



Monroe Advisory Committee Meeting
March 14, 2023, 1 P.M.
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| I. Welcome & Introductions | Sandi Bisceglia, Chair |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Sandi Bisceglia, Chair |
| • Approval of January 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes | Sandi Bisceglia, Chair |
| III. Chair Updates | Sandi Bisceglia, Chair |
| A. Chamber Updates | |
| B. Futures Summit Update | |
| C. Resolution adopted on State Mean Index versus Federal Poverty Level | |
| D. Chamber Legislative Platform | |
| IV. Legislative Priorities | Victor Caballero |
| A. 2023 Legislative Session Update | |
| V. Partner Updates | |
| A. District Head Start/Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Update | Marla Russell, Early Childhood |
| • Public Comments | |
| B. Monroe Advisory Committee Provider Representative | SueEllen Bennett, Director |
| • Public Comments | |
| C. Department of Children and Families (DCF) Updates | Gilda Ferradaz and Jeff Hurst, DCF |
| • Public Comments | |

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VI. Monroe County Updates

Laurie Dunn/Sandra Gonzalez

- A. Needs Assessment Action Plan/Next Steps
- B. Enrollment data
- C. Outreach Activities

- Public Comments

VII. American Rescue Plan Act

- A. Round 1 and Round 2 Grants
- B. ARPA - Build a World Class Workforce

Fiorella A. Christie
Victor Caballero

- Public Comments

VIII. Professional Development Institute Update

Ana Sejeck

- A. Super Saturday! On the Road. Centering Families- Bringing in the Community!

Date and Time: April 29, 2023; 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

- Public Comments

IX. Monroe Inclusion and Assessment Update

Dr. Anabel Espinosa

- A. Developmental Screenings
- B. BPIECE
- C. Child Assessment

- Public comments

X. New Business

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair

XI. Public Comments

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair

XII. Adjourn

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair



General Announcements:

ELC Board of Directors Meeting Date: April 3, 2023; 9 A.M. ELC Headquarters and via Zoom

ELC Executive Committee Meeting May 1, 2023 at 9 A.M. via Zoom

Next Monroe Advisory Meeting Date: TBD via Zoom



MINUTES

Monroe County Advisory Committee Meeting

January 19, 2023

Meeting ID: 832 3584 0631

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Committee Attendees: Sandi Bisceglia; Aleida Jacobo; Sue Ellen Bennett; Marla Russell.

Committee Absentees: Gilda Ferradaz, Lisa Taylor

Attendees: Christine Patterson, Fiorella Christie, Anabel Espinosa, Pamela Hollingsworth, Laurie Dunn, Jose Hernandez, Evelio Torres, Daniel Armstrong, Ana Sejeck, Jeff Hurst, Dessiree Aguilera, Jacqueline Dominguez, Lisney Badillo, Victor Caballero, Lissandra Curbelo, Yadira Aguilar, Nilda Bernaldez, Jennifer Walker, Ana Sejeck, Brandi Jordan, Chuck Mohr, Paloma Lopez-Barcena, Pamela Malval, Carolina Carrion, Leanna Woods, Michele Lane.

I. Welcome & Introductions

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair

- A. S. Bisceglia called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was met with 4 voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair

Approval of October 11 Meeting Minutes (after quorum was established)

- o Motion to approve by M. Russell
- o Motion seconded by S. Bennett
- o Motion unanimously passed

III. Chair Updates

Sandi Bisceglia, Chair

S. Bisceglia shared a positive reflection about children to start the new year off. She reported that she had recently attended a Chamber meeting in the Middle Keys.

Ms. Bisceglia shared a recap on the Future's Project Summit in Orlando spearheaded by the Children's Movement. It was well attended by participants from all over the state of Florida

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including P. Hollingsworth from the Early Learning Coalition. Participants had their resumes posted on the walls in order to get to know each other. They were then divided into 5 sub committees to work for the next year to year and a half to establish a framework to advocate care for our earliest learners and create a 5-year strategic plan.

On December 2 several members of the Board of Directors and ELC staff visited Dolphin Montessori North in Key Largo. They met with the Director and got to see the teachers and children in action.

January 20, 2023, there is a visit planned at the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center to learn more about the services they offer.

IV. Legislative Priorities

V. Caballero reported that the ELC is working with Mayor Rice's office in Monroe County to present a resolution at the next Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida legislature to:

- Amend the school readiness program eligibility criteria to increase access for children in need of early education and
- Increase child care provider reimbursement rates statewide.

This is to help support families that are being challenged by the rising costs of living in Monroe County.

V. Partner Updates

A. District Head Start/Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Update M. Russell, Early Childhood Supervisor reported that the MCSD has 97 pre-k ESE children enrolled, 179 in Head Start, 220 VPK stand alone and 66 Head Start and VPK blend. Head Start is fully enrolled for the first time since Covid-19. 286 children are using VPK vouchers. She also shared information about the MSCD parent engagement nights and use of the Ready Rosie program.

E. Torres interjected that the ELC has offered the Ready Rosie to all providers but there was not much movement on it probably due to Directors and teachers being very busy with CLASS etc. A reminder will be sent out about it again.

B. S. Bennett (Provider Rep) shared that many schools are still having a hard time recruiting teachers including herself despite the wonderful Ad that the ELC has run in the Keys. She said providers were very appreciate of the ARPA grants helping them sustain their centers and being able to offer incentives to staff. Another challenge that is continuing is the lack of available space in the competency exams. They are only offered in the Keys about 4 times a year and have limited spots. The last one filled up within 20 minutes of opening registration. This needs to be a priority in the Keys so



- teachers do not miss the deadlines to take their exams. She suggested meeting with DCF and the College of the Florida Keys to see what can be done. Lastly, she announced that the Director's will have their first face to face meeting on January 28, 2023 at Kreative Kids. One item on the agenda will be a discussion on who needs the Mandatory Reporter training. Once a number, time and date are established, she or L. Dunn would contact J. Hurst from DCF to schedule the training. There will be a training on a Saturday and one in the evening to accommodate varying schedules.
- C. J. Hurst (DCF) reported that he met with the Miami Children's Initiative in Miami about the collaboration between ELC and DCF in order to make the process just as easy with all collaborators. Communication is very important. He stated he is part of the Quality Early Education System that is working on a Crisis Management training for providers. It will help providers when working with contracts regarding license issues. They are currently waiting to get it approved by legislature. He will share information on training availability. He reminded everyone of the importance of Mandated Reporting and how the training is ongoing. "If you see something, say something". Miami Dade College is offering a provider meeting on February 16, 2023 at the Kendall campus in South Miami. The ELC will receive an invite soon.

