



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

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| Subject: Informal Child Care Provider Policy | | |
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Policy:

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (45CFR98.2) specifies “eligible child care providers” as those which are licensed, regulated or registered facilities, relative care or “In-home child care” which is care provided in the child’s own home.

Those who provide relative care and “In home child care” are collectively identified as “Informal Child Care Providers”. This policy sets forth the Coalition requirements for Informal Child Care Providers to qualify for school readiness funding pursuant to Chapter 411.01 F.S. Requirements are as follows:

All Informal Providers caring for children in their own home, or the home of the child, must satisfy the following requirements before approved for payment:

- Meet all requirements of Rule 65C-20 F.A.C. including the 30 hour mandated training for family child care providers and 5 hours of literacy training
- Successfully pass a Level 2 background screening per Chapter 435, F.S., including local law check, through DCF.
- Successfully pass an abuse registry check through Department of Children and families.
- Provide proof that child(ren) in care are age-appropriately immunized.
- Ensure child care is provided in a healthful and safe environment as demonstrated by a satisfactory health and safety inspection conducted by Coalition staff.
- Complete SR application and all other required forms or documentation
- Demonstrate a willingness to meet all the requirements of the program as evidenced by a signed and approved Provider Agreement for School Readiness Services.
- Child care operation must be legal pursuant to Sections 402.301-319, F.S.

If child care is performed in provider’s home, the following additional requirements apply:

- Provider must be related by marriage, blood, adoption or court decree as a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling to the child.
- All household members age 12 to 17 must clear a juvenile justice screening and all adults 18 and older must successfully pass a level 2 background screening through DCF.

Following approval, Informal Providers must comply with all Coalition policies and procedure and the SR Provider Agreement.

Informal Providers are paid at a reduced rate from registered and licensed child care providers consistent with the Maximum Rate Schedule adopted by the Coalition.

Associated Documents:

- Operating Procedure for Informal Providers
- Provider Agreement for SR Providers
- Maximum Rate Schedule

Citation History: 45CFR98 Sections 98.10-98.41; Section 411.01 (5) (d) 4 d F.S., Chapter 435 F.S., (AWI) Child Care and Development Fund Plan For Florida FFY 2008-09, pages 85-96.