



**Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting
Monday August 28, 2023; 9 A.M.
Meeting ID: 865 3398 9007
Passcode: 596169**

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| I. Welcome & Introductions | Chereen Coile |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Chereen Coile |
| A. Motion to Approve May 30, 2023 minutes. | |
| III. American Rescue Plan Act Update | Fiorella A. Christie |
| IV. American Rescue Plan Act Discretionary Grant Program | Evelio Torres |
| A. Motion to Approve | |
| V. Early Head Start | Belkis Torres |
| A. Enrollment | |
| B. Attendance | |
| C. Meals | |
| D. Incident Reports | |
| VI. Professional Development Institute | Ana Sejeck |
| A. Super Literacy Saturday! Recap | |
| B. National CDA Registration | |
| VII. Public Comments | Chereen Coile |
| VIII. Adjourn | Chereen Coile |

Next Meeting:

Monday September 25, 2023; 9 A.M.

Mission: To promote high-quality 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 needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting
Tuesday May 30, 2023; 9 A.M.
Meeting ID: 850 2496 6079
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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Sandi Bisceglia, Dr. Fluney, Joycelyn Lawrence, Denise Barrera, Dr. Riestra

Board Attendees: Dr. Armstrong, Gilda Ferradaz

Committee Absentees: Suzette Frazier, Jim Haj Chereen Coile

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Mercy Castiglione, Fiorella A. Christie, Lissandra Curbelo, Carolina Carrion, Belkis Torres, Michelle Meilan, Alex Sanchez, Dr. Espinosa, Pamela Hollingsworth, Andrea Penton, Lisney Badillo, Sandra Gonzalez, Mercy Castiglioni, Ahmed Mitwalli, R. Hurtado, Matthew Zaldivar, Sheyla Perez, Vanessa Aguilera-Viera, Victor Caballero, Ahmed Mitwalli, Paloma Lopez, Cindy Cabrera

I. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Fluney

- A. Dr. Fluney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with five voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Fluney

- A. Motion to approve March 27, 2023 minutes.
 - Motion to approve S. Bisceglia
 - Motion Seconded Dr. Barrera
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. Legislative Session Wrap Up

Evelio Torres

Important updates were provided by Evelio Torres. Graphs were provided in the board packet.

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IV. CLASS® Assessments Update

Fiorella A. Christie

Fiorella A. Christie reported the most up to date figures and important information.

V. American Rescue Plan Act Update

**Fiorella A. Christie and
Victor Caballero**

Victor Caballero provided the latest APRA Build a Better World CLASS figures and reported:

- 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.
- 813 early care and education partners have applied as of 04/30/23 (*application deadline*).
- These 813 early care and education partners represent 6,001 educators that have applied for at least one of the bonuses.

VI. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

A detail report was provided by Belkis Torres on EHS statistics.

A. Enrollment

The program continues to be fully enrolled. The enrollment chart on the next slide is the percent of enrollment attained for the respective months. One hundred percent (100%) enrollment does not mean that all slots were filled every day during the identified month. If a vacant slot was filled within 30 days; that vacant slot will be considered fully enrolled for the month. Average number of days to fill slots were:

- February = 2 days
- March = 7 days
- April = 5 days

B. Attendance

The program has met the 85% threshold for attendance for the past three (3) consecutive months. An analysis of the absences showed that the majority of the absences were due to children being sick. Vomiting, diarrhea, and fever were some of the most reported reasons for children being sick.



C. Meals

For the 5-year project, the program established an objective to have all Early Head Start locations obtain the Breastfeeding Friendly (BFF) Designation from the Florida Health Department. All of the Early Head Start sites have obtained the designation. On May 23, 2023, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recognized the program for our focus on promoting breastfeeding at the centers and supporting all Early Head Start sites with obtaining the BFF Designation.

VII. Resolutions

Belkis Torres

- **05302023-01** EHS COVID Policy 2022-2023
Authorize the President and CEO to implement the Early Head Start COVID 19 Mitigation Policy as required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration for Children and Families Program instruction ACF-PI-HS-01.
 - o Dr. Fluney asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
 - o Motion seconded by S. Bisceglia
 - o Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Professional Development Institute

Ana Sejeck

- A. Recap Super Saturday! On the Road. Centering Families- Bring in the Community!
- B. CDA Registration
- C. Program of the Year- Family Child Care Home- Danish V. Williams Family Child Care Home
- D. Program of the Year – Center-Based- Grace United Learning Center-Edith Joseph Director

IX. Public Comments

Dr. Fluney

X. Adjourn

Dr. Fluney

Next Meeting:

August 28, 2023; 9 A.M.



