

Professional Development Grants

Staff must work for a Provider that:

- Provider/center has a current/active SR or VPK contract with at least one early learning coalition
- Provider/center does not have a pending/open provider improvement plan (PIP) in effect
- Provider/center does not have pending/open Department of Children and Families (DCF) violations in effect
- Provider/center is currently providing early learning services (i.e. open for business)

Staff Requirements

- Are Florida residents
- Have a high school diploma from an accredited school or a GED
- Are employed by a licensed or license-exempt child care facility, in a licensed or registered family child care home, or by a licensed after school program
- Works a minimum of 20 hours per week with a birth through pre-k population or in an after school program for a minimum of 520 hours per year
- Have the sponsorship of the child care or after school program which employs them

Allowable Stipend Reimbursement

- Must submit all of the aforementioned documentation
- Sign-up for an allowable training from:
a) DCF-sponsored trainings (Florida Early Childhood Professional Catalog) or b) OEL online resources for early childhood professional development.
- Must complete qualifying training events and submit certificates
- \$75 max per stipend, \$25 per hour, up to three (3) hours, for each training session/event.
 - May do up to 10 trainings