American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Build a World Class Workforce Grants
Timeline

- Launched on Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Information Sessions on January 19, 2023 and January 23, 2023 via Zoom
- Providers to set up accounts on WebAuthor
- Early Learning Coalition to review accounts
- Grants currently available:
  - Recruit and Train New Teachers
    - Recruitment Bonus
    - Health and Safety Bonus
ARPA Build a World Class Workforce

Provider Eligibility:

- Licensed Providers
- No Early Learning Coalition Contract Terminations in last 5 years
- Not Under Fraud Investigation
- Not on United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Disqualified List
- Submit a current W-9 (signature not to exceed 1 year)

All Training & Activities must be completed between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
ARPA Step by Step Guide for Providers

For any ARPA Workforce questions you may send your e-mails to ARPA@elcmdm.org
How to Get to the Application Site

Use this link directly
https://elccore.webauthor.com/go/fx_arpa/

Visit www.elcmdm.org and click on the first main image shown

Go to the Provider’s Corner and select ARPA Workforce
Creating a NEW Provider Account

All providers must create a provider account in WebAuthor in order for you to be able to apply for any of the available ARPA bonuses/grants.

Begin by going to https://elccore.webauthor.com/go/fx_arpa/ and complete the registration form. The system will then prompt you to change your password. Lastly, providers must agree to the terms and conditions of use.
Once providers create a User ID and Password, they will be able to add schools to their account. If a provider has multiple schools, they can follow the following steps to add as many schools as possible. Each school must be added to the account in order for the school to be reviewed and approved.

Click on “+New Eligibility Request” to add a new school and/or request.

Provider ID must be entered in order for the information to self-populate. If you do not know your Provider ID contact ARPA@elcmdm.org
Creating a NEW Provider Account (continued)

Provider will need to verify that all the information populated is correct.

If address is invalid, you will see a red caution sign informing you that there is an error that needs to be corrected.

Once the address is corrected, the field will show a blue check mark and you can now continue with the application process.
Creating a NEW Provider Account (continued)

The screenshot below shows all the bonuses available. All bonuses have been pre-selected in order for providers to take advantage of all resources available to them.

- All courses must be taken **ON OR AFTER** July 1, 2022 to be eligible.
- For the following three bonuses “CLASS® Bonus –Prekindergarten” “CLASS® Bonus Infant/Toddler”, and “Upskill Director Bonus”, the Educator/Director must complete required courses. Information will be available soon.
- The Early Learning Coalition will provide key codes to access the courses once approved.

### Please note: These courses are on a first-come, first-served basis and require key codes in order to access them.
Creating a NEW Provider Account (continued)

The following questions must all be answered in order to determine eligibility for the bonuses/grants.

If you answer “Yes” to any one of the highlighted questions, unfortunately, you will NOT be eligible to apply for any bonus/grant.

A current W9 is required for all providers. Make sure you upload a signed W9 (must be signed within the last year) by clicking on “choose file”
Creating a NEW Provider Account (continued)

Provider must attest that the information provided is true and accurate and understand that they are applying to receive one or more of the ARPA bonuses/grants by:

- Signing
- Clicking “YES”
- Clicking “Save & Submit”
Application Status & Dashboard View

- Once the registration form is completed, the Early Learning Coalition will review the provider account.

- Allow 7-10 calendar days for initial request to be reviewed and approved.

- Once application is approved, an e-mail will be sent to notify provider that their initial application has been approved.

- Providers can access their WebAuthor account and click on ARPA icon on the dashboard to apply for available bonuses.
Currently Available Grants
Recruit and Train New Teachers

Bonuses/Grants only for Early Learning Educators hired on or after July 1, 2022

- Recruitment Bonus (Early Learning Educators)
  - $500 - Completion of background screening and at least 120 hours of employment
  - Provider and Educator must attest to the above eligibility
  - Must submit paystubs to prove 120 hours of employment

- Health & Safety Bonus (Early Learning Educators)
  - $700 - Completion of Department of Children and Families (DCF) required Health & Safety Training (part of the required 45-hour training)
  - Must submit DCF Training Transcript with application for bonus
Upcoming Grants

Bonuses/Grants for ALL Early Learning Educators and Directors (not tied to employment start date)

- Recruit and Train New Teachers
  - CLASS® Bonus (Prekindergarten and Infant/Toddler)

- Upskill Directors

- Elevate Florida’s Early Learning Workforce
  - Child Success Grants
  - CLASS® Observer Director Training Grants

- Continuous Quality Improvement Grant (CQI)

More information will follow as these bonuses and grants become available
How Can You Get More Information?

- Early Learning Coalition Website:  
  - [https://www.elcmdm.org/providers/providers-corner/arpa-work-force-grants](https://www.elcmdm.org/providers/providers-corner/arpa-work-force-grants)

- Email us at arpa@elcmdm.org

- View video training sessions on the Early Learning Coalition’s YouTube Channel -- Information Session Playlist ([https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLu9D2MN_u_2UdxtEAu_afFl7oeDIKMHc](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLu9D2MN_u_2UdxtEAu_afFl7oeDIKMHc))

- Remember, we will keep you informed through email.