School Readiness Program



WE HELP PAY FOR CHILD CARE & AFTER CARE

Must be a Broward County Resident

- *Income-eligible program that helps families pay for childcare and after care (birth to 13 yrs old)*
- *Families must pay a copayment for childcare based on income and family size.*
- *Must be either working and/or in school at least 20 hours per week, or have a documented disability.*
- *Other eligible children: special needs, at-risk, homeless, domestic violence victims, low-income migrant families, farm workers, or working with referring agency*

Apply Today!

Visit ELCBroward.org/childcare or call 954-377-2188 for assistance with applying

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ELC Broward proudly offers Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services to all families in Broward County. This free community service helps families make informed decisions when choosing quality early learning and school-age programs.

You are required to submit a copy of the following documents as part of the redetermination process:



Identity

- Provide one of the following for all parents living in household:
  o Valid FL Driver's License or Government ID

- Provide **one** of the following for child/ren <u>who will receive care</u>:
  - An original/certified copy of child's United States birth certificate
  - A United States passport
  - Copy of child's resident card
  - Citizenship/naturalization certificate
  - Lawfully admitted alien documents (i.e. I94, I 94A, I 97, I 551, and I 766 with non-US passport.

NOTE: Proof of legal status is required for all children receiving child care assistance.

Education (if applicable)

Provide one of the following for parent/s enrolled in school

- o Official current class schedule showing credit hours, days & times of classes
- o Official school letter on letterhead with an official seal stating the number of class hours and lab hours, date the semester/period of training starts and the date it ends, as well as expected date of graduation.



Residency

Provide one of the following to verify where you live:

- o Utility bill (electric, gas, water), cable, internet or home phone bill dated within 12 months of your child's application date
- o Valid & signed residential rental agreement or receipt from rent payment dated within 12 months of your child's application date
- o Mortgage Statement dated within 12 months of your child's application date
- o Tax assessment showing homestead exemption o Current mail from FOOD Stamps/Medicaid (within past 30 days)
- o Food Stamp Letter/Notice of Case Action for TANF (cash assistance) within 12 months of your application.
- o Paystubs – current and consecutive (last 4 weeks of paystubs).
- o If living with someone: Provide their residency document and a notarized letter written by them confirming their address and that you and your child(ren) live in their home.



Child Documentation

Provide one of the following for <u>all</u> children living in your household:

- o An original/certified copy of child's birth certificate
- o An original/certified copy of the child's baptism/other religious certificate <u>with</u> an affidavit stating the certificate is true/correct
- o A life insurance policy which has been in effect for at least 2 years
- o A passport/certificate of arrival in the U.S.
- o Immunization record signed by health officer/licensed physician
- o Valid military dependent identification card
- o Proof of guardianship – court ordered documents

NOTE: Child documentation is needed for ALL CHILDREN residing in the household. **Those receiving care and NOT receiving care.**



Employment

If you are working 20 hours or more per week, please provide one of the following:

- o Current/consecutive paystubs: Your last (4) weekly paystubs; or two (2) bi-weekly paystubs; or two (2) semimonthly paystubs, or one (1) monthly paystub
- o Income Verification Form completed/signed by your employer reflecting last 4 weeks of income.
- o If you are self-employed or paid in cash: last year's income tax return, with business ledger and/or Schedule C, work calendar (schedule) with receipts for transactions listed on calendar

NOTE: If paid with paystubs, copies of paystubs **MUST** be provided.

Family Size

Provide documents for other family members you would like to be included in your family size:

- o **Proof of age is needed for ALL CHILDREN living in the household.**
- o Photo ID for adult family members
- o Proof of other household income
- o If separated: notarized letter stating date of separation, spouse's name, address, and phone number. Proof of address from absent parent is needed in the form of a utility bill or lease. If spouse's whereabouts are unknown, provide a written notarized letter stating that the whereabouts are unknown. The letter must be dated and signed.
- o If divorced: Divorce papers

Earned/Unearned Income

Please provide any of the following if applicable:

- o Current award letter/print out of any Social Security benefits explaining reason income is awarded. If disabled, provide Social Security letter
- o Physician disability statement confirming parent/guardian is exempt from work requirement and providing recommendation for child care (must be dated/signed by physician)
- o Food Stamp Letter/Notice of Case Action for TANF (cash assistance)
- o Current printout from Child Support Enforcement
- o If child support is not paid through Child Support Enforcement: Submit ELC's Child Support Statement

Gross household income at or below 55% of State Median Income (SMI)

a. Family of 1 person = $30,923 or less
b. Family of 2 people = $40,438 or less
c. Family of 3 people = $49,952 or less
d. Family of 4 people = $59,467 or less
e. Family of 5 people = $68,982 or less
f. Family of 6 people = $78,497 or less

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