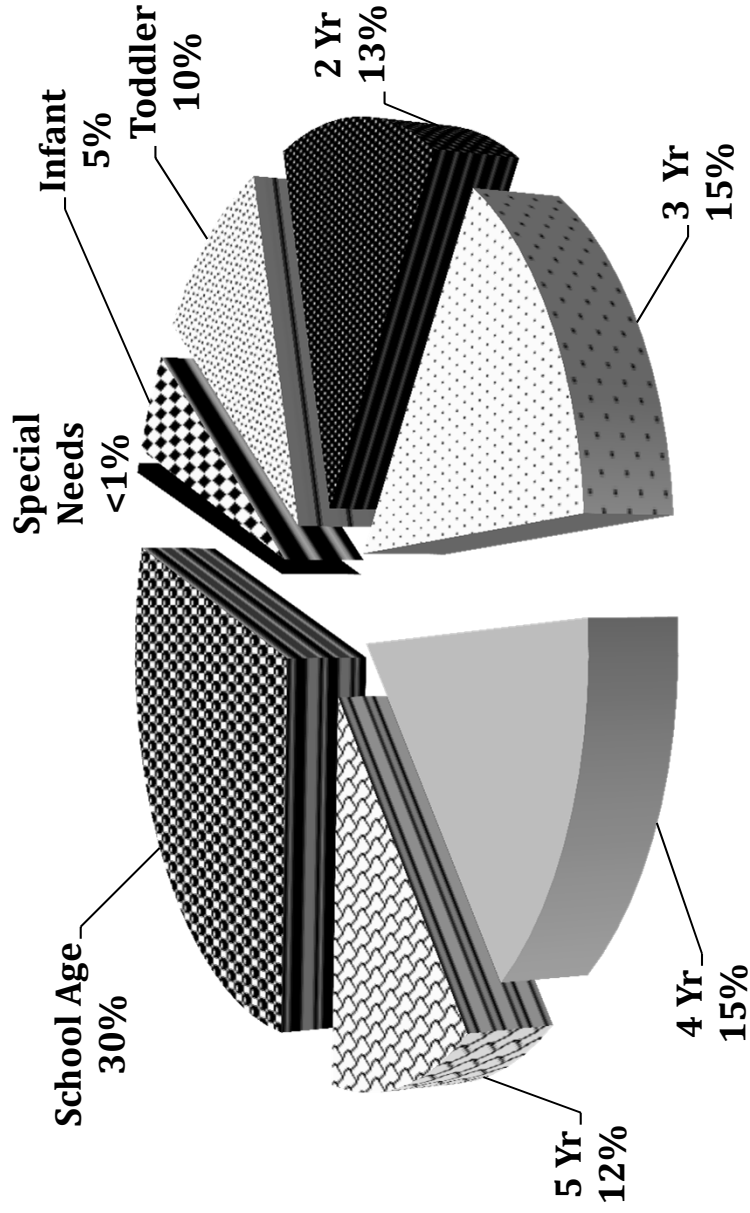
- More than \$600 million in federal and state funds are spent on the School Readiness Program statewide
- 222,817 children received school readiness* services via 9,818 providers in 2012-2013
- 174,200 children received VPK* services via 6,421 providers in 2012-2013