VI. Monroe County Updates

Laurie Dunn

- A. Needs Assessment Action Plan/Next Steps- L. Dunn reminded everyone why they are discussing the Monroe County Needs Assessment data and explained how she broke it down to target specific areas at each meeting. She shared the schedule and the Action Plan, asking for input on ways to improve it. The Action Plan will track progress of each target area and show areas that the ELC has implemented strategies and areas in which they have no control.
- B. Enrollment data --L. Dunn showed enrollment data for Monroe County in December.
- SR—282 children
 - VPK-- 458 children. Applications are currently being reviewed and processed for 2023-2024
 - Referrals -49 children
- C. Outreach Activities- Children's Day, Silver liners North Pole and the Holiday Village were all in Key West. The Holiday Helpers covered needy families throughout all of the Keys. ELC collaborated with Wesley House family services to get toys to ELC families Key West to Key Largo. She reminded everyone that staff is always looking for Outreach opportunities they are able to attend throughout the Keys. S. Bisceglia mentioned a contact in Marathon that L. Dunn will check with about any upcoming events in the middle keys.



Carlos Garcia keeps track of how many followers the Instagram and You Tube account has monthly and he has seen a rise in the numbers. He is currently working with Early Head Start and creating videos in Miami. When that project is complete he is be back focusing on media in the Keys. The ELC has placed ads at bus shelters in 6 high visibility areas. L. Dunn shared a picture of 2 of the ads designed to help promote ELC services. The informational flyer for the Keys is currently being updated and will be distributed soon along with new larger banners. L. Dunn shared that 11 VPK monitoring's have been completed in Monroe with 14 more to be completed by Spring break in March.

VII. American Rescue Plan Act

A. Round 1 and Round 2 Grants.

P. Lopez-Barcena stated that Round 2 for the ARPA grants opened on October 21 and that it is very similar to Round 1 except applicants will get 1 disbursement of money rather than 3. There are 39 applications in from Monroe and 23 have been approved so far. The deadline to apply is February 28. L. Dunn said the staff will continue to urge people to apply.

B. ARPA-Build a World Class Workforce

Victor Caballero

V. Caballero shared information on upcoming grants under ARPA that will be open to all providers. These are designed to help with recruitment, training and retention of teachers. The account setup was released on January 17, 2023 using Web Author and Information sessions are starting now. More information will be coming soon.

VIII. Professional development Institute Update

Ana Sejeck

Super CLASS® Saturday January 21 from 9-12:30., Early Learning Expert, Rachel Giannini is the key note speaker. She is not only funny and informative but inspirational as well. The specialized workshop will focus on CLASS with a track for infant/toddler and a Preschool track. Presented by Teachstone® Participants will receive 3.5 in service hours.

The next Super Saturday will be in April.

IX. Monroe Inclusion and Assessment Updates

Anabel Espinosa

A. Developmental Screenings --A. Espinosa shared a chart of the amount of ASQ 3 and ASQ SE (Social emotional) completed this past quarter in Monroe. She notated the number has decreased because it is based on the number of children who are due in each given month. The fluctuation is typical and on track. These screenings are offered to the parents when they sign up for services. Most families consent to both screenings.

B. BPIECE--There are 5 providers in Monroe who have completed the BPIECE process and are accessing the special needs rate.



- C. VPK SIS is off the ground and running in Monroe. Currently there are 4 children taking advantage of the services.

Evelio Torres provided information regarding CLASS® and reminded providers that if they not already been assessed they will be soon. The ELC is working with **Teachstone**® (Publisher of CLASS® instrument) and the Children’s Forum to hire enough assessors to complete the bulk of CLASS® Observations needed throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe by the end of April. Anyone scoring less than a 4 can request a second assessment. This tool measures interaction between teacher and students. The ELC is hiring assessors. Anyone interested in becoming an assessor can contact HR.

X. New Business **Sandi Bisceglia, Chair**

S. Bisceglia encouraged anyone wanting to add any new business to an agenda to contact K. Gregory prior to the next meeting.

XI. Public Comments **Sandi Bisceglia, Chair**

None

XII. Adjourn **Sandi Bisceglia, Chair**

- Motion to adjourn by M. Russell
- Motion seconded by S. Bennett

Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2023 at 1 pm.

2023 Legislative Session Update

Victor Caballero, Deputy Director of Payments & Special
Projects

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2023 Legislative Session Update

Session Dates: March 7 – May 5, 2023

Bills Filed:

1,699 bills filed

177 bills related to Education

26 bills identified for monitoring

8 priority bills identified for monitoring

Important Dates – Week of March 13th

House

Tuesday, 3/14:

- Education & Employment Committee
3:00p – 6:00p

Wednesday, 3/15:

- Children, Families, & Seniors Subcommittee
8:00a – 11:00a
- Education Quality Subcommittee
3:00p – 6:00p

Thursday, 3/16:

- PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
8:00a – 11:00a

Senate

Tuesday, 3/14:

- Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services
11:00a – 1:00p
- Appropriations Committee on Education
1:30p – 3:30p

All committee meetings can be viewed live on the [Florida Channel](#)

