

Early Learning Consortium Legislative Priorities for 2018



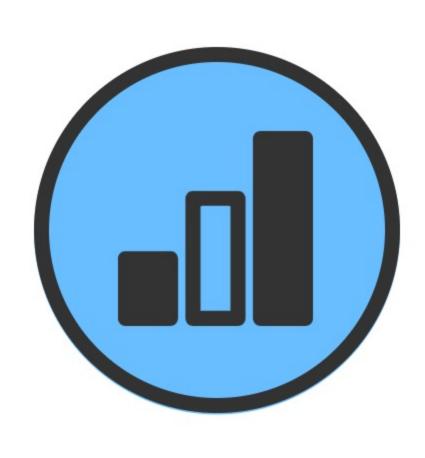
Help Me Grow

An appropriation of \$2,457,143 to ensure that Help Me Grow can expand to six additional counties and provide comprehensive and coordinated services to more children in Florida.



Performance Funding

Continued funding of \$15.5 million for the Performance Funding Project designed to provide financial incentives for achieving and/or maintaining quality standards.



Accountability

An appropriation of \$6
million for program
assessment to determine
the level of quality for early
learning providers that
serve a substantial number
of School Readiness
children and an evaluation
of the Gold Seal program.



T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships

An appropriation of \$10 million for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to increase the number of lead teachers in early learning with a child development credential.



Early Learning Florida

An appropriation of \$3 million for Early Learning Florida to provide specialized professional development.



Increased Funding

An annual increased investment of \$30 million to improve and sustain the quality of School Readiness programs. This investment will support increased reimbursement rates, provide for contracted slots, or support quality initiatives to providers based on a clear definition of quality tied to recognized industry standards.