School Readiness Child Participation 2005-06 to 2012-13

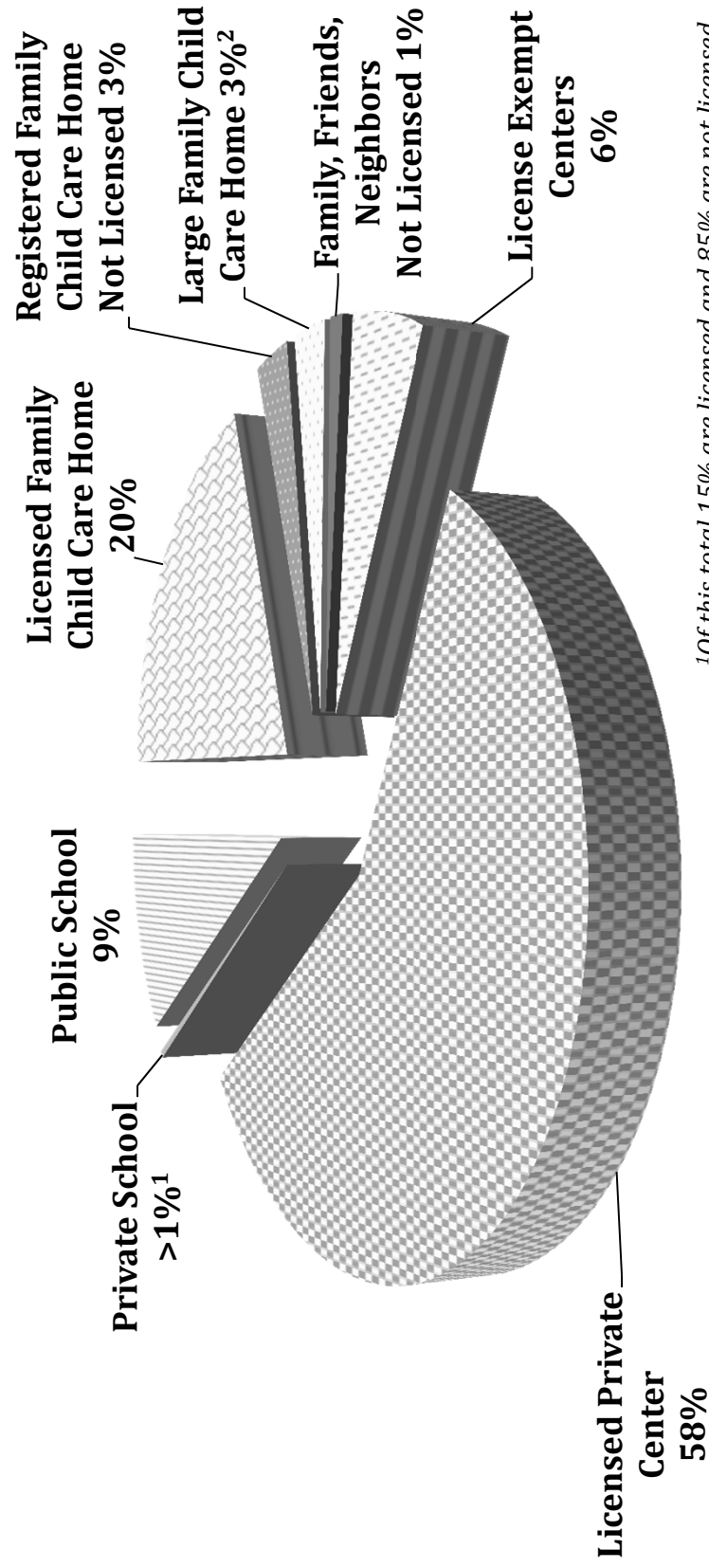


School Readiness Child Participation by Age 2012-2013



School Readiness Providers by Type 2012-2013

