

# Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County

## 2022-2023 Impact Report

### School Readiness (SR)

In 2022-2023, the Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County:



**Contracted with 143 early learning providers to provide quality care for children 0-5 years.**



**Average of 1,942 children served monthly.**



**Maintained no waitlist for SR services.**



**Administered \$15,037,548 million dollars to SR eligible families.**

### What is School Readiness?

School Readiness (SR) is a program for families who income qualify to receive child care financial assistance.

Parents have access to quality child care so they can work. Children have access to quality child care so they can learn.

### ARPA: Building a World Class Workforce

The 2022-2023 year brought on a new round of ARPA funding. The Coalition used this funding to enhance the quality of the early learning workforce in Osceola County.



**770 total teachers participated in the initiative.**



**A total of \$455, 800 went to teachers for quality professional development and teacher stipends.**



**Professional Development and stipends were provided for new teacher recruitment, health and safety training, quality teacher/child interaction training, and program quality improvement.**

# In 2022-2023, the Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County:

## Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)



**Over 11 million dollars invested in VPK during the most recent school year.**



**Over 3,000 children enrolled in a VPK program.**



**130 VPK contracted early learning providers.**



**99% of VPK providers achieved a CLASS score higher than 4.00, demonstrating high quality VPK programming.**

## What is VPK?

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten or VPK is a state wide initiative launched in 2005 geared to help children receive kindergarten readiness skills. This program is free for Florida families.

Studies have proven that VPK is a valuable program and enhances reading and math readiness rates. Programs like this allow ALL children to receive a quality education.

## 2023-2024 Goals



**Increase number of children enrolled in VPK**



**Increase number of families accessing School Readiness funding**



**Increase number of programs providing early learning services**



**Strengthen the early learning workforce with professional development, grants and stipends**



**Identify underserved areas in Osceola County and create a plan to address community need for additional early learning services**