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SAVE 50% WHEN YOU REFER YOUR FRIENDS!

IT'S MORE FUN TO SHARE

REFER A FRIEND TO AFTER SCHOOL AND SAVE!

Save **50% OFF ONE WEEK** when you refer a friend to the Naples YMCA After School program. Available for children in grades K-8, our program provides a range of activities, including:

- Academic enrichment and homework assistance
- Structured activities that provide kids with physical activity outside
- Hands-on, engaging activities to do inside
- Healthy snacks
- Arts and crafts

We offer bus service from most schools!
Visit **www.greaternaplesymca.org** for details.

For more information, please contact:

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EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

We accept Early Learning Coalition (ELC) certificates!
See attached flyer for details.

Please fill out the referral card and return it to the After School Registrar.

YMCA Member Information			Friend's Information		
Name:			Name:		
Address:			Address:		
City	State:	Zip:	City	State:	Zip:
Email:			Email:		
Phone:			Phone:		
Member #			Member #		

School Readiness Fact Sheet

Florida School Readiness Program

Overview

The Florida School Readiness Program offers financial assistance to low-income families for early education and care so they can become financially self-sufficient and their young children can be successful in school in the future.

Office of
Early Learning
Learn Early. Learn for Life.

Benefits

- Prepares young children to start kindergarten ready to learn.
- Helps working families afford quality early learning services.
- Keeps parents in the workforce and/or participating in educational activities.
- Helps families become financially independent.
- Recognizes parents as their child's first teacher.
- Provides parents information about child development and family well-being.

Families

A family with two young children earning $19,891 a year will spend about 50 percent of their income on child care without school readiness help. With help, the family would only spend about seven percent on child care. School readiness funds are intended to help income-eligible families with children at risk of future school failure and may include

- Recipients of temporary cash assistance who meet federal work requirements.
- Families with children at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- Parents who are verified to be homeless.
- Parents who are victims of domestic violence.
- Working families with low incomes.
- Teenage parents.
- Low-income migrant families and farm workers.
- Families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Eligibility

The School Readiness Program has three primary eligibility requirements:

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) must be working or participating in an educational activity such as attending college or trade school at least 20 hours per week.
- Gross income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level for family size.
- Families must pay a copayment for child care based on income and family size.

Parent Resources

Contact your early learning coalition to find out more.

3 Florida's rank among all states in the number of children and families served through school readiness

64 Percent of families getting school readiness services and in the workforce

9,467 School readiness child care providers in 2013-14

224,169 Children in school readiness in 2013-14

Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida – Parent & Provider Guide

The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida serves the families of Collier, Glades Hendry and Lee Counties. It is our goal to make certain that children ages birth to five and beyond, have access to high quality early education experiences to cultivate their natural enthusiasm for learning. Together, through collaboration with community organizations, business leaders and public schools we are building a solid foundation. By investing in Southwest Florida's greatest assets - children and families - we create a strong work force, benefiting our entire community for years to come.

Early Learning Coalition Locations

www.elcofswfl.org

(239) 935-6100 for Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties

(239) 213-1137 Ext 6719 for Collier County

FORT MYERS 2675 Winkler Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Myers, FL 33901 *Hours: 8am - 5pm Monday-Friday*	**NAPLES** 3050 North Horseshoe Dr, Unit 231 Naples, FL 34104 *Hours: 8am - 5pm Monday – Friday*
HENDRY COUNTY ***Labelle*** United Way House 33 Bridge Street, Labelle, FL 33935 Hours: *9am - 4 pm (Thursday's only)* (Closed for lunch daily 12:00pm - 1:00pm) ***Clewiston*** - United Way 969 West Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, FL 33430 Hours: *9am - 4pm* (Closed for lunch daily 12:00pm - 1:00pm) *1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month*	**IMMOKALEE** RCMA Building C 402 West Main Street Immokalee, FL 34142 Hours: *8am -5pm Monday-Friday* (Closed for lunch daily 12:00pm - 1:00pm) Phone: (239)658-3567

Free Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

ELC can help parents make informed choices about quality child care using a current database of all area providers to provide referrals – not recommendations. Information about school readiness tuition assistance and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten for 4 yr. olds is also available.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

All children turning age 4 by September 1st are eligible to attend VPK by obtaining a certificate. Proof of Florida residency and the child's original birth certificate are required for registration. Call for an appointment.

Provider and Parent Trainings

Visit our website at www.elcofswfl.org and click on the calendar for training opportunities.