



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Policy

220.9 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.

Additionally, the Florida Office of Early Learning has issued a School Readiness Program Health and Safety Standards Handbook, 6M-4.620, to be used in conjunction with Sections 1002.82-1002.88, Florida Statutes, with standards for Coalitions and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enforce and procedures for Coalitions to follow if the provider fails to meet these standards.

Definitions:

Provider: One who delivers child care services, specifically: a child care facility, family child care home, large family child care home, public or nonpublic school exempt from licensure, a faith based child care program exempt from licensure, a before or after-school program, or an informal child care as authorized by law. (6M-4.610 F.A.C)

Citation History: 45 CFR 98.41 of the Federal Code of Regulations, 1002.88(1) (c) of Florida Statutes, and Section 1002.55 (3) (b) (1) of Florida Statutes.

Associated Documents: 6M-4.610 Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program; 6M-8.301 Standard Statewide Provider Contract for the VPK Program; 6M-4.620 Health and Safety Checklists and Inspections; and the eight Health and Safety Standards Handbooks, Checklists and for each School Readiness provider type, Forms OEL-SR-6201-6208, that are incorporated by reference.

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