Child Care Resource & Referral Services

Offered 16 different trainings to 372 teachers and provided information to 10,135 families

4-year-olds in Voluntary Pre-K

2,081 four-year-olds attended Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) in a variety of early education settings including: private child care centers, faith-based providers, family child care homes and both private and public schools

Children in School Readiness (SR) Program

2,104 children from low income families per month were able to access early education and care in 2017/2018 through financial assistance provided by the School Readiness Subsidized Child Care Program.

SR Funding & VPK Funding to Direct Services

81% of School Readiness funds (compared to 78% required) were spent on DIRECT SERVICES to children and families with only 4.2% spent on administrative costs (compared to 5% maximum allowed.) For VPK, 97% was spent on DIRECT SERVICES.

Quality Initiatives

1. STEM Initiative - doubled teachers in unique teacher-led program as model for state.
2. Infant Mental Health, Trauma Informed Care Program, partnership with Tykes & Teens.
3. Reading Mentors, United Way Community Partnership Grant Recipient with BBBS and St. Lucie Schools, focused on PK-5th grade in Fort Pierce at CA Moore Elementary and Learning Tree Academy.
4. Conscious Discipline Initiative provides support and training for teachers and parents to develop skills that create a safe, connected, problem-solving environment for children.
5. Infant and toddler Initiative provides hands on support and training for teachers who work with our youngest children to show the importance of relationships and brain development in the early years.

State & local dollars received

$14,963,956 state and local dollars received for both School Readiness Subsidized Child Care and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten as of fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.