Early Learning Coalition Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting

August 28, 2023

Resolution: 08282023-01

Action Requested: Authorize the President and CEO to develop and submit a plan for the administration of the Discretionary Grant Program to the Division of Early Learning and to implement the plan once it is approved.

Fiscal Impact: An approximate amount of \$46,962,427, which is subject to the availability of funding.

Funding Source(s): Florida Department of Education Division of Early Learning

Strategic Goal:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neediest Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Providers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youngest Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educate All	<input type="checkbox"/> ELC Operations

RESOLUTION: 08282023-01

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM TO THE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN ONCE IT IS APPROVED.

WHEREAS, the Program Policy and Strategy Committee has been apprised of the program goals through the attached narrative, hereby incorporated by reference, and the Program Policy and Strategy Committee is in agreement with the goals described therein;

WHEREAS, the Program Policy and Strategy Committee recommends approving this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Program Policy and Strategy Committee shall present this action to the Board of the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. (the "Board"), and shall recommend that the Board approve this action at the next meeting of the Board.

Background:

By way of the General Appropriations Act: Section 53, the nonrecurring sum of \$305,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund was allocated to the Department of Education for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to implement the **Discretionary Grant Program**. The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELCMDM) has been allotted \$46,962,427 of the aforementioned funding.

Discretionary Grant funds can be used for the following purposes:

- increasing/building the supply of childcare
- training and professional development activities
- workforce initiatives
- local initiatives/pilot projects to improve kindergarten readiness
- community outreach and family engagement
- mental health supports
- equipment
- supplies
- classroom/childcare materials
- curriculum
- business administration computer software
- school readiness learning computer software

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe must submit a plan and application to the Division of Early Learning for administering the Discretionary Grant Program funding. In preparation, the ELCMDM hosted a Provider feedback session on July 6th, 2023 with 160 providers in attendance. Based on the feedback received at the session, the ELCMDM has developed a comprehensive plan to administer the funds allotted for the Discretionary Grant Program that meets the criteria laid forth in the General Appropriation Act as well as the needs of the Miami-Dade and Monroe communities.

EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Program, Policy, and Strategic Committee
Belkis Torres, Vice President for Early Head Start



Early Head Start Slides Summary

Enrollment

The program continues to be fully enrolled. The enrollment chart on the next slide is the percent of enrollment attained for the specified months. One hundred percent (100%) enrollment does not mean that all slots were filled every day during the specified month. If a vacant slot was filled within 30 days, that vacant slot will be considered fully enrolled for the month.

Disability Enrollment:

The program has already attained 10% enrollment of children with an identified disability. The program ended 2022-2023 program year with a little over 19% of enrolled children having an identified disability.

Attendance

Attendance fell below 85% of the average daily attendance during the months of June and July.

Analysis of attendance

In June and July, the main reasons for absences were due to children being sick and being on vacation.

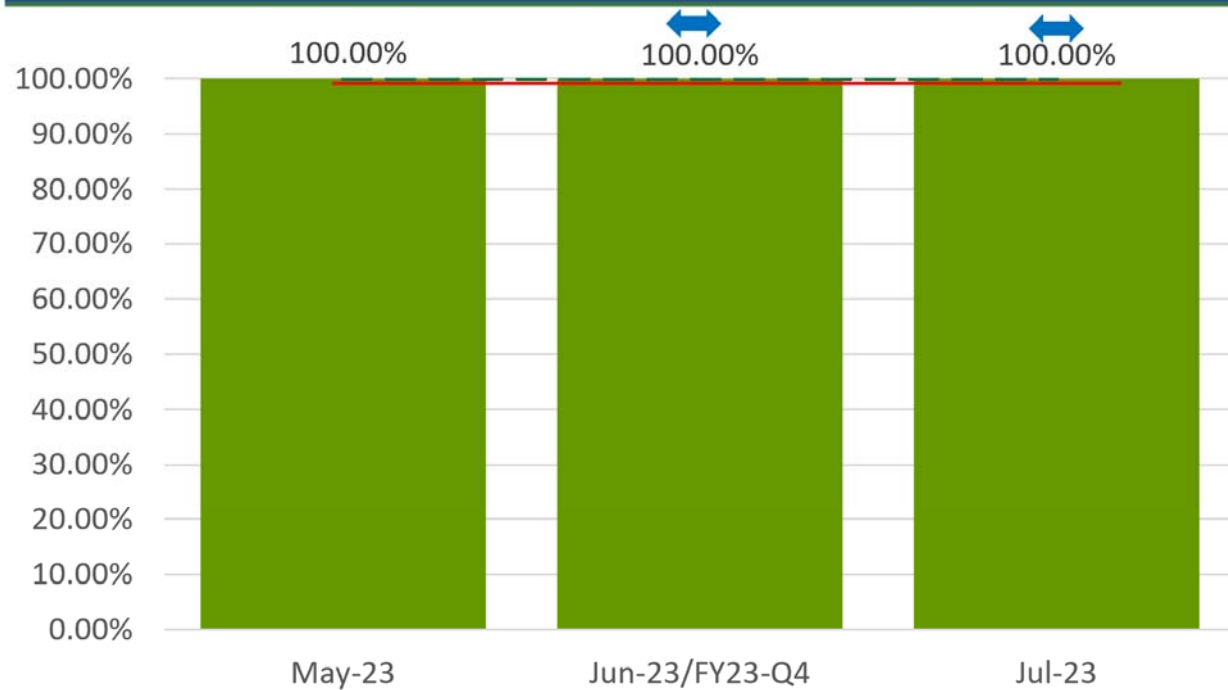
For both months, having a fever was the main reason for children being sick; this was followed by children having a cold.

