

# HEAD OF THE CLASS AWARDS

The ELCOC is proud to recognize teaching excellence at local early learning centers. We have handed out **23 Head of the CLASS awards** so far.

CLASS stands for Classroom Assessment Scoring System, a nationally recognized tool that rates the quality of teacher-child interactions.

Scores range from 1-7. The centers that received awards had scores of 6.0 or higher, which is truly outstanding! Congratulations!

**Little Harvard's Daycare**  
5020 Silver Star Road  
Orlando

Head of the CLASS award recipient



2025-2026  
Head of the CLASS Award Recipient

Head of the CLASS award recipient

**UCP West Orlando Charter School**  
1441 Winter Garden Vineland Road  
Winter Garden



Head of the CLASS award recipient



2025-2026  
Head of the CLASS Award Recipient

**Thompson Unique Learning Center**  
5115 Londonderry Blvd.  
Orlando


Head of the CLASS award recipient



2025-2026  
Head of the CLASS Award Recipient

**Lovell Elementary School**  
815 Roger Williams Road  
Apopka

Click [HERE](#) to see all the winners to date!



**2025-2026**  
**Head of the CLASS Award Recipient**

CLASS®

Recognized for achieving a classroom score of 6.0 or higher on CLASS assessments.

ELCOC.org 407-841-6607

Head of the CLASS award recipient



2025-2026  
Head of the CLASS Award Recipient

**We Are One Services, LLC**  
Early Childhood Development Center  
1304 N. Pine Hills Road  
Orlando

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Jairo Toribio** from **Next Steps Academy** for winning the **ELCOC 2026 Teacher of the Year Award!**

ELCOC CEO Dr. Scott Fritz presented the award during the **Teacher of the Year Celebration Breakfast** held at ELCOC Headquarters on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the recap video



Along with a personalized plaque, Jairo, affectionately known as Mr. J, received a \$1,000 cash prize generously donated by the **Orlando Magic**.

# 2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR



**SLIDE INTO SUMMER**

Click [HERE](#) to watch the recap video

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Slide Into Summer Family Services event was a roaring success!

We welcomed **395 families** at the **Grand Avenue Neighborhood Center in Orlando** on Saturday, May 16. Families enjoyed interactive, safari-themed learning activities designed to support early childhood development, and each family received a take-home bag filled with resources to encourage learning all summer long.



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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Accurate Profiles = Successful Contracts

Keeping your Provider Profile complete, accurate, and active is essential for successful School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) contracting.



### Why It Matters

- Ensures timely processing of SR and VPK contracts
- Prevents delays in contract execution and reimbursements
- Confirms provider eligibility and compliance requirements
- Helps maintain accurate licensing, insurance, and program information
- Supports smooth communication between providers and the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County
- Reduces the risk of missing or expired documentation
- Ensures classrooms, instructors, and program details are properly reflected in the system
- Helps providers remain contract-ready throughout the program year



### Remember

- ✓ Review profiles regularly
- ✓ Upload updated documentation promptly
- ✓ Verify all information before submitting contracts
- ✓ Monitor expiration dates for licenses, insurance, and credentials

## STAFF TRAINING DAY



The ELCOC is proud to support your program's professional development on your **Staff Training Day**, also known as the 13<sup>th</sup> Day, in your Provider Contract.

Click [HERE](#) to select your preferred date.

**Friday August 7, 2026**  
In-Person:  
Conscious Discipline

**Tuesday Sept. 8 2026**  
Live Virtual:  
PD Training & Self Paced

**Monday Oct. 12 2026**  
In-Person:  
Scribbles Matter

**Monday Jan. 25, 2027**  
Virtual:  
Conscious Discipline

**Friday March 12, 2027**  
Live Virtual:  
PD Training & Self Paced

**Friday April 23, 2027**  
In-Person:  
Conscious Discipline  
& Infant/Toddler Training



**Thank you** for your commitment to high-quality early childhood education in Orange County!

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# Conscious Discipline One-Day Training: De-Escalating Classroom Behaviors

Presented by a Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor



This full-day training provides Conscious Discipline strategies and tools that help educators recognize, respond, and de-escalate student behavior in the moment.

Educators will also learn how to regulate themselves while guiding children from chaos to calm.

## English Training

**Saturday, June 6, 8:30 to 4pm**

ELCOC Headquarters

7700 Southland Blvd. Suite 100

Orlando, FL 32809

## En Espanol Capacitación

**Saturday, June 13, 8:30 to 4pm**

ELCOC Headquarters

7700 Southland Blvd. Suite 100

Orlando, FL 32809

Click [HERE](#) to register

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- Course has a \$10 registration fee
- Participants will be awarded 6.0 In-Service hours upon successful completion
- Please bring your own refreshments for the day
- For more info, please contact June Matthews at [jmatthews@elcoc.org](mailto:jmatthews@elcoc.org)

## Professional Development for Child Care Teachers

Earn your **Child Development Associate (CDA) credential** by taking classes with **I4EL: The Institute for Early Learning.**



**Classes start in July!**

- \$125.00 Course Fee
- Self-Paced Classwork
- Live Virtual & In-Person Training
- Career Pathway Support
- Scholarship Guidance

Click [HERE](#) to sign up  
for **English Course**

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en el curso de español



For more info,  
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**WHAT'S NEXT**

**Financial Webinar:**

**Understanding School Readiness (SR) Payments:  
Certificates, Co-Pays, and Calculating Family Costs**

Hear guest speakers explain everything you need to know about SR payments.

