



**ARPA - BUILDING A WORLD CLASS WORKFORCE AND
STRENGTHEN ADULT-CHILD INTERACTIONS
INITIATIVE**
Applications Open – Monday, February 27, 2023

Who's Eligible?

Providers:

- Who have not had a contract with the Early Learning Coalition that has been terminated and eligibility revoked within the past five years.
- Who are not under investigation or have been convicted of childcare fraud.
- Who are not included on the Florida Child Care Food Program (CCFP) USDA Disqualified list.

ARPA Initiatives

<p style="text-align: center;">Recruit and Train New Teachers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recruitment Bonus - \$500.00 Health and Safety Bonus - \$700.00 Class Bonus - \$600.00</p> <p>*Available to Early Learning Educators hired on or after July 1, 2022.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Upskill Directors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Learning Directors - \$750.00</p> <p>*Early Learning Directors completing 29 hours of CLASS foundational content</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Elevate Florida's Early Learning Workforce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Child Success Grants</u></p> <p>PD Bonus Segment 1 - \$500(ELEs), \$600(Directors) PD Bonus Segment 2 - \$700(ELEs), \$800(Directors)</p> <p>*Contracted SR/VPK providers with a CLASS composite score below a 5 or providers without a CLASS composite score.</p> <p>*Performance Bonus - \$600, if the provider achieves a CLASS composite score of 5 or higher or increases its score by .05 or more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elevate Florida's Early Learning Workforce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Continuous Quality Improvement Grants</u></p> <p>Contracted SR/VPK Providers with a most recent composite score of 5 or higher may apply for up to \$19,800 to develop and implement a program to strengthen practices that support effective interactions, strengthen business and leadership practices, and support child assessment and screening reliability.</p>

Application Process

- Each provider must submit an application to attest to each eligibility factor.
- The ELC approves initial provider applications and maintains documentation.
- Early Learning Educators (ELEs) and qualifying providers submit a completed application form for bonuses and grants and submit related training completion certificate(s)/other documentation.
- The ELC confirms that bonus eligibility requirements have been fulfilled.
- ELC approves each bonus application, issues payment to eligible providers and/or ELEs.

*All requirements must be met by June 30, 2023