Reported Incidents

During the past month, three incidents were reported to the Regional Office. In two of the incidents, teachers were working alone in the classroom and left the classroom while children were napping. In one of the incidents the teacher went to throw out the trash and the other incident the teacher went to open the center's main door. In the third incident, it was reported that a teacher was alone in the classroom and found asleep in the chair while children were napping. All incidents were called-in to the Child Abuse Hotline. The Child Abuse Hotline recorded the incident but did not conduct an investigation.

Enrollment

% of Monthly Enrollment (Upward Trend is Good)



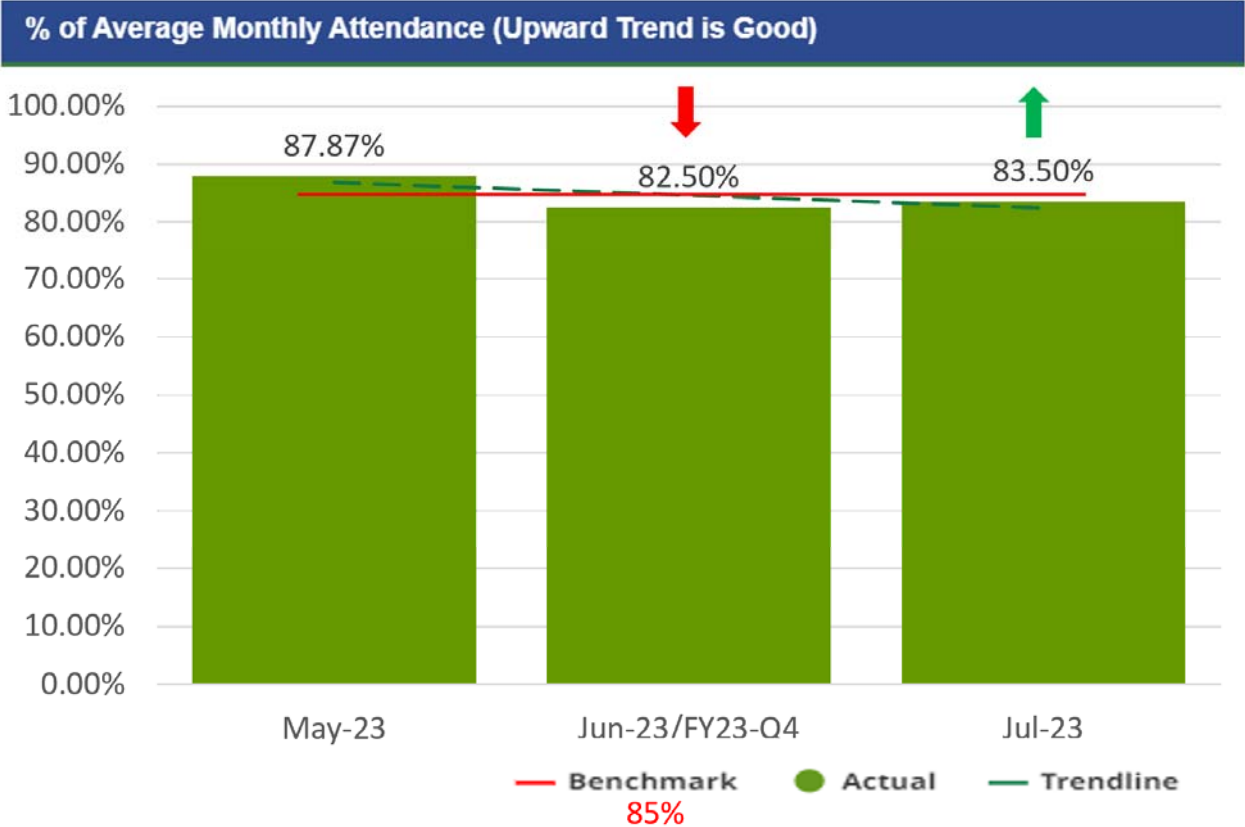
- ↑ Increase from the Previous Month
- ↓ Decrease from the Previous Month
- ↔ No change from the Previous Month