**June 18 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Watch your email  
for the registration link!**



## WHAT'S NEXT

### ELCOC JULY TRAINING PLAN

### CLASS<sup>®</sup> 2nd EDITION INTRODUCTION

Supporting Quality Interactions. Strengthening Outcomes.

**Fliers with links to REGISTER will be shared with Providers SOON! Stay Tuned!**



#### IN-PERSON ONE-DAY TRAINING



##### Purpose

To provide early learning providers with a clear, foundational understanding of the transition from CLASS 2008 to CLASS 2nd Edition, including key changes, expectations, and implications for practice and compliance.



##### Training Structure

- One in-person training session
- **Duration:** 5 hours
- **Audience:** Directors and instructional leaders
- **Two available dates:**
  - 📅 July 13, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - 📅 July 14, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



##### Session Focus: CLASS 2nd Edition Overview & Transition Readiness

This comprehensive 5-hour training will:

- Provide an overview of key similarities and differences between CLASS 2008 and CLASS 2nd Edition
- Introduce updated domains, dimensions, and indicators
- Highlight implications for classroom practice, monitoring, and compliance
- Support providers in preparing for future CLASS 2nd Edition implementation and professional learning pathways

**\$ Provider Registration Cost: \$50 per participant**



#### SUMMER 2026 TRAINING PLAN: CLASS<sup>®</sup> 2nd EDITION (IEE COHORT)



##### Overview

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County (ELCOC) will implement a Summer Interaction Essentials for Educators (IEE) Cohort to support the transition to CLASS 2nd Edition. This cohort provides structured, multi-week professional learning designed to build a deeper understanding of effective teacher-child interactions.



##### Cohort Information

- **Cohort Timeline:** July 7 – September 30, 2026 (skipping week of Coaching Academy and first week of school)
- **Duration:** 11 weeks
- **Participation Limit:** Up to 40 participants



##### IEE Cohort Cost Information (Per Participant)

**Registration Cost (IEE): \$100**



##### Target Audience

- New educators
- Providers needing intensive support with CLASS implementation
- Programs identified through monitoring or compliance support needs









##### IEE Summer Cohort Structure

- 11 weeks of structured professional learning
- Weekly facilitated sessions (virtual or in-person)
- Focus on CLASS 2nd Edition domains, dimensions, and indicators
- Embedded reflection, discussion, and application activities
- Alignment with coaching and classroom implementation support



#### SELF-PACED ROLLOUT OPTIONS COMPARISON

The self-paced rollout options below are designed for providers who prefer flexible, independent professional learning pathways. Providers selecting these options will register directly through Teachstone and will be responsible for all registration fees, course costs, and associated materials.

| AUDIENCE  | TRAINING REQUIREMENT  | COURSE COST*                       |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
|  Existing CLASS 2008 Educators |  CLASS 2nd Edition Pre-K Intro to Interactions | <b>\$85</b><br>+ cost of materials |
|  New Educators                 |  Pre-K CLASS Primer for Teachers               | <b>\$42</b><br>+ cost of materials |
|  Leaders/ Administrators       |  CLASS Overview for Leaders                    | <b>\$45</b><br>+ cost of materials |



We're excited to feature **Incredible Kids Learning Academy LLC**, led by **Director Rosha Bryant** at 4110 Raleigh Street in Orlando.



**Fast Facts:**  
10 Children Enrolled  
3 Staff Members

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Director  
Rosha Bryant



How do you balance your administrative responsibilities while still staying connected with your children, staff, and parents? What **STRATEGIES** do you practice?

As the owner of a small in-home childcare program, I balance my administrative responsibilities by **dedicating time before and after operating hours** to complete tasks and meet deadlines. This allows me to remain **fully present and engaged** with my students, parents, and staff throughout the day.

I have also implemented **organized systems** that help ensure the program runs smoothly and efficiently while maintaining a high level of care and communication.



Can you share a **SUCCESS STORY** on how you improved your childcare center for children and their families?

This year, we celebrated two major accomplishments that strengthened our program. First, we achieved our **Gold Seal Certification**, which reflects the high-quality care and education we provide to our children and families.

Second, we maintained a **CLASS score above a 6** for two consecutive years, showing our continued commitment to excellence and quality improvement. These are accomplishments we are extremely proud of and do not take lightly.



Can you share how your teachers make **CIRCLE TIME** special?

Circle time at Incredible Kids Learning Academy is always fun, engaging, and educational. We strive to meet each child's individual needs by providing meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that encourage creativity and growth. Our goal is to develop a love for learning through activities that reflect our motto: **"Playing with a purpose, while learning for our future."**

CONGRATULATIONS VPK GRADUATES!



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