



EARLY LEARNING COALITION
OF ORANGE COUNTY

Community Report

2022-2023



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

This year's Community Report demonstrates our unwavering commitment to supporting our Orange County families and providing every child equal access to exceptional early learning programs.

We increased the number of contracted child care providers from 530 to 632 in 2022-2023. This allows more families access to high-quality child care and early education services.

We have addressed an increased demand for mental health needs in Orange County by offering more services concentrating on mental health. Our programs are training early education teachers to identify mental health issues affecting children.

In 2022-2023, ELCOC hosted numerous community events that provided parents with invaluable information and resources. Additionally, I have delivered dozens of presentations to Orange County business communities about our vital services. I am grateful for the new partnerships and support.



Dr. Scott Fritz

Orange County Children Served

31,761

Our Mission

Provide every child with equal access to high quality early learning programs by supporting those who help children grow and develop.

Our Vision

Every child in Orange County enters kindergarten with the foundation necessary to reach their full potential.

Our Purpose

Contribute to the growth and stability of Orange County by setting standards for early learning and child care to ensure future success.

VISITS TO PROVIDERS IN 2022-2023

1220 Coaching

314 Targeted Technical Assistance

686 School Readiness Class Observations

125 VPK Monitoring

1004 Material drop offs to providers, such as laptops (Surface Go), supplies and classroom items

115 School Readiness Monitoring

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: INSTITUTE FOR EARLY LEARNING

The Institute for Early Learning (I4EL) provides professional development opportunities for early childhood educators to improve their evidence-based practice and business skills in early care and education. Presently, I4EL has 1,554 active learners participating in 157 course offerings.

INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Insights



87%
Participation



61.6%
Engagement



69%
PROGRESS



49.4%
Completion Rate

Course Completion



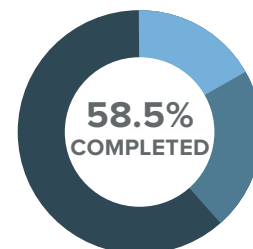
1,554
Learners



1,567
Users



157
Courses



10
Instructors

I4EL offers several annual course series which include advancing levels of core competencies around the Division of Early Learning's Core Knowledge areas. With all annual courses, I4EL provides guides, texts, and a variety of materials that support the participant's implementation of the content learned.

ELCOC PROGRAMS & GRANTS

Thanks to our funders, in 2022-2023 ELCOC helped more than 31,000 Orange County families with Child Care and Early Childhood Education by:

Providing standards and professional development to contracted providers.

Supporting lower income families with financial assistance for quality child care.

Offering professional development to teachers to keep abreast of the latest research in early childhood education.

Screening children who may need additional support.

Providing free educational resources to families.

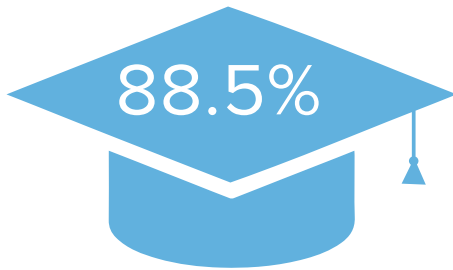


Grants	Funding	Outcomes
School Readiness	\$71,980,069	Childcare assistance for low income families
VPK	\$32,391,282	Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)
ARPA, Local Government, and Sponsors	\$99,418,893	ARPA, Local Government, and Sponsors
Operating Totals	\$203,790,244	School Readiness, VPK, DEL, and Local Funding

2022-2023 BUSINESS INSTITUTE FOR EARLY LEARNING ENTREPRENEURS

Celebrating Six Years (Going on Seven)

The Business Institute for Early Learning Entrepreneurs helps to build the stability of early learning programs across Central Florida. The institute provides professional development opportunities for child care business owners and directors. Participants work with SCORE Orlando and an early childhood business mentor to create a comprehensive business plan to improve their early childhood program's business operations.



Six-year overall graduation rate



Graduates in the 2022-2023 Institute



Graduation rate in 2022-2023



EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

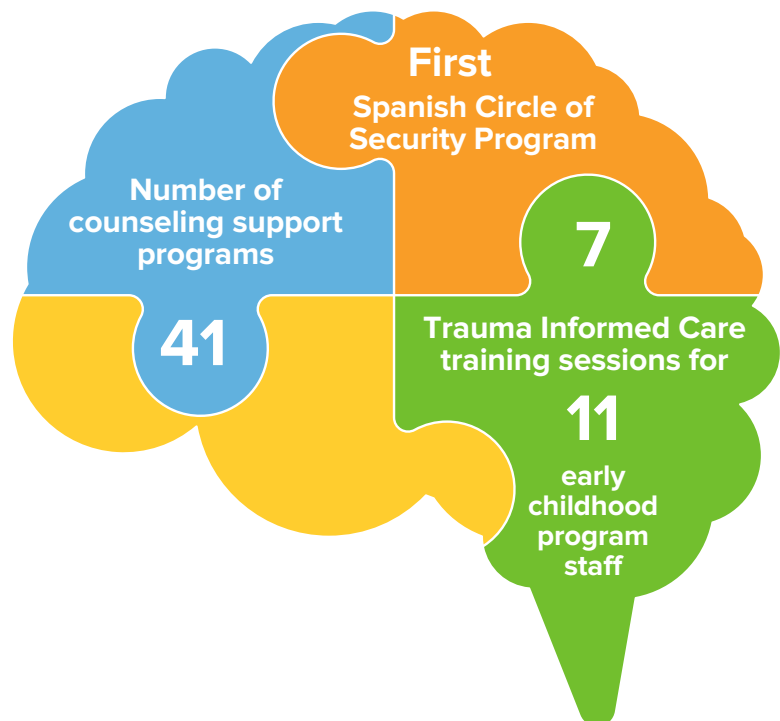
The ELCOC has made significant strides in providing early childhood mental health programs to educators. In 2022-2023, the organization hired a part-time Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator who developed and coordinated the mental health programs. These programs were generously funded by grants from Florida Blue and Advent Health.