Source: ChildPlus

— Benchmark ● Actual — Trendline

Attendance

- ↑ Increase from the Previous Month
- ↓ Decrease from the Previous Month
- ↔ No change from the Previous Month



Source: ChildPlus

May Monthly Meals

Source: ChildPlus

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
7 Heaven	696	100.00%	696	100.00%	696	100.00%
B&G Preschool	581	100.00%	576	99.14%	581	100.00%
Children of the New Sun Academy	410	100.00%	405	98.78%	410	100.00%
It's A Small World II	463	100.00%	463	100.00%	463	100.00%
It's A Small World Academy II	155	100.00%	155	100.00%	155	100.00%
It's A Small World VII	665	100.00%	642	96.54%	665	100.00%
Jitta Bug Learning Center	120	100.00%	120	100.00%	120	100.00%
K.K.L.B. Learning Center, Inc	220	100.00%	220	100.00%	220	100.00%
Kids Small World Learning Center	621	100.00%	621	100.00%	621	100.00%
Kinderkids Academy III	621	100.00%	621	100.00%	621	100.00%
Kinderland 4 Kids	350	100.00%	350	100.00%	350	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 102	442	100.00%	442	100.00%	442	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 450	1,187	100.00%	1,187	100.00%	1,187	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 905	299	100.00%	299	100.00%	299	100.00%
Little Ones Academy Corp	443	99.77%	443	99.77%	443	99.77%

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
Little Red School House	347	100.00%	347	100.00%	347	100.00%
Lord's Learning Center, Inc.	289	99.66%	286	98.62%	290	100.00%
Miami Gardens Learning Center	384	99.48%	381	98.70%	383	99.22%
My Little Angels Day Care Center	585	99.66%	585	99.66%	584	99.49%
Naranja Prep Academy Annex	232	100.00%	232	100.00%	232	100.00%
New Aladdin Learning Center	608	100.00%	608	100.00%	608	100.00%
Pink and Blue Children's Academy	234	100.00%	234	100.00%	234	100.00%
Rainbow Intergenerational	598	99.01%	577	95.53%	591	97.85%
Shores School	962	99.90%	962	99.90%	962	99.90%
Springview Academy Of Hialeah	962	99.79%	930	96.47%	963	99.90%
Step Above Academy	281	100.00%	270	96.09%	262	93.24%
Sunshine Childcare and Preschool Center	502	100.00%	502	100.00%	502	100.00%
The Carter Academy II	288	99.31%	285	98.28%	286	98.62%
Thy Kingdom Kids Learning Academy Corp. 1	289	100.00%	289	100.00%	289	100.00%
Tiny Tykes	422	99.76%	421	99.53%	413	97.64%
Early Learning Coalition	14,256	99.87%	14,149	99.12%	14,219	99.61%

June Monthly Meals

Source: ChildPlus

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
7 Heaven	669	100.00%	669	100.00%	669	100.00%
B&G Preschool	542	99.82%	542	99.82%	542	99.82%
Children of the New Sun Academy	401	98.53%	407	100.00%	406	99.75%
It's A Small World II	419	100.00%	419	100.00%	419	100.00%
It's A Small World Academy II	130	89.66%	130	89.66%	130	89.66%
It's A Small World VII	634	100.00%	634	100.00%	634	100.00%
Jitta Bug Learning Center	103	99.04%	104	100.00%	104	100.00%
K.K.L.B. Learning Center, Inc	204	100.00%	204	100.00%	204	100.00%
Kids Small World Learning Center	567	100.00%	567	100.00%	567	100.00%
Kinderkids Academy III	573	100.00%	573	100.00%	573	100.00%
Kinderland 4 Kids	334	100.00%	334	100.00%	334	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 102	408	99.76%	409	100.00%	409	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 450	1,149	100.00%	1,149	100.00%	1,149	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 905	322	100.00%	322	100.00%	322	100.00%
Little Ones Academy Corp	409	99.51%	409	99.51%	409	99.51%