9,818 Total Providers



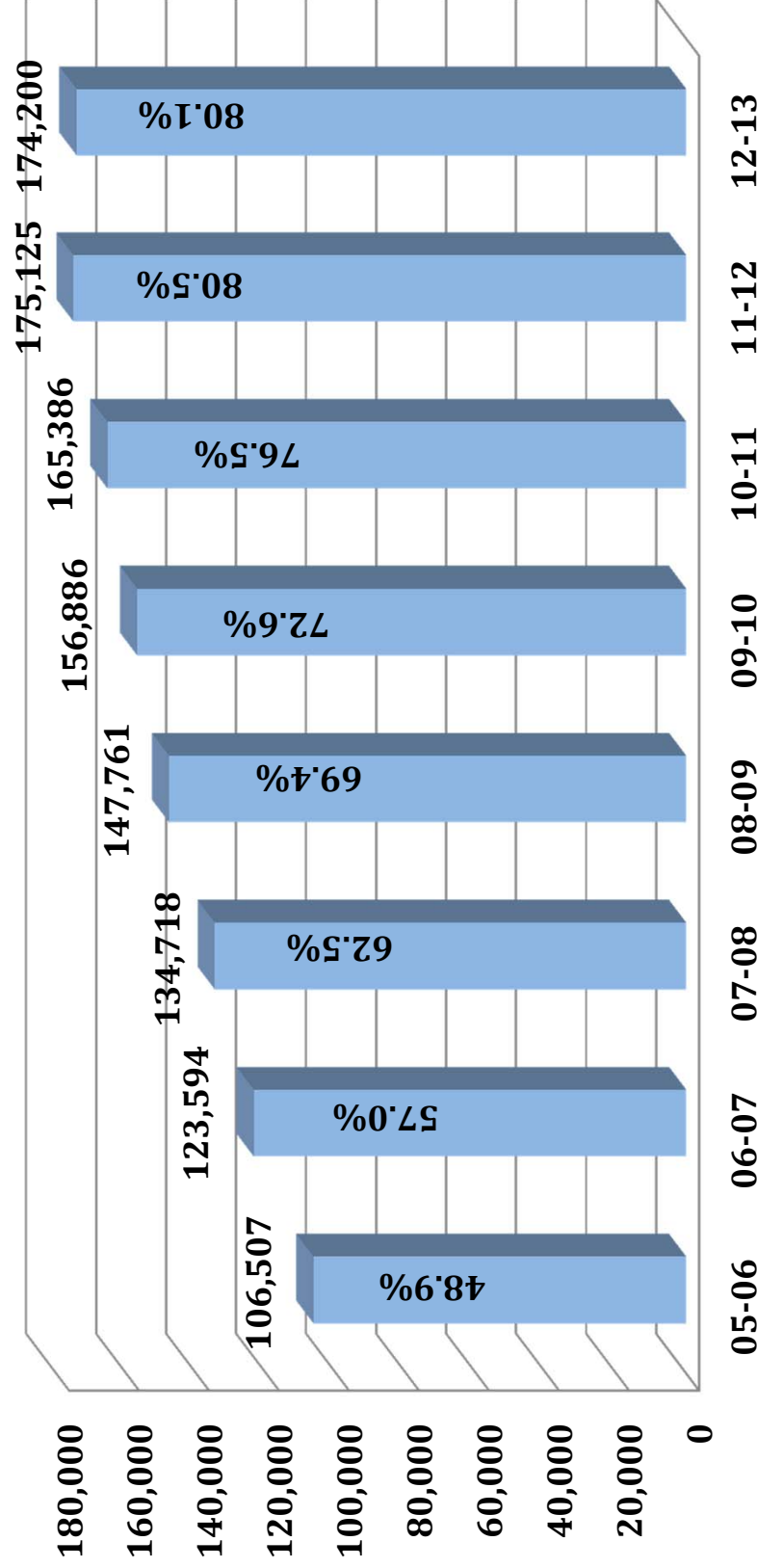
¹Of this total 15% are licensed and 85% are not licensed.

²Of this total 82% are licensed and 18% are not licensed.