Bills Identified for Monitoring

House

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>
HB 0029	Tax Exemption for Diapers and Incontinence Products
HB 0045	Risk Protection Orders
HB 0435	Newborn Hearing Screenings
HB 0447	Child Care Facilities Exempt from Licensing
HB 1021	Child Care and Early Learning Providers
HB 1069	Education
HB 1223	Public PreK-12 Educational Institution and Instruction Requirements
HB 0121	Florida Kidcare Program Eligibility
HB 0193	Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
HB 0217	Rights of Children
HB 0249	Level 2 Background Screenings

Senate

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>
SB 0426	Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
SB 0538	Provisional Child Care Licensing
SB 0676	Background Screenings
SB 0758	Reading Strategies
SB 0884	Child Care Services
SB 0990	Child Care and Early Learning Providers
SB 1424	Student Outcomes
SB 1620	Childhood Mental Health, Safety, and Welfare
SB 1940	Summer Boost Kindergarten Readiness Camp
SB 0066	Risk Protection Orders
SB 0074	Child Water Safety Requirements
SB 0088	Task Force on Workforce Housing for Teachers and Expansion of Schools
SB 0114	Tax Exemption for Diapers and Incontinence Products
SB 0246	Florida Kidcare Program Eligibility
SB 0394	Newborn Hearing Screenings

Bill Summaries

House

Bill Title
HB 0447 **Child Care Facilities Exempt from Licensing** by Rep. Altman

- **Summary:** Exempts child care facility licensed by branch of United States Department of Defense or United States Coast Guard from certain state licensing requirements. **Effective: July 1, 2023**

HB 1021 **Child Care and Early Learning Providers** by Rep. McFarland

- **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to taxes for preschools & child care providers, licensing, training requirements, screenings, timeframes, insurance, & regulation. **Effective: July 1, 2023**

HB 1223 **Public PreK-12 Educational Institution and Instruction Requirements** by Rep. Anderson; Co-Sponsors: Rep. Baker & Rep. Black

- **Summary:** Requires specified policies relating to person's sex at public K-12 educational institutions; prohibits specified actions relating to use of certain titles & pronouns; & revises requirements for instruction on sexual orientation & gender identity in public schools. **Effective: July 1, 2023**

HB 0249 **Level 2 Background Screenings** by Rep. Trabulsy; Co-Sponsors: Rep. Hawkins, Rep. Killebrew, & Rep. Rizo

- **Summary:** Revising provisions related to level 2 background screenings for certain persons who have access to children & participation in the Care Provider Screening Clearing House; requires independent sanctioning authorities to participate in specified system; expands agencies & entities which may utilize Criminal Justice Information Program; requires program to develop, for federal approval, specified method for identifying or verifying individual; requires specified entities to initiate criminal history checks through FDLE or clearinghouse by specified date & provides requirements for clearinghouse. **Effective: July 1, 2024**

Bill Summaries (Contd.)

Senate

Bill

Title

SB 0538 **Provisional Child Care Licensing** by Sen. Trumbull

- **Summary:** Requiring a local licensing agency or the Department of Children and Families to issue a provisional license or registration for a family day care home under certain circumstances, etc. **Effective: Upon becoming a law**

SB 0676 **Background Screenings** by Sen. Grall

- **Summary:** Revising level 2 screening requirements; requiring the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse to allow the results of certain screenings after a date certain to be shared among specified agencies and qualified entities; revising requirements relating to background screenings for independent sanctioning authorities; revising requirements for the Criminal Justice Information Program relating to fingerprint searches; revising screening standard requirements for educator certification or employment in positions that require direct contact with certain students, etc. **Effective: July 1, 2024**

SB 0884 **Child Care Services** by Sen. Stewart

- **Summary:** Requiring the Department of Education, subject to legislative appropriation, to establish a program to provide vouchers for child care services to parents who meet a specified income requirement, etc. **Effective: July 1, 2023**

SB 0990 **Child Care and Early Learning Providers** by Sen. Grall

- **Summary:** Providing an exemption for public and private preschools from specified special assessments levied by a municipality; providing for a tax credit for certain contributions made to a child care facility; authorizing specified tax credits for corporations establishing and operating, or making payments to, child care facilities for their employees under certain conditions; requiring the Department of Children and Families to conduct specified screening of child care personnel within a specified timeframe and issue provisional approval of such personnel; providing that an insurer may not deny, cancel, or refuse to renew a policy on the basis that the policyholder operates a large family child care home, etc. **Effective: July 1, 2023**



MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 055 - 2023

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO (1) AMEND THE SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND; (2) INCREASE CHILD CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES STATEWIDE TO OFFSET HIGHER OPERATIONAL COSTS INCURRED BY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS WHILE ENSURING THAT COUNTIES RECEIVE AT LEAST AS MUCH FUNDING AS RECEIVED IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, Florida’s School Readiness Program provides subsidies for child care services and early childhood education for children who are (1) from low-income families; (2) in protective services and victims or at risk of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or homelessness; (3) foster children; and (4) children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the program not only helps young children prepare for school, but also provides child care so a parent can work or attend a training or education program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education’s Division of Early Learning administers the program at the state level and early learning coalitions administer the program at the county and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, the program’s two main goals are to help families become financially self-sufficient and to help each child develop school readiness skills; and

WHEREAS, many working parents across Monroe County — in retail, hospitality, restaurants, and “essential” jobs—are beneficiaries of Florida’s School Readiness Program; and

WHEREAS, under section 1002.87(1), Florida Statutes, children eligible for the program include children of a certain age who are from “economically disadvantaged” working families; and

WHEREAS, under section 1002.81(6), Florida Statutes, “economically disadvantaged” is defined as “having a family income that does not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level and includes being a child of a working migratory family as defined by 34 C.F.R. s. 200.81(d) or (f) or an agricultural worker who is employed by more than one agricultural employer during the course of a year, and whose income varies according to weather conditions and market stability”; and

WHEREAS, given the impact of inflation in this community, the rising cost of living, and an increasing minimum wage across the state, many children previously eligible for the program no longer qualify as their family income now exceeds 150 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenon has created a “benefits cliff” where low-income families find themselves with an income just above 150 percent of the federal poverty level and unable to afford child care while attempting to shift to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, early learning coalitions administering the program at the county and regional levels are unable, on their own, to provide subsidies for families falling off the benefits cliff; and

