



Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Provider Rep. Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023, at 10:30 AM
[Zoom Meeting](#)

Members in Attendance	Beverly Batson
Members Absent	Melody McDonald
Staff in Attendance	Renee Jaffe, CEO; Lizbeth Juan, Executive Assistant
Others in Attendance	

Headers	Discussion
Meeting Start Time	The Meeting started at 10:36 AM.
Provider Rep Updates	<p>Renee’s Quick Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Waiting for the Budget to Be signed by the governor. *DEL is on hold until he signs it. There’s 77 million dollars at play and we need those dollars. *There is \$315 million in the budget, and we are estimating to get 30 million of it for quality and education to bolster the workforce. *At the Program Review Committee last Friday we talked about a childcare boot camp we are going to start rolling out, it’s going to be a full-day 1-week course. *We are talking to CareerSource about an apprenticeship program for early childhood educators. CareerSource can pay for up to 6 months. *The big thing is that we have to slow down our enrollment until we get a new budget update. <p>Beverly Batson Updates:</p> <p>A lot of Childcare centers do not have the capacity to roll infants and one-year-olds, the staff is focusing on older children because you bring in more income that way.</p> <p>Amy Moore said she was trying to figure out why her parents and caregivers weren’t able to find care for their children, but that’s why.</p> <p>This apprenticeship is going to train and get people better prepared to be early childhood educators. This will take a lot of the burden off the childcare centers.</p> <p>Several childcare educators and staff are also leaving their centers because they are moving out of the state or further north due to housing issues and the current market.</p> <p>Renee shared that we anticipate that our waitlist will go up on the school readiness</p>

	<p>side. In Broward right now, we're still seeing that there is a great need. We got a reduction in VPK because the state is not anticipating as many 4-year-olds in the system this year.</p> <p>What about Bezos Academy?</p> <p>Renee's Understanding is that the Bezos numbers are very small, the center has no more than 60 kids enrolled.</p> <p>Beverly Batson Shared that background checks are still a bit of a challenge.</p> <p>Renee heard they were getting better, but Beverly shared that for some reason over the last couple of weeks, a couple of folks have been having some trouble.</p> <p>Beverly Batson Shared that there are so many providers that still don't know about the grants, and they are almost over. She also shared that licensing started doing these informational sessions on Facebook Live. She asked if that was something that the ELC would have the scope to do.</p> <p>Renee shared that ELC sends out several e-blasts and communications through constant contact but would be open to hearing how Facebook Live can be of use if that would assist in getting the word out.</p>
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Next Meeting	<u>Thursday, September 7, 2023</u>
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Meeting End Time	The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM
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