VPK Child Participation 2005-06 to 2012-13

Percentages are program year participation rates

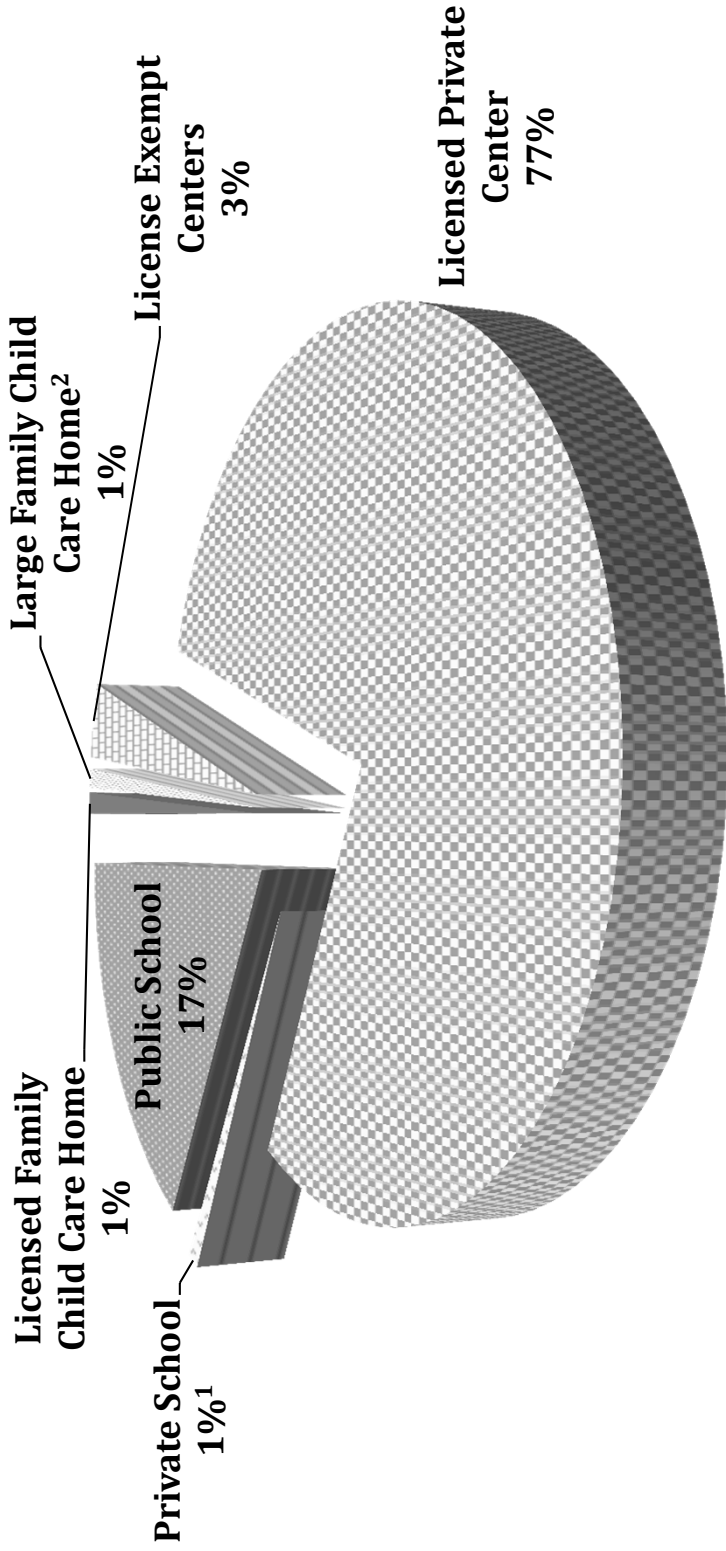


Sources: US Census Bureau - Census 2010; American Community Survey 2007-2011; Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, November 2011; Florida Demographic Database, August 2012; Consolidated Database as of July 2013. The numbers for 2012-2013 will be finalized December 31, 2013.



