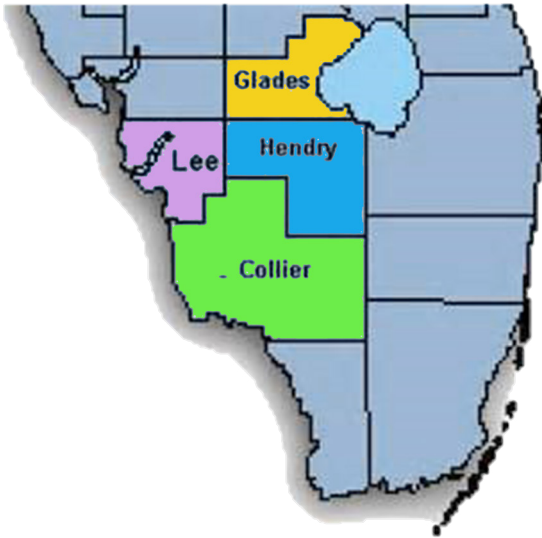


Voluntary Prekindergarten

VPK means FREE preschool for Florida's 4 or 5-year old children.



8,841 children attended 310 different VPK Programs in our four county area*.

Florida VPK

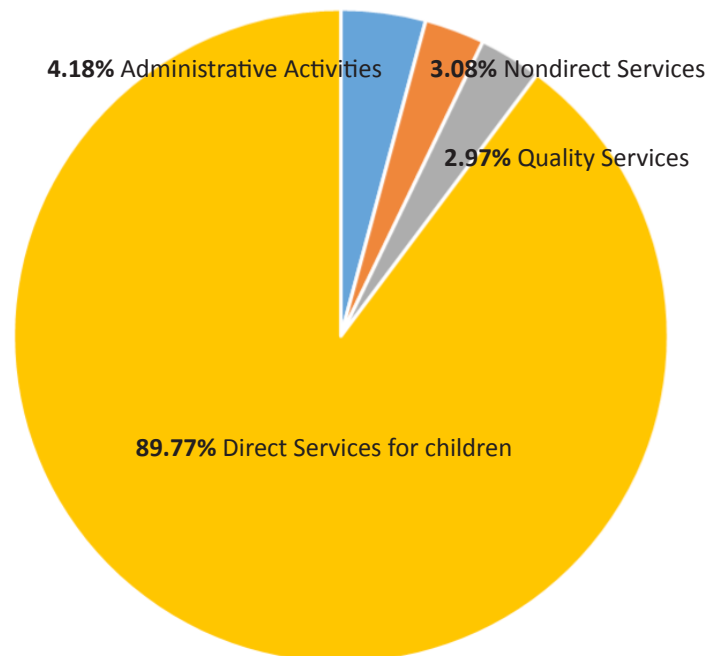
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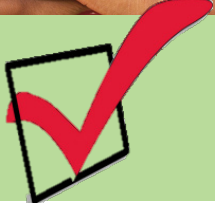
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The Coalition's ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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 is our success story - by the numbers:

School Readiness - Child Care Services: Placing Children in Early Learning Programs
6,536 children received services at **348** different early learning programs in any given month. This enabled families to work and/or to go to school.



School Readiness - Child Care Resource & Referral: Helping Families Find Early Learning Programs
We received **11,357** requests for child care information from families regarding School Readiness, Voluntary Prekindergarten and child care services.

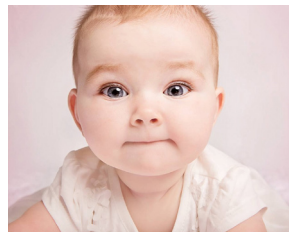
School Readiness - Quality Program Services: Helping Early Learning Programs to Grow
1,049 early learning professionals attended development programs through the coalition--earning **242** hours of continuing education credits.

We support programs using **Teaching Strategies Gold** to assess the developmental progress of children. We help early learning programs become knowledgeable about how to assess children and use the assessment data to be better teachers.



- 49** mentoring and coaching visits to early learning programs
- 21** office-based training programs for technical assistance
- 2,284** technical assistance calls by phone

Our **Inclusion Coordinator** provided technical assistance to community child care providers and teachers through **354** phone conferences and conducted



- 149** on-site facility observations
- 110** program visits to observe specific children for development concerns
- 50** conferences to collaborate with other agencies
- 107** individual conferences with families

Our **Early Childhood Specialists** visited early learning programs **1,352** times to assure the health and safety of children and to provide technical support.

42 early learning programs voluntarily participate in our Quality Rating and Improvement System known as **Southwest Florida Stars**.
10 programs reached a 5-star rating.



2,638 children were screened for hearing and vision. **294** were referred for further hearing evaluation. **236** were referred for further vision screening.

Literacy Buddy Program: **1,362** children wrote letters to **914** adult buddies to tell them about their interests and received a total of **4,086** books.



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