

NEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

On July 1, 2016, the federal Child Care Development Block Grant (“CCDBG”) Act, which provides federal tax dollars to states to provide child care services for low-income families and improve the quality of child care, adopted the following changes to the eligibility requirements:

1. 12-month eligibility period for all school readiness (SR) families.
 - All eligible families (families who meet the requirements) will receive child care assistance for 12 months regardless of changes in the family income, as long as it does not exceed the federal threshold of 85% of the State medium income (“SMI”) (\$55,899 for a family of 4).
 - All SR parents are still required to notify the counselor at Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) within 10 days after any changes in employment, education, income, or family size.
2. Three Month Purpose for Care Reestablishment Period
 - If a SR family has changes in participation in work, and training or education activities, the family will be allowed to continue to receive child care for 3 months to re-establish a purpose for care (employment or education).
 - At the end of this period, if a purpose for care is not re-established, child care assistance will be discontinued.

Effective September 1, 2016, the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. (“ELC”) will implement these new eligibility requirements.

These changes will begin at the next redetermination date. Please contact your eligibility counselor at BRHPC (954) 561-9681 if you have any questions or concerns.