VPK Providers by Type 2012-2013

6,421 Total Providers



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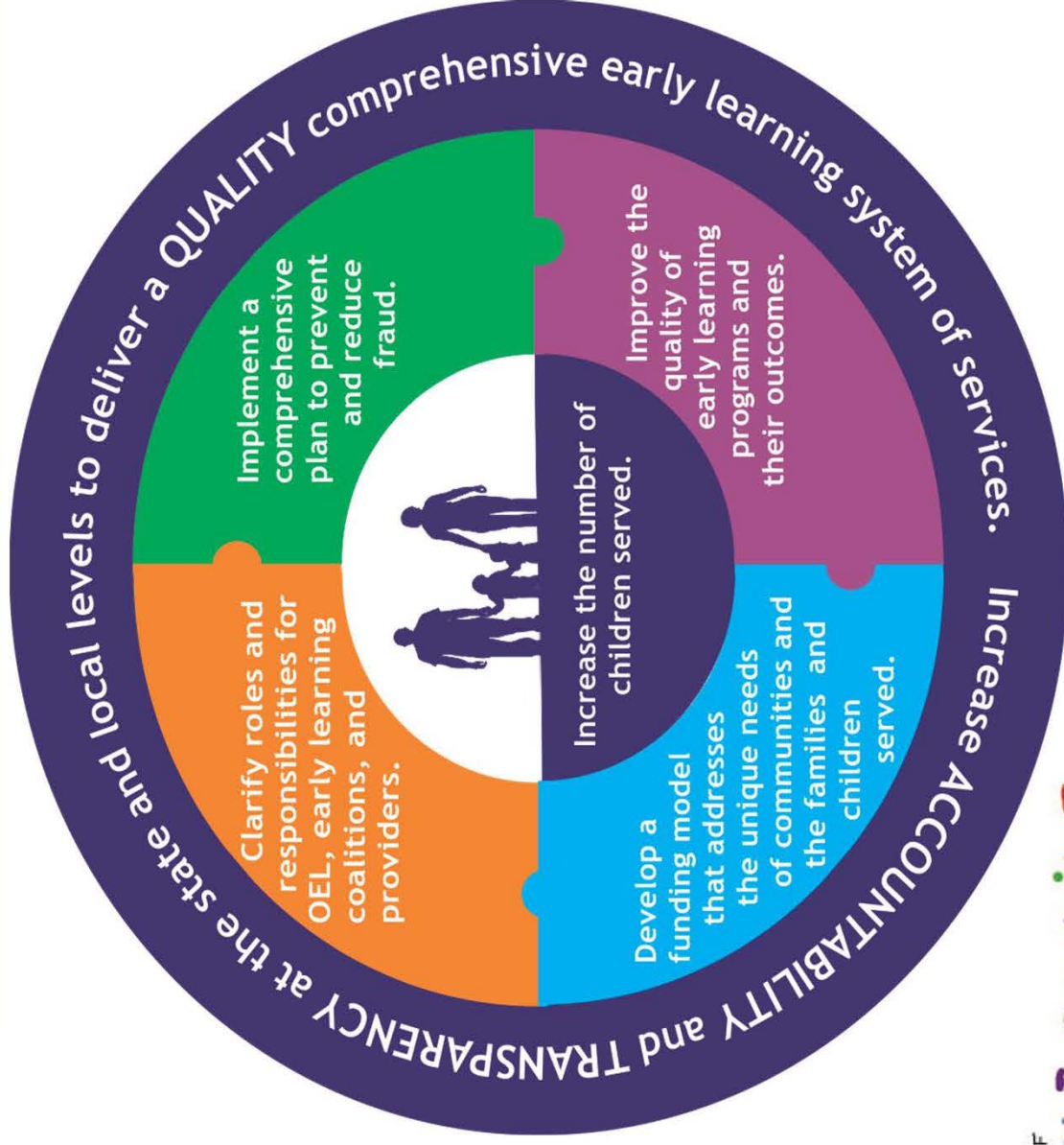
²Of this total 75% are licensed and 25% are not licensed.

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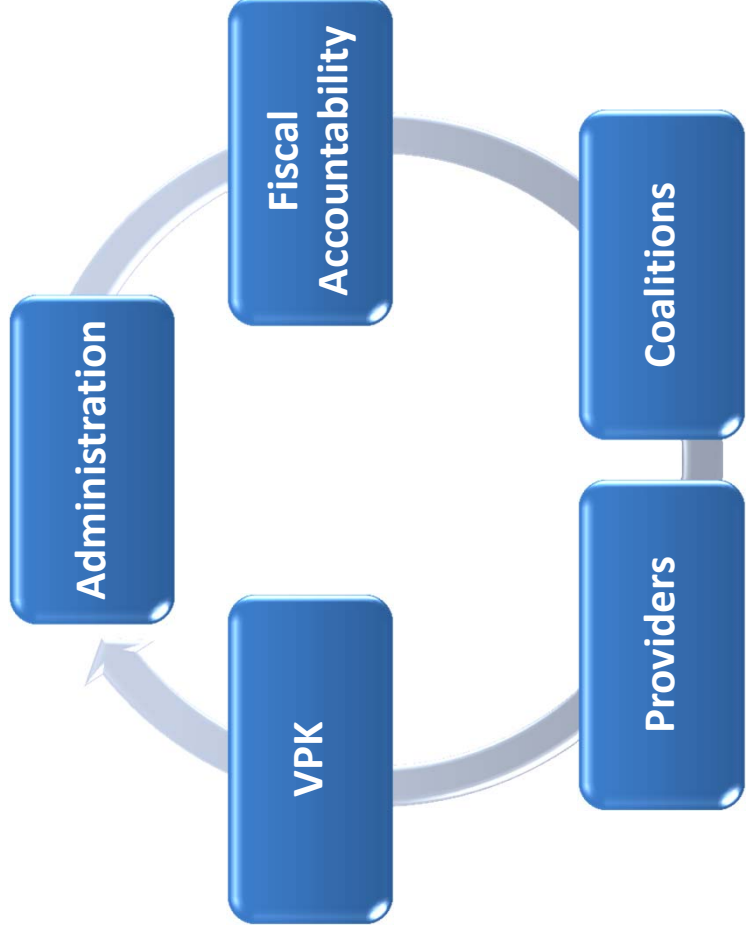
Coalitions

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HB 7165 Implementation Teams



“We systematically reviewed the areas and made the tasks more manageable.”

