

Ensuring all Orange County children enter school ready to learn.

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County provides access to high quality early care and education for all Orange County children. Working in partnership with parents, child care providers and community stakeholders we help build the foundation for our children's future success.

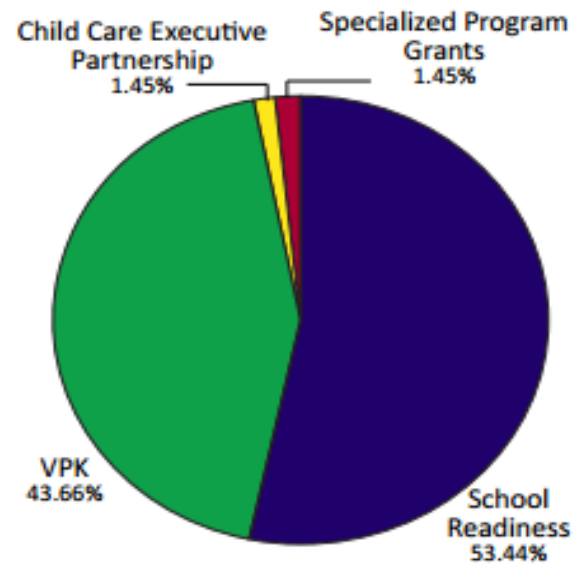
Since 2000, the organization has worked to provide leadership, guidance and support for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs to ensure all Orange County children enter school ready to learn.

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FISCAL SUMMARY

The Coalition's operating budget was \$67M for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Less than 5% of the total budget was expended on program administration.

Total Expenditures by Fund



The Coalition is sponsored in part by the State of Florida Office of Early Learning.

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Early Intervention Is Critical

Our Inclusion Services staff works with parents and providers to help children with special needs receive the necessary tools, resources and referrals for services needed to remain in quality care environments.

The Inclusion Specialist gave direct assistance to **676** providers and parents for behavioral, development, hearing or vision related concerns.

4,025 children received hearing and vision screenings. **1,597** were referred for further evaluation.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

PKZ Baby Institute

Parents residing in the Parramore Heritage community have an opportunity to participate in a nine-week program where they learn how to be their babies' first and best teachers. This past year, Baby Institute completed three cycles of parent education classes with **37** graduates with **58** children. An additional **41** parent graduates remained engaged with Baby Institute through alumni events and activities.

CareerSource Youth Child Care Program

The CareerSource Youth Child Care Program provided the 45 hour state-mandated child care training, Teaching Strategies GOLD and eight weeks of hands-on training to **10** young adults interested in careers in early education. Seven young adults completed and passed the state-mandated assessment and five were hired on at the centers where they received their training.

Community Engagement

Volunteer readers from our Preschool Ambassador, Ready Reader and Celebrity Reader programs provided more than **300** hours of volunteer service by reading to young children in our early learning settings. In spring of 2016, we launched 'Books and Badges' to help familiarize children with badged public servants like policemen, firemen and medical professionals.

Placing Children in Early Learning Programs

We contract with more than **750** early education providers, serving more than **27,200** children annually.

14,348 children received services at **555** different early learning programs. This enabled **9,158** families to work and/or receive an education.

12,895 4-year-olds participated in Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK). VPK is a free program that prepares children for kindergarten by providing the self-management and emergent literacy skills that are critical for a future success.

Helping Parents Make Informed Child Care Decisions

17,400 phone consultations were fielded by our Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) program. CCR&R is a service funded by the Coalition and operated by the Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) to assist parents and caretakers with information about child care, VPK and financial assistance.

Parents can now identify quality child care programs using our Quality Stars rating system. 60 early learning centers voluntarily agree to the ongoing evaluation of programs using a familiar 5-star rating system.

Helping Early Learning Professionals Grow

1,549 early childhood teachers participated in **79** professional development trainings.

The Early Literacy Enhancement program provided training to 61 VPK and preschool teachers in 51 early childhood programs.

The Infant/Toddler CDA program had 20 infant/toddler teachers who successfully completed the Infant/Toddler CDA training program. **17** teachers received their National Credential within the 2015-2016 fiscal year. These teachers care for **171** children in 18 Orange County centers.

Rewarding Quality

20 child care providers were awarded more than **\$390,000** from the State of Florida Office of Early Learning and the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County for successfully completing the Performance Funding Pilot Program.

To receive the bonus, providers must show improvement on their child interaction outcomes. Children who attend quality child care programs, like those featured in the Performance Funding Pilot Program and Quality Stars, are proven to be better prepared for school, get better grades in math and reading, are more likely to graduate high school and attend a four-year college or university.