WHEREAS, determining income eligibility based on a percentage of the state median income instead of the federal poverty level would increase access to the School Readiness Program by creating a more flexible eligibility requirement that: (1) ensures the program works as intended by allowing low-income families to work while their children are learning; (2) allows the County to use designated funds for services for more children; and

WHEREAS, to address the above issues, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to increase access to the School Readiness Program by amending the eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, funding for the School Readiness Program is comprised primarily of federal block grant funding and allocated annually through a funding formula, which the Florida Legislature is currently reviewing; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased operational costs of child care services, challenges with recruitment and retention of qualified instructional staff, and additional program requirements, the Division of Early Learning and early learning coalitions would greatly benefit from increases to child care provider reimbursement rates statewide in order to continue to provide adequate services to children; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Florida Legislature, in the State’s General Appropriations Act, passed language which ensured that certain counties, including Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, received at least as much funding as the previous year to serve the children in the community; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to, in addition to amending the eligibility criteria for the School Readiness Program, raise the program’s provider reimbursement rates statewide and ensure that the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe receives at least as much funding as in FY 2022-2023, all of which would help guarantee that children of low-income working families will be able to participate in an early learning program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to amend the School Readiness Program eligibility criteria to increase access for children in need of early childhood education.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide increased funds to increase child care provider reimbursement rates statewide, which would offset higher operational costs incurred by those providers while ensuring that Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties receive at least as much funding as in FY 2022-2023.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties State Legislative Delegation.

Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
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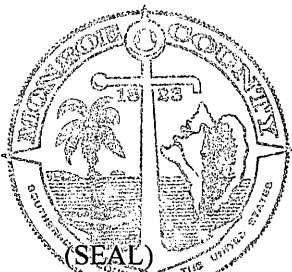
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The Honorable Paul Renner
Florida House Speaker
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting held on a regular meeting held on the 15th day of February 2023.



Mayor Craig Cates
Mayor Pro Tem Holly Merrill Raschein
Commissioner Michelle Lincoln
Commissioner James K. Scholl
Commissioner David Rice

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

ATTEST: KEVIN MADOK, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: [Signature]
As Deputy Clerk

BY: [Signature]
Mayor Craig Cates

Robert B.
Shillinger

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Robert B. Shillinger, Monroe County Attorney

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Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

- **Neediest Children**
- **Youngest Children**
- **Providers**

Monroe Updates

Laurie Dunn, Monroe County Supervisor

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Monroe Key Points

School Readiness Monroe Numbers:

- 278 children receiving School Readiness funding

Voluntary Prekindergarten Monroe Numbers:

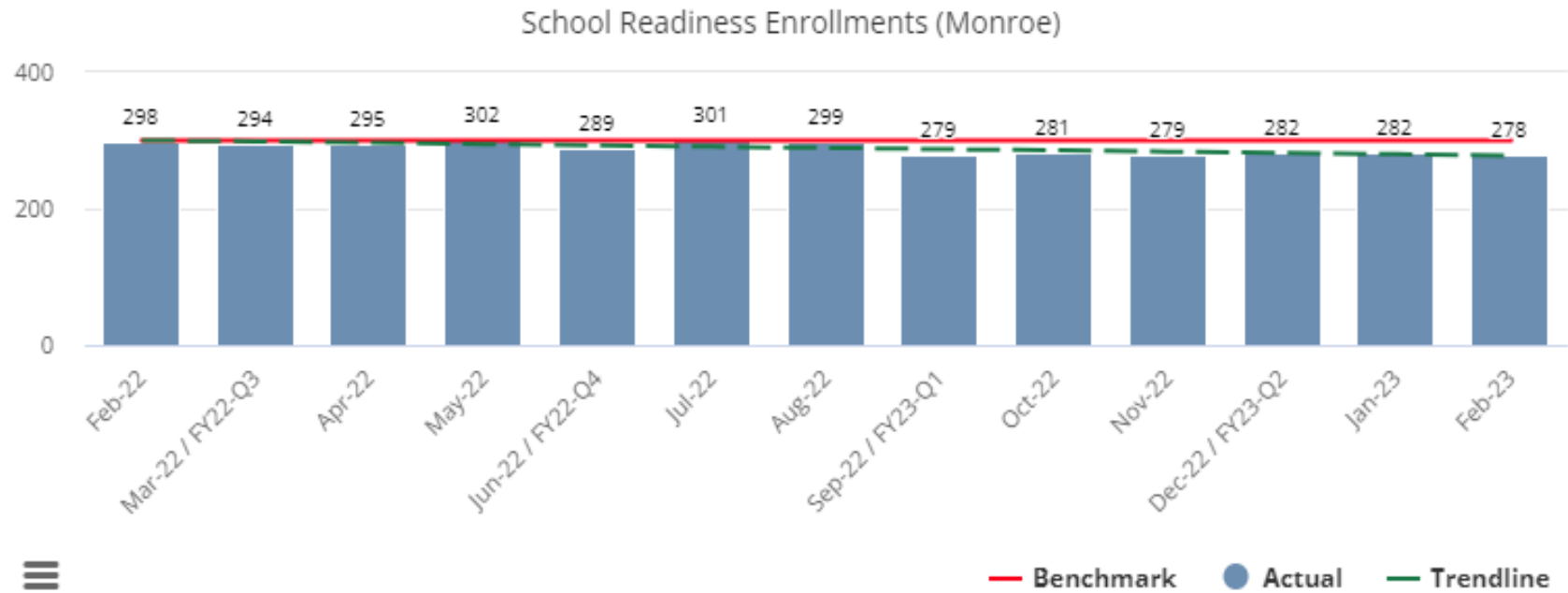
- 463 children enrolled in Voluntary Prekindergarten

At Risk Referrals:

