



# Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County



## Fiscal Year 2017-18 By the Numbers

### 110,508

#### Child Care Resource & Referral Services

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

### 2,081

#### 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

### 2,104

#### 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 the School Readiness Subsidized Child Care Program.

### 81.9% & 97%

#### 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

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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.

### \$14,963,956

#### 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.