Thanks to the Advent Health grant, ELCOC has successfully launched its [Circle of Security](#) attachment programs for teachers. In the spring, the organization conducted its [first](#) Spanish Circle of Security cycles consisting of [8](#) classes each at two different centers. The program is designed to help teachers understand a child's needs and how to respond based on behavior clues. It teaches strategies to foster a more connected, calm, and secure relationship with each child. In the second half of 2023, the organization plans to expand the program to at least four additional cycles of Circle of Security.

The Florida Blue Grant funded mental health assistance and launched the Trauma Informed Care training program for early childcare education staff to support children experiencing trauma. The program is designed to help teachers gain knowledge and strategies for self-care and assisting individuals experiencing trauma. Since fall 2022, ELCOC has provided [7](#) training sessions to [11](#) early childhood program staff.

ELCOC's Employee Assistance Program continues to provide counseling support to the staff and families of [41](#) early childhood programs in Orange County. Additionally, the organization's Early Childhood Crisis Response Team has operated in collaboration with Kinder Konsulting counseling services. This response team is available for crises in different centers, such as illness, trauma, or death of a staff member, family, or child. They have been consulted and have provided crisis counseling in numerous situations this past year.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Artist in Residence Program has achieved the following goals and activities:

Bi-weekly creative coach in-classroom activities

Expansion of artist-in-residence experiences

Offering community arts experiences

Monthly teacher training

Developing family engagement activities

Coordinating the establishment of an Early Arts Council



Our Partners in Creativity!

Our Artist in Residence program partners with leading arts organizations in our community to provide children with enriching experiences! Orlando Philharmonic Symphony, Central Florida Community Arts, Orlando Ballet, and Orlando Family Stage offer programs such as classroom visits, interactive performances, and a hands-on instrument petting zoo to introduce children to diverse types of instruments and creative expression.

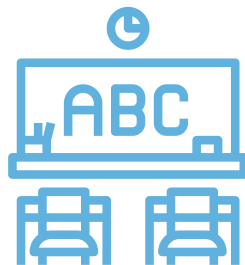
ORLANDO MAGIC YOUTH FOUNDATION INFANT AND TODDLER MENTORING PROGRAM

The Orlando Magic Youth Foundation (OMYF) Infant/Toddler Care program helps teachers and directors by offering support to demonstrate best practices for early learning. Teachers gain knowledge and skills to promote responsive care and language development. Utilizing the LENA Grow technology system helps early childhood teachers measure conversations with children, as it collects data to support coaching. Child care providers and teachers play a key role in early childhood development. With ELCOC's support and training, they will provide quality care to children and their families.



1,048

**Children
Served**



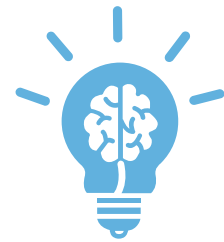
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**Classrooms
Reached**



51

**Teachers
Received
LENA Grow
Certification**



44%

**Increase in
knowledge of
appropriate
practice for
language
development!**



BABY INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Building Strong Families in Orange County

Baby Institute is a FREE parenting program for families of children ages 0-5 living in specified Orange County communities. Our six-week program is designed to help caregivers increase their child development knowledge and child rearing skills.

2022-2023 Baby Institute (5 Sectors) Grand Totals



350
parents
graduated after
taking at least
one curriculum
course from Baby
Institute

89%
Graduation
Rate

502
total number
of children
attendees 0-5

55%
total number of
children
attendees under
3 years old



COMMUNITY AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Slide into Summer

We hosted a family engagement giveaway event. Families enjoyed interactive activity stations and learning about resources from our community partners. Each family received summer educational toys and a sensory kit to help prevent the summer slide. The summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement or gains they made during the previous year. We provided resources to more than 300 families at this event.



Books Alive

We brought books to life at our "Books Alive" event! Children and their parents enjoyed several interactive stations where they participated in fun and exciting activities supporting early language and literacy development. Each station was designed for parents to practice early literacy strategies as a family in ways they can continue at home, building a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning. Each family received early language and literacy strategy cards along with a bag filled with even more resources to use at home.



COMMUNITY AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Artist in Residence Showcase

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County hosted an Artist in Residence Showcase featuring the creative works from participating early childhood programs. At the Artist in Residence Showcase, we shared our children's beautiful artwork and celebrated the importance of creativity in early childhood education. The event featured a variety of art forms from the program.



2022-2023 Diaper Drive

Our 2022-2023 diaper drive was a tremendous success! ELCOC partnered with Head Start of Orange County, St. Marks AME, and Central Florida Diaper Bank, and our initial goal was to collect 5,000 diapers. However, thanks to a robust social media campaign and word-of-mouth promotion, our community generously donated 10,140 diapers! Thanks also to Representative Anna Eskamani and Orange County District 3 Commissioner Mayra Uribe for their support in making this diaper drive successful. Our social media campaign for this event was recognized by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) and awarded the NSPRA Award of Merit for Social Media.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAMS

***Supporters listed donated at least \$500 this fiscal year**

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Addition Financial
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LENA Grow
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Orlando Magic
Orlando Magic Youth Foundation
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