HB 7165 Key Implementation Dates

- **7/1/13** – HB 7165 took effect
- **8/1/13** – New school readiness eligibility priorities took effect
- **10/1/13** – Coalitions must provide annual reports to OEL
 - OEL to submit reorganization plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
 - OEL to examine existing mathematical thinking performance standards and develop professional development plan and training courses for prek instructors



HB 7165 Key Implementation Dates

- **7/1/14** – OEL to begin collecting/reporting data on coalition delivery of early learning services including fraud intervention, waiting list reduction and ratio of children to administrative staff
 - Effective date of new requirement for VPK instructors to complete course on VPK standards



Process for Implementation of HB 7165

- Convene implementation team work groups to
 - Review pertinent data and impact information, as appropriate
 - Identify and address issues
 - Draft technical assistance materials
 - Conduct webinars/conference calls on selected issues
- Send draft materials to stakeholders for feedback
- Distribute materials widely via HB 7165 bi-weekly email updates
- Collect and respond to questions submitted via HB7165@oel.myflorida.com



From: Cynthia Surber on behalf of HB7165
 To: Cc
 Subject: Executive Director Shan Goff's HB 7165 UPDATE 091613
 Message  HB 7165 Q and A Procurement 9-16-13.pdf



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HB 7165 UPDATE

2/6
 Learn Early, Learn for
 September 16, 2013

HB 7165

Link to Bill

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From the Executive Director.

This is a busy week of meetings for me along with early learning. While I know Bill 7165 is a critical piece of legislation for us, I am also aware of the importance of the work of our Early Learning Council. We are looking forward to the results of much of our communication work will do.

The State Board of Education meets Tuesday in Tallahassee. CEL is a member of the Department of Education by vote of SB 7165, and it will be attending a scheduled meeting. On Wednesday, the School Boards for Florida will meet in Tallahassee. This meeting will also be available by conference call. Both are available to be prepared. This will be followed Thursday by a meeting of our state executive directors, and on Friday, the Early Learning Advisory Council will meet.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings as we continue the work of implementing HB 7165. Thank you so much for your work and vision for our Florida young children and their families!

Regards,

Shan Goff

Executive Director

What is happening.



You are receiving this document in this week. Both the questions and answers about procurement in Florida about what is needed for us. Your goal has been valuable as we continue to provide government services to our citizens. Implementing HB 7165 through our early learning in Florida. Our goal is to provide a better future for our children.

1. HB 7165 Questions and Answers about Early Learning Council Procurement. Final

2. HB 7165 Questions and Answers about CEL Procurement of Contracts with Florida's Private. Final

Upcoming.



Sept. 18 - Meeting of the School Boards for Florida's Private Work Group on Tampa and Florida

Sept. 18 to 19 - SB 7165-091613

Participation Invited for working group members. (Check for details on the agenda.)

Sept. 19 - Early Learning Council executive directors meeting in Tampa.

Sept. 20 - Early Learning Advisory Council meeting in Tampa.

Sept. 22 - Adoption of Early Learning Council's executive committee meeting with CEL.

Sept. 23 - CEL executive directors and directors advisory meeting in Tampa.

Please continue to send your questions to info@fla.gov.

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Pam Stewart
Commissioner of Education
Shan Goff
Executive Director

Questions and Answers about Early Learning Legislation – HB 7165 – for Parents

During the 2013 session, the Florida Legislature passed important early learning legislation. Designed to improve quality and bring more accountability and transparency to the state's early learning programs, the law moved the Office of Early Learning into the Department of Education and implemented changes to the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education and School Readiness programs.

