

2014 – 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



The Coalition's ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida is one of 30 coalitions in Florida responsible for the administration of the School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs. We serve Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties. Here's our success story—by the numbers:

School Readiness : Child Care Services– Placing Children in Early Learning Programs

- **5539** children received services at **170** different early learning programs in any given month. This enables families to work and/or go to school.

School Readiness: Child Care Resource and Referral: Helping Families Find Early Learning Programs

- We helped **12,327** families find an early learning program for School Readiness, Voluntary Prekindergarten and child care services.

School Readiness: Quality Program Services—Helping Early Learning Programs to Grow

- **1,787** early learning professionals attended development programs through the Coalition earning **305** hours of continuing education credits.
- Our mentors visited programs **1600** times to assure the health and safety of children and to provide technical support to the early learning programs.
- We supported programs using **Teaching Strategies Gold** to assess the developmental progress of children. We helped early learning programs become knowledgeable about how to assess children and use the assessment data to be better teachers.
 - **62** mentoring and coaching visits to early learning programs
 - **48** office based training programs for technical assistance
 - **995** technical assistance calls via phone
- Our Inclusion Coordinator supported **80** individual families through **532** phone conferences between parents and teachers and conducted:
 - **32** on-site facility observations
 - **103** program visits to observe specific children for development concerns
 - **61** conferences to collaborate with other agencies
- **33** early learning programs volunteered to test out our emerging Quality Rating and Improvement System: **Southwest Florida Stars**.
- **4,900** children were screened for hearing and vision. **899** were referred for further hearing evaluation. **517** were referred for further vision screening.
- **1,753** children wrote letters to **1652** adult buddies to tell them about their literary interests and received a total of **5,250** books through our **Literacy Buddy** program.



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Voluntary Prekindergarten

VPK means **FREE** preschool for Florida's 4-year old children

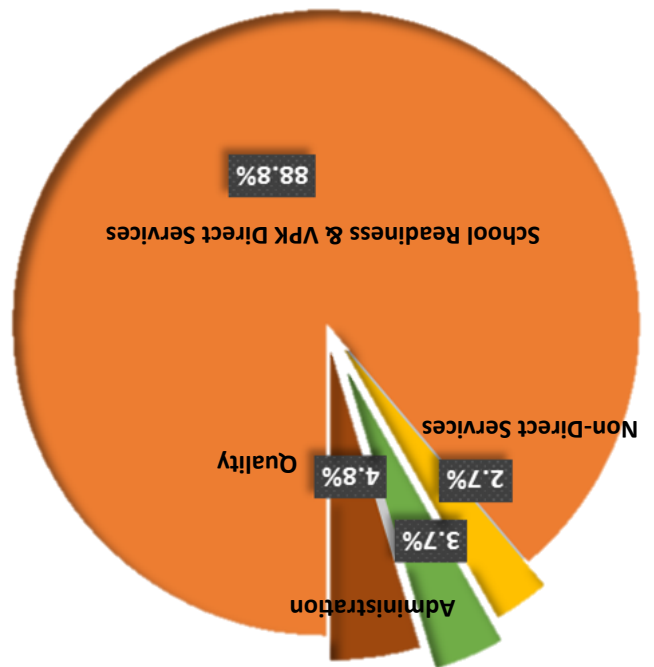


9,031 children attended 321 different VPK Programs in our four county area.

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Nurturing the young children of Southwest Florida and those who care for them.