46 children with an at risk referral

School Readiness (SR) Enrollment - Monroe

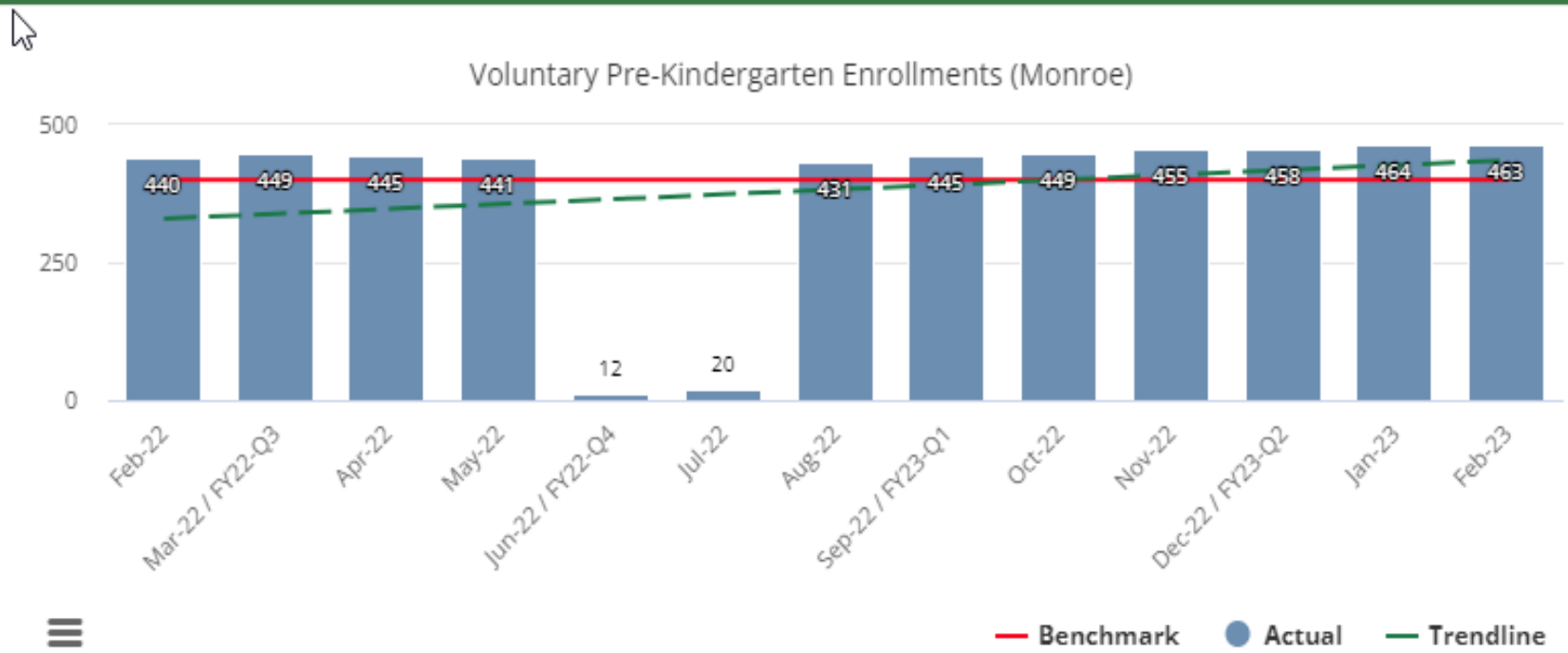
SR Enrollments (Monthly)



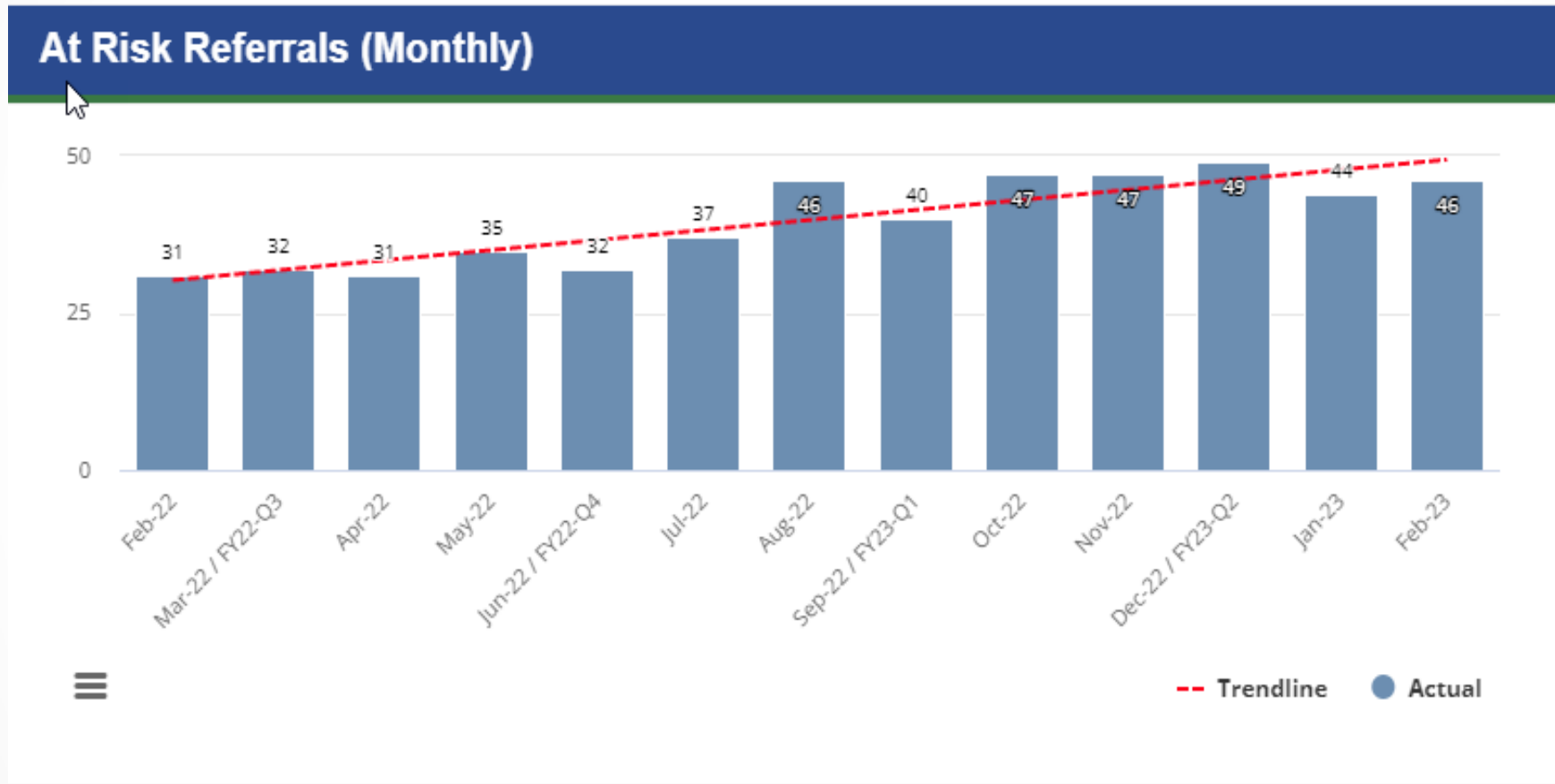
Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning's, EFS-MOD On-line System