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
Little Red School House	342	100.00%	342	100.00%	342	100.00%
Lord's Learning Center, Inc.	255	98.84%	257	99.61%	258	100.00%
Miami Gardens Learning Center	287	95.35%	301	100.00%	299	99.34%
My Little Angels Day Care Center	542	99.63%	542	99.63%	543	99.82%
Naranja Prep Academy Annex	208	100.00%	208	100.00%	208	100.00%
New Aladdin Learning Center	556	100.00%	556	100.00%	556	100.00%
Pink and Blue Children's Academy	219	99.55%	220	100.00%	220	100.00%
Rainbow Intergenerational	528	96.70%	533	97.62%	542	99.27%
Shores School	913	99.46%	913	99.46%	913	99.46%
Springview Academy Of Hialeah	842	95.90%	875	99.66%	870	99.09%
Step Above Academy	227	92.28%	221	89.84%	239	97.15%
Sunshine Childcare and Preschool Center	449	100.00%	449	100.00%	449	100.00%
The Carter Academy II	258	99.61%	258	99.61%	258	99.61%
Thy Kingdom Kids Learning Academy Corp. 1	243	99.59%	243	99.59%	244	100.00%
Tiny Tykes	373	100.00%	371	99.46%	372	99.73%
Early Learning Coalition	13,106	99.05%	13,161	99.46%	13,184	99.64%

July Monthly Meals

Source: ChildPlus

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
7 Heaven	501	99.80%	502	100.00%	502	100.00%
B&G Preschool	459	100.00%	459	100.00%	459	100.00%
Children of the New Sun Academy	385	99.74%	386	100.00%	386	100.00%
It's A Small World II	379	100.00%	379	100.00%	379	100.00%
It's A Small World Academy II	114	100.00%	114	100.00%	114	100.00%
It's A Small World VII	567	100.00%	567	100.00%	567	100.00%
Jitta Bug Learning Center	86	96.63%	89	100.00%	89	100.00%
K.K.L.B. Learning Center, Inc	190	100.00%	190	100.00%	190	100.00%
Kids Small World Learning Center	543	100.00%	543	100.00%	543	100.00%
Kinderkids Academy III	529	100.00%	529	100.00%	529	100.00%
Kinderland 4 Kids	304	100.00%	304	100.00%	304	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 102	338	100.00%	338	100.00%	338	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 450	931	99.89%	932	100.00%	932	100.00%
Lincoln Marti - 905	262	99.62%	260	98.86%	263	100.00%
Little Ones Academy Corp	379	100.00%	379	100.00%	379	100.00%

Partner	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
Little Red School House	266	100.00%	266	100.00%	266	100.00%
Lord's Learning Center, Inc.	236	99.58%	236	100.00%	236	100.00%
Miami Gardens Learning Center	243	95.88%	243	100.00%	242	99.59%
My Little Angels Day Care Center	429	99.77%	428	99.77%	428	99.77%
Naranja Prep Academy Annex	164	95.12%	156	95.12%	156	95.12%
New Aladdin Learning Center	514	100.00%	514	100.00%	514	100.00%
Pink and Blue Children's Academy	198	100.00%	197	99.49%	198	100.00%
Rainbow Intergenerational	486	96.71%	474	97.53%	486	100.00%
Shores School	791	100.00%	791	100.00%	791	100.00%
Springview Academy Of Hialeah	793	96.97%	792	99.87%	792	99.87%
Step Above Academy	231	96.54%	192	83.12%	230	99.57%
Sunshine Childcare and Preschool Center	422	100.00%	422	100.00%	422	100.00%
The Carter Academy II	263	99.24%	260	98.86%	261	99.24%
Thy Kingdom Kids Learning Academy Corp. 1	259	100.00%	259	100.00%	259	100.00%
Tiny Tykes	376	98.94%	375	99.73%	375	99.73%
Early Learning Coalition	11,645	99.30%	11,576	99.41%	11,630	99.87%

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