



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

Subject: Health and Safety Compliance Policy		
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POLICY:

Children are required to be served in an environment which is both healthy and safe. This policy confirms the Coalition's prior adoption of the child care licensing standards found in Section 402.302 – 402.319 of the Florida Statutes and Rules 65C-22 and 65C-20 of the Florida Administrative Code as the minimum health and safety requirements for all child care and informal providers receiving School Readiness and VPK funding.

Therefore:

- Providers must meet and maintain the above referenced minimum health and safety requirements set forth in law.
- Each new provider applicant for School Readiness and VPK funding must receive a satisfactory health and safety inspection of their facility prior to being approved by the Coalition for participation as an Early Learning Provider.
- Each Early Learning Provider must maintain these health and safety standards as evidenced by ongoing, unannounced, satisfactory inspections by the Coalition or Department of Children and Families Child Care Licensing staff.
- Failure to comply with these requirements will result in sanctions addressed in "School Readiness and VPK Providers Compliance Policy (# ELCSWF-EL008-09).

Associated Documents

- Provider Agreement for School Readiness Services (SR-1004)
- Coalition VPK Addendum Agreement (VPK 1004) (To be developed)
- Operating Procedure: Health and Safety Compliance

Citation History: Cite 45 CFR 98.41 of the Federal Code of Regulations, Section 411.01 (5) (c) (2) f, and Section 1002.55 (3) (b) (1) of Florida Statutes.