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Enrollment- Monroe

VPK Enrollments (Monthly)



At Risk Referrals-Monroe

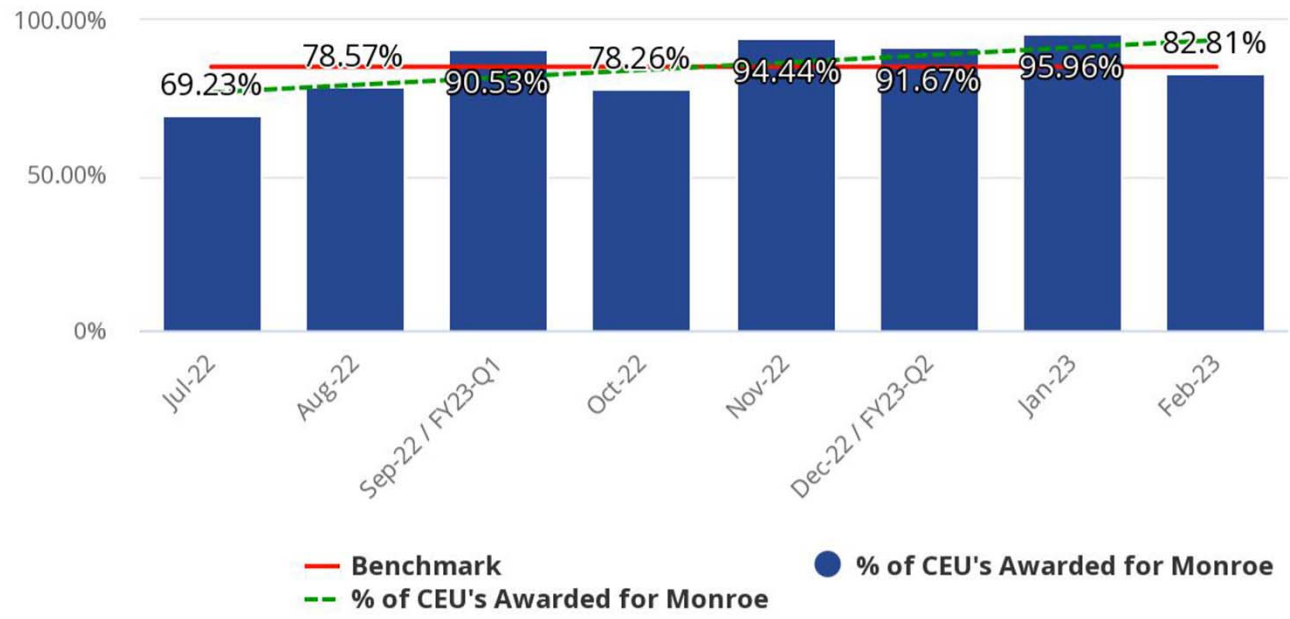


Monroe County Needs Assessment Action Plan

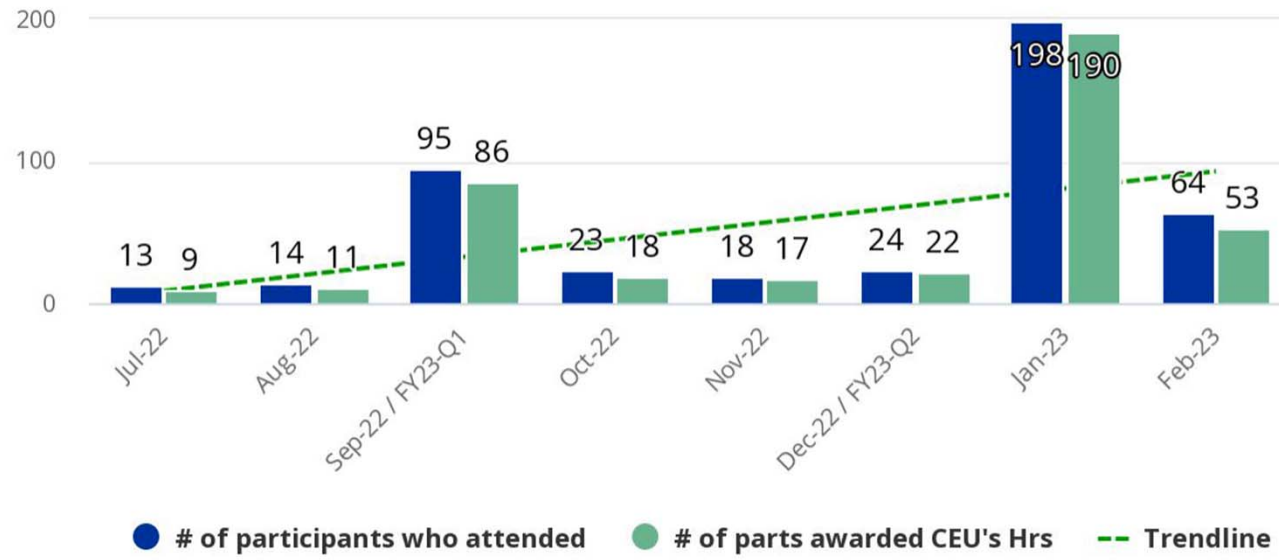
Professional Development & Teacher Shortage

Professional Development department has increased their training opportunities. Trainings offered online at various hours in English and Spanish. Coaching and mentoring offered to teachers as requested.