Eligibility for School Readiness

1. **Were there any immediate changes to my child care arrangements when the new school readiness eligibility priorities became effective August 1, 2013?**
No. Early learning coalitions did not make changes to child care arrangements effective August 1, 2013. However, there may be changes when it is time to redetermine each child's eligibility for services or if there is a change in family circumstances that affects their eligibility.
2. **Do homeless children and children of victims of domestic violence have higher priority for school readiness programs under the new eligibility criteria?**
Yes. They are considered to be "at risk" and at-risk children under 9 years of age are listed as the second highest priority for early learning coalitions.
3. **If the coalition determines that I am ineligible for the program, can the coalition help me identify alternative child care options?**
Yes. Each coalition offers Child Care Resource and Referral as a free service to provide information about child care providers in your community and the services they offer. The Child Care Resource and Referral Program can help you with selecting a child care provider that meets your needs as well as providing information about other community resources.
4. **If I am currently receiving school readiness services and met the eligibility requirements during my recertification interview, will my services continue?**
Your services will continue based on the availability of funding for your family's eligibility category.



Rulemaking

- HB 7165 requires OEL to adopt rules for both school readiness and VPK programs
 - Almost all of these rules need to be revised
 - Prioritizing rules for revision based on HB 7165 timelines and urgency
 - Prior to filing, all rules are presented to the State Board of Education
 - State board has 60 days upon receipt to approve or deny
- **If no action taken, OEL can file rules with Department of State**



Where We Are . . .

- General Information
 - Overview of HB 7165 requirements distributed and included in monthly newsletter
 - Question and answer documents for providers, families distributed
- New School Readiness Eligibility Priorities
 - Model cooperative agreements, referral forms and procedures distributed
 - Question and answer documents distributed
 - Discussions with coalitions and other agencies ongoing



Where We Are . . .

- Standardization of Waiting Lists
 - Procedures drafted and distributed for discussion
- Fiscal Accountability
 - Template for budget report finalized
 - Standardizing methods for cost reporting – in process
 - 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 coalition expenditure data with caps distributed; analysis ongoing
 - Information on new procurement requirements distributed



Where We Are . . .

- Health and Safety Checklists
 - Drafts of the checklists distributed for feedback
- Fraud Prevention
 - Question and answer document distributed
 - Template for coalition fraud plan under development
- Annual Coalition Plan
 - Online template completed; review tools in development
 - Testing by pilot coalitions forthcoming



Where We Are . . .

- Voluntary Pre- and Post-Assessments
 - General information provided to coalitions
 - ITN to solicit instruments meeting state requirements in development
- Coalition Board Membership
 - Question and answer document forthcoming
- Standardized School Readiness and VPK Provider Agreements
 - Agreements between early learning coalition and provider in development
- Standard Coalition School Readiness Monitoring Tool
 - To be developed



Monitoring Implementation of HB 7165

- Monitoring tools will clearly identify criteria related to new statutory requirements
- Noncompliance to **new statutory requirements** will be identified as *Observations or Comments* **unless**
- Noncompliance results in ineligible services or improper payment



Transitioning from ELIS

- Signed settlement with HP 7/9/13
- ELIS source code and hardware turned over to OEL Completed – 9/6/13
- All options are on the table
 - Review ELIS source code
 - Review COTS (commercial off-the-shelf) solutions
 - Research what other states are doing
- Issue ITN – Projected February 2014



“The updates and attachments that you are sending out are the best I have ever seen from OEL, great work.”

-- Stakeholder

“Your continued guidance is greatly appreciated.”

-- Coalition Staff

“Thank you so much for all your help!”

-- Coalition Staff

“Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns!”

-- School District Staff



Moving Forward...

Work continues

- Teams continue content area work
- Questions distributed to teams to address
- Weekly implementation meetings
- Identify and revise rules, policies, procedures impacted
- Begin rule promulgation processes

Communication

- HB 7165 bi-weekly email updates
- Implementation presentation and questions distributed
- Presentations and implementation materials posted online

Looking ahead

- Continue to brief stakeholder groups
- Identify unintended consequences



“Thanks to the Governor and the members of the legislature, this is an exciting time for early learning in Florida.”

— Executive Director Shan Goff





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