



Our Mission & Values

The Children's Forum, a statewide, nonprofit organization, has an unwavering mission to build and support systems which promote positive experiences and outcomes for young children.



Our Programs & Services

The Children's Forum administers various Programs, Services, and Professional Supports through statewide collaboration that prepares children for life-long success.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program teach-fl.com

- Is a national strategy that helps address the need for a well-qualified and fairly-compensated early childhood workforce
- Provides scholarships for early educators working towards early learning credentials, college credits, and degrees
- Offers additional educational and financial supports such as student stipends, books, and paid time away from work

Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ Florida incentives-fl.com

- Rewards participants with education-based financial incentives for their sustained employment through local and community partnerships
- Addresses the immediate need for increased average hourly pay for Florida's early educators
- Improves the quality and marketability of child care programs

Assessment and Coaching Services Unit

- Offers coaching and assessment services to early learning agencies and programs
- Is a Florida Division of Early Learning approved vendor for providing statewide Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) assessments and coaching
- Has a cadre of CLASS® certified and reliable assessors to conduct assessments throughout the state

Child Care Evaluation Services Unit

- Assists child care program owners/operators with becoming a Gold Seal Quality Care Program and maintains the state database of Gold Seal providers
- Evaluates associations who applied for Gold Seal Quality Care Program accreditation
- Determines eligibility of and monitors programs that provide the Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) training

Children's Week Florida™ childrensweek.org

- Delivers the message that every child should be healthy, ready to learn, and able to achieve their full potential
- Hosts the largest annual advocacy event in the state that celebrates and honors its commitment to children, youth, and advocates

Help Me Grow® Florida helpmegrowfl.org

- Guides caregivers through free developmental and behavioral screenings for children ages birth to eight
- Connects families and caregivers to community-based resources and follows-up to ensure positive outcomes
- Addresses the critical importance of early detection and intervention

Early Learning Career Center (ELCC) elcareercenter.org

- Provides professional development opportunities to support the diverse early childhood workforce in Miami-Dade County
- Offers career advising and scholarship programs to early educators
- Helps enhance early learning experiences of young children

Membership Program

- Provides affordable membership opportunities for early childhood program directors, educators, and other professionals to fulfill credential renewal requirements
- Conducts advocacy to legislators and business leaders on the important work of early educators

Professional Development Registry Services

- Provides a central workforce database for early childhood educators that includes verified education, training, certifications, and employment history for participating counties
- Helps to make policy-informed and data-driven decisions to improve the quality of early learning programs

Research & Evaluation Services

- Conducts research and evaluation studies examining the effectiveness and impact of early childhood programs and services
- Produces early learning workforce reports, policy-driven briefs, and program evaluation reports

“Early childhood development is a smart investment. The earlier the investment, the greater the return.”

-Nobel laureate economist James Heckman





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