We placed an ad in the local paper showing pre school teacher vacancies throughout the County. This ad has helped recruit teachers at 3 child care sites so far.



of CEUs Awarded





Join the exciting and rewarding field of Early Education



Become a preschool teacher at one of these programs

MM 1 - Inez Martin Child Care Center (C16M0012)
1100 Varela St., Key West, FL 33040
Contact: Christine Patterson • 305-809-5055 • christine.patterson@wesleyhouse.org
Vacancies: 3 teachers

MM 2 - Sunbeam Christian School (C16MO0034)
1311 5th St., Key West, FL 33040
Contact: Jerlyn Matthews • 305-294-6018 • sunbeam@fsbckw.org
Vacancies: 3 teachers

MM 5 - Lighthouse Christian Academy (C16MO0014)
5580 MacDonald Ave, Key West, FL 33040
Contact: Jennifer Sisco • 305-292-5582 • lcaoffice@cwckw.org
Vacancies: 1 floater

MM 22.9 - Banana Cabanna Academy Inc. (C16MO0054)
22673 Pieces of Eight Rd, Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
Contact: Roxanne Rosado • 305-745-1400 • banana.cabanna@att.net
Vacancies: 2 teachers

MM 47 - Kreative Kids Christian Academy (X16MO0001)
4711 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050
Contact: Maria Vaillant • 305-743-7165 • Kreativekidsca@bellsouth.net • vaillantmaria@yahoo.com
Vacancies: 2 teachers

MM 49 - Grace Jones Community Center, Inc. (C16MO0048)
230 41st Street Gulf, Marathon, FL 33050
Contact: Kelly Ullrich • 305-743-6064 • gjcckids@gmail.com
Vacancies: 3 teachers

MM 87.5 - St. James Children's Center (C16MO0033)
87500 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036
Contact: Sue Ellen Bennett • 305-852-2161 • childrenscenter@stjamesthefisherman.org
Vacancies: 1 teacher

MM 92 - Burton Memorial CDC (C16MO0018)
93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070
Contact: Nilda Bernaldez • 305-852-0250 • acabar11@yahoo.com
Vacancies: 2 part-time floaters

MM 99 - First Baptist Church Jack Hill Child Care (C16MO0021)
99001 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, FL 33037
Contact: Leeanna Woods • 305-451-2125 • fbcjhccc@yahoo.com
Vacancies: 1 teacher

For additional updates on early care and education vacancies in Monroe County, contact Laurie Dunn - ldunn@elcmdm.org

Sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe and the State of Florida.

Monroe Activities

Directors Meeting: Feb 11 at Kreative Kids
Next one: May 6 at St. James
Competency Test: March 25th and April 22

Community Resource Fair: March 15
VPK monitoring's: 18 programs completed. 5 left to do
Completion date March 28

Promotional Efforts

Chamber Meetings
Community Partner Collaborations
Banners in Key West, Marathon, Key Largo
Outreach Activities
Keys Weekly, Time Out Magazine
Monroe Instagram
Facebook posts
You Tube Channel
Monroe Tab on ELC website
ELC blasts

American Rescue Plan Act Grant

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American Rescue Plan Act Grant

Round 2

Applications

- Received 1334
- Approved 1,037 programs totaling \$66,004,932.42
- Monroe
 - Approved 36 - \$1,302,260.61

Top 10 Highest Paid

- 1.NAS Key West Child Dev. Center \$134,570
- 2.Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea \$131,070
- 3.Burton Memorial \$70,302
- 4.Community Cooperative Preschool \$68,059
- 5.Grace Lutheran \$63,142
- 6.Montessori Children's School of Key West \$56,965
- 7.St. Justin Martyr Preschool \$52,475
- 8.Inez Marin \$47,764
- 9.Kreative Kids \$46,376
- 10.Boys & Girls Club of the Keys Area \$41,589

Round 1

Applications

- Awarded 1,278 programs totaling \$83,187,761.25
- 1st installment – \$27,729,253.75 – 100% completed
- 2nd installment - \$27,346,779.56 – 99% completed
- 3rd installment - \$18,476,125.65 – 67% completed

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Build a World CLASS® Workforce

- The Division of Early Learning (DEL) prioritized investments that will build the knowledge and skills that drive high-quality adult-child interactions. These investments extend from the newest teacher to the most experienced teachers and program directors.
- Over 580 early care and education partners have applied as of 03/10/23.
 - **Monroe Provider Applications: 13**

Upcoming Informational Sessions – March 2023:

Monday, March 13, 2023 - Spanish 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - English 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

Monday, March 20, 2023 - Spanish 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

Monday, March 27, 2023 - English 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 843 5356 5884; Passcode: 368814

All Grants

- **Recruit and Train New Teachers**
 - Health and Safety Bonus - \$700
 - Recruitment bonus - \$500
 - CLASS® Bonus -\$600
- **Upskill Directors**
 - **\$750 bonus**
- **Elevate Florida's Early Learning Workforce**
 - **Child Success Grants**
 - Segment 1 - \$500 for educators, \$600 for directors
 - Segment 2 - \$700 for educators, \$800 for directors
 - **CLASS® Observer Director Training Grants - \$1,200 bonus**
- **Continuous Quality Improvement**
 - **Up to \$19,800**
- More information on our website (<https://www.elcmdm.org/providers/providers-corner/arpa-work-force-grants>) and YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCswxKtckXP-oZyLNgZitccg>)

Save the Date!

