**OUR MISSION**
To promote high-quality inclusive school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children’s chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages birth through age 5.

**OUR VISION**
**CHILDREN FIRST**
To ensure a comprehensive and integrated early learning system for all families and their children, birth to 5 years, ensuring high-quality programs throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, so children enter school ready to learn and succeed in life.

**NEEDED CHILDREN**
Improve outcomes for children in our neediest communities, including children with developmental and other delays and disabilities, by improving the quality of early learning programs

Target neediest areas
Identify centers in distressed zip codes and those serving children with, or at risk for, developmental delays & provide extra support for them to meet higher standards

Increase the Number of Children
Receiving services who have physical, developmental, sensory, and social-emotional delays and disabilities

**YOUNGEST CHILDREN**
Offer a continuum of care throughout childhood, with a particular focus on infants and toddlers

Age-based Rates
Adjust reimbursement rates to offer incentives to serve the youngest children

**PROVIDERS**
Strengthen Coalition relationship with providers and support providers meeting higher quality performance requirements

Improve Provider Selection and Contracting Process
Establish local provisions that support parental choice and ensure providers serving children receiving subsidies meet contract and quality requirements

Teacher Education
Increase the number of teachers with child care credentials

Quality Providers
Drive incentives to higher performing providers

Technical Business Assistance
Offer business assistance to providers in distressed areas

Educate Providers
Provide program directors/staff with training and resources to provide high quality care to all children, including children with disabilities

**EDUCATE ALL**
Educate families and the community at large about the benefits of quality early learning.

Parental Choice
Develop innovative strategies to help parents choose child care programs that ensure better outcomes for their children

Visibility
Achieve increased visibility of the importance of early learning throughout both counties by creating child care resources and providing information

**CAPACITY BUILDING**
Strengthen Board and Staff capacity to carry out strategic goals

Advocacy
Engage aggressively & systematically in advocacy to drive better outcomes for children

Early Child Care Education Systems Building
Establish regular meetings with partners to strengthen cross-sector investments and policies for children birth through age five

**FUNDING**
Increase public and private funding and reallocate funds to strategic goals

Public
Secure adequate resources to ensure high quality delivery to each child we serve

Monroe County
Establish a Permanent Funding Model for Social Services

**FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC GOALS**
Develop widely accepted state-wide bench marks of quality (e.g. Child assessments, accreditation, learning environment, etc.)

Change state policy to allow ELCS to contract only with childcare programs that meet state-wide quality bench marks

Establish the Performance Funding Program platform as the statewide quality, tiered reimbursement and pay for performance model

**PRIORITY INITIATIVES**

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