

BRAND NEW

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County is launching a **BRAND NEW PROCESS** for the 2026-27 school year.

We are asking all childcare providers to complete their registration in the QPS, or Quality Performance System, at the START of the school year.

This will ensure a smoother process going forward!

FAQ's about QPS

- QPS stands for Quality Performance System
- All providers are currently in **Needs Registration** status.
- Please register your classrooms as soon as possible.
- Specify the classroom language: **English or Spanish.**
- Assessments will be scheduled within 60 days of your anniversary date.
- If you experience issues with QPS, please contact your coach for assistance.

ASQ Reminder: Stay on Track!

A quick reminder to our

SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS:

ASQ developmental screenings are due within **45 calendar days** of the child's screening start date and annually at redetermination.

Be sure to check your SSIS notifications regularly and complete screenings by the assigned due date.

On-time screenings = early support for children and continued compliance for your program!



[Childcare Provider Reminder video](#)
about ASQ screenings



[ASQ Non-Compliance Help video](#)
for Childcare Providers



Keeping classrooms in ratio and supported with substitute teachers.

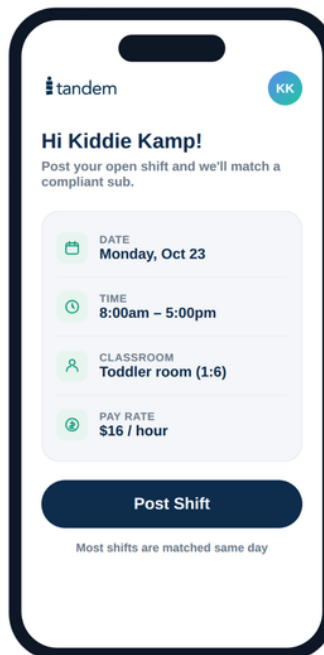
ELC Orange works with Tandem to offer a local pool of vetted, state-compliant substitute teachers - free for providers to join, and flexible, paid work for the community.



Coverage when you need it

- ✓ State-compliant substitutes for call-offs, PTO, breaks, and ongoing coverage
- ✓ Set up for free, post a shift, and set the hourly rate
- ✓ ELC Orange covers Tandem's administrative fee - you pay only the substitute's hourly rate

Scan to set up
your center



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614-972-1608

Training Opportunity



CLASS® 2nd Edition Pre-K–3rd Overview for Leaders and tool updates

In-person training workshop at ELCOC Headquarters



- See how CLASS measures effective interactions from the 2nd Edition Pre-K CLASS tool.
- Explore research that shows how educator-child interactions impact outcomes.
- Learn how to interpret CLASS scores to make data-driven improvements.
- See the updates to the CLASS 2nd Edition Pre-K tool.

Click [HERE](#) to register for **Saturday September, 19th: 9am to 2pm**

In-person training happens at:
Early Learning Coalition of Orange County Headquarters
7700 Southland Blvd. Suite 100
Orlando, FL 32809



SPACE IS LIMITED
\$50 Registration Fee

Training Opportunity

ONLINE Self-Paced Training

in English and Spanish

Teachstone® self-paced options 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.

CLASS® 2nd Edition: Introduction to Interactions for Educators

Click [HERE](#) to register

\$85

0.6 CEUs

Empower educators with the tools and knowledge to be a champion of CLASS in their organization. This estimated 6-hour self-paced online course is designed to help educators gain confidence and understanding in the CLASS observation process while unlocking the transformative potential of educator-child interactions in their daily practice. Get ready to explore the transformative power of CLASS, so every child thrives!

A CLASS® Primer for Teachers Online Course

Click [HERE](#) to register

\$55

0.3 CEUs

A CLASS® Primer for Teachers is an online course that introduces teachers to understanding why interactions matter, the purpose of the CLASS® Tool and CLASS® observations, and introduces teachers to the frameworks for the selected age level.

CLASS® Overview for Leaders

Click [HERE](#) to register

\$55

Discover the incredible impact of educator-child interactions and kickstart your CLASS implementation journey with CLASS Overview for Leaders. In just 2 hours, you'll explore the CLASS tool and see how fostering educator-child interactions drives continuous quality improvement in your program.



DISCLAIMER

Pricing, course availability, materials, and training structures are based on current Teachstone offerings available as of May 2026 and are subject to change without notice. All courses and materials are provided directly through Teachstone.

What's Next



The Early Learning Coalition is proud to support your program's professional development on your **Staff Training Day**.

This is known as the **13th day** in your **Provider Contract**.

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

5 Choices

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



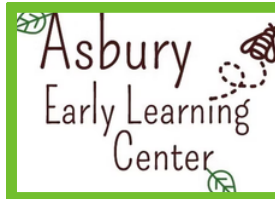
Thank you for your commitment to high-quality early childhood education in Orange County!

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Childcare Provider Spotlight



We're excited to feature
Asbury Early Learning Center
led by **Director Morgan Dixon**
at 220 W. Horatio Ave. Maitland, FL 32751

Fast Facts:

45 Children Enrolled
10 Staff Members

Asbury Social Media

Facebook
Instagram



What are your **FAVORITE WAYS** to keep children engaged, focused, and excited about learning each day?

At Asbury, we are hands-on, play-based learning! **We use arts and crafts, building blocks and sensory activities to create tactile learning experiences.**

Learning through play and movement also creates a stimulating learning environment that keeps preschoolers engaged and excited.





Childcare Provider Spotlight

Answers provided by
Director Morgan Dixon

Can you share a **SUCCESS STORY** where a creative activity helped children learn a new skill?

As an educator, **the most effective way to teach a new skill is to choose a theme that resonates with the child's interest.** You can take that interest and turn it into a learning activity. If we are teaching a child to count, you can line up the dinosaurs and count them. You can also use those same dinosaurs to make patterns. This way, you target the skill while allowing for the child to have fun with something they love.



Caring for children takes energy. What **SELF-CARE** practices help you and your teachers stay at your best?

I always keep **snacks and drinks** on hand for the teachers in our staff workroom. **My favorite week for self-care for teachers is Teachers Appreciation Week.** I make sure the teachers feel loved and cared for all week long with treats, flowers, and a spa day on campus where our teachers are treated to massages! We also make time for Team Building throughout the year.



We're proud to celebrate the amazing teachers who make a difference every day in your child care center!

Nominations are NOW OPEN for the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County Teacher of the Month for the 2026–2027 school year!



Click [HERE](#) to nominate the **BEST** teachers at your child care center!



Teachers selected as Teacher of the Month will receive a personalized certificate and a special, partner-donated gift during a surprise visit.

Every Teacher of the Month winner is eligible for the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County 2027 Teacher of the Year Award, presented in June 2027! Nominate a teacher who deserves to be celebrated!

KINDNESS CONNECTIONS

You can enhance the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) at your childcare center by using the **Highlights Early Learning KINDNESS CONNECTIONS bundle** as part of your lesson plans!

The **PURPLE Preschool Enrichment Box** contains 10 different themed collections that provide engaging activities and strategies to **help students develop kindness, empathy, and strong social skills**. Open the kits and explore the possibilities!

Highlights

Early Learning



KINDNESS CONNECTIONS

A program designed to teach children all about **KINDNESS**

KINDNESS CONNECTIONS: Resources to support your lessons



1. Preschool Enrichment Box with detailed lesson plans
2. Teacher Portfolio
3. Student Journals
4. Several Books



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