Super Saturday on the Road...Centering Families

- Saturday, April 29, 2023
- A Training Extravaganza!
- **Live and in person!**
- Miami Edison Senior High School
- The Professional Development Institute is taking Super Saturday on the road with speakers, music, specialized vendors, raffles and more!



Developmental Screening, Inclusion & Assessment

Lead Manager, Laurie Dunn, *Director*

Lead Specialist, Dessiree Aguilera, *Inclusion and Screening Lead*

Lead Specialist, Amber Keller, *BPIECE Lead*

Key Points

Best Practices in Inclusive Early Childhood Education

The Inclusion, Screening and Assessment team has offered BPIECE Support Services Program to early care and education partners in Monroe.

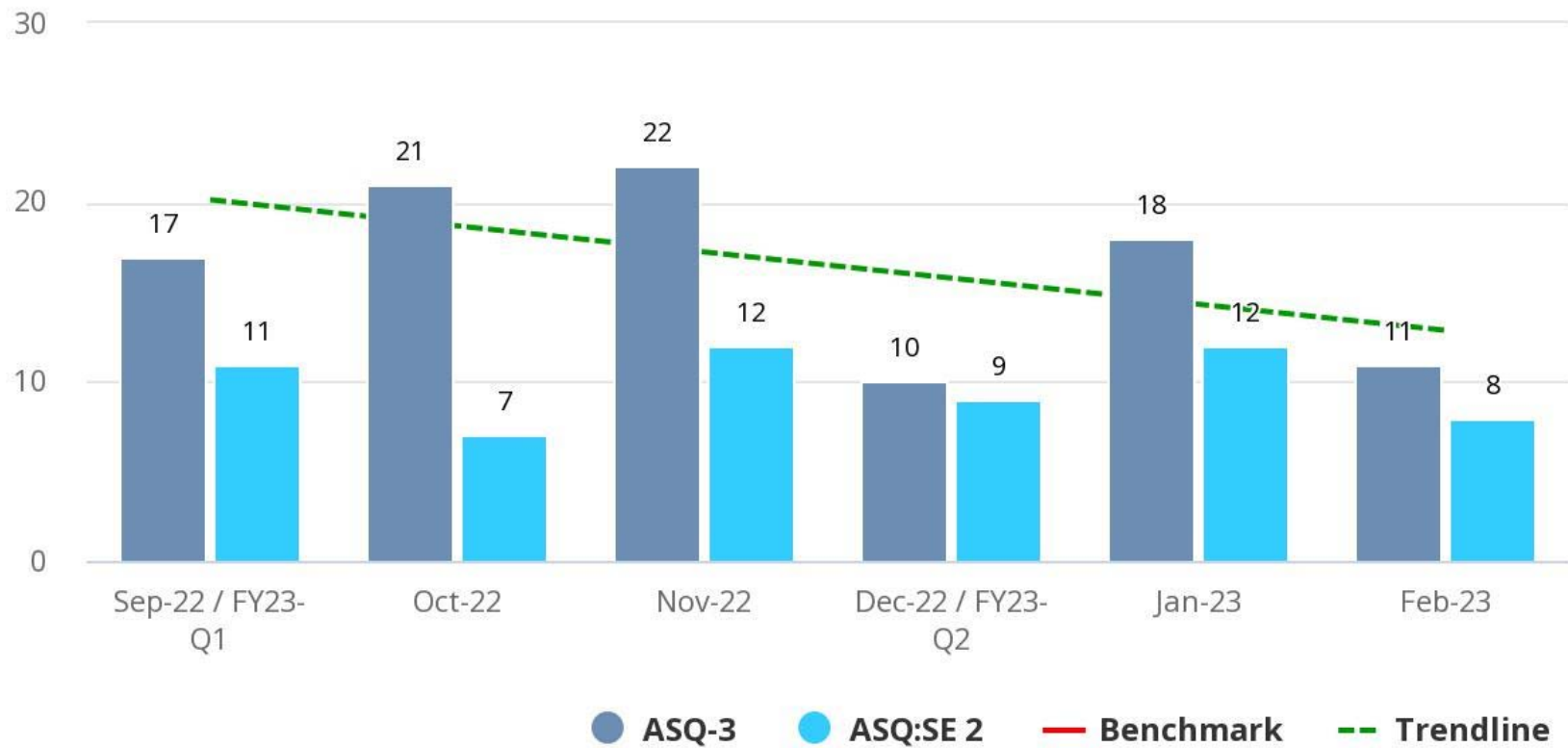
Developmental Screenings

Programs in Monroe have transitioned to the Statewide Providers Services Portal. Screenings connect families with additional resources and evaluation, if needed.

Voluntary Pre-K Specialized Instructional Services (VPK-SIS)

VPK-SIS is offered to eligible children in Monroe!

Developmental Screening Administered : Monroe



Data Source: Clear Point Scorecard, Developmental Screening Program

Inclusion/Assessment Screenings in Monroe

Year to Date (Jul. 1, 2022- Present)	ASQ®-3	ASQ®:SE-2	Totals
Number of children screened	116	73	189
Number of children with screeners in the Concern/Monitoring	41	28	69
Number of children referred for additional evaluation			13

Data Source: *Statewide Coalition Services Portal*

* Developmental Screening Program and/or support requests on Warm Line

VPK Specialized Instructional Supports (VPK-SIS) Monroe

VPK SIS Approved Providers

- Alpha Behavioral Solutions
- Happy Time Behavioral Therapy Services
- Clever Kids Therapy Center
- ABA Star Service

Number of VPK SIS Children Served

- Year to Date
 - **Four (4)** Children were enrolled with VPK-SIS services in Monroe.

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