

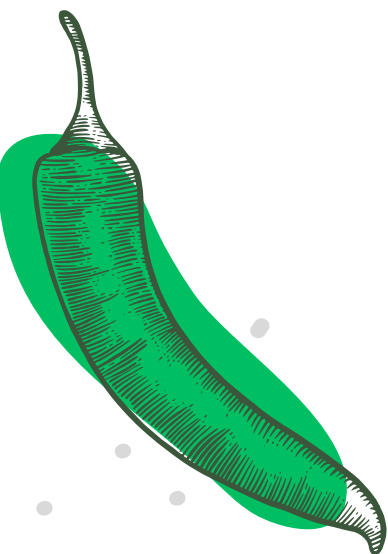


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*Your*  
**RECIPE FOR  
SUCCESS**

Resource Booklet



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Florida Legal Services	Cindy Cox	Outreach and Enrollment Specialist	850-680-1725	<a href="mailto:cindy.cox@floridalegal.org">cindy.cox@floridalegal.org</a>
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Brehon Family Services	Shirley O'Rear	Executive Director		<a href="mailto:sorear@brehonfamilyservices.org">sorear@brehonfamilyservices.org</a>
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Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	Marquesas Blimes	Regional Assistive Technology Specialist	1-850-487-3278 x108	<a href="mailto:mblimes@faast.org">mblimes@faast.org</a>



# 25th Oktoberfest 🍷

presented by

 **Sentara**  
Health Plans

 **ELDER CARE**  
SERVICES, INC.

## Save the Date!

October 29, 2023

Cascades Park

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Doors open at 2:00 pm for VIP

# DID YOU KNOW?

Too much stress over a long period of time can have a negative impact on your baby. Research shows that as the mother's stress level rises, the baby's does as well, and prolonged exposure to stress hormones can impact a baby's brain development. WEE Care's goal is to minimize this by assisting mothers in need.



# WHAT DO WE PROVIDE!

DIAPERS

WIPES

RESOURCES/  
REFERRALS



## DONATIONS WE ACCEPT:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Toys
- Gift Cards





# About

## Women Empowering Each other

*A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose goal is to play a vital role in addressing the consequences of poverty and their effects on women and children. WEE is a volunteer-based, community organization that provides resources and workshops increasing awareness to mental health issues and substance abuse.*

Founded in 2015



## CONTACT DETAILS

**WEE understands many new mothers are stressed, however, too much stress over a long period of time can have a negative impact on the baby. Research shows that as the mother's stress level rises, the baby's does as well, and prolonged exposure to stress hormones can impact a baby's brain development. WEE Care's goal is to minimize this by assisting mothers in need.**

- A: 327 OFFICE PLAZA DR,  
STE 210  
TALLAHASSEE, FL32301
- P: 352-567-8626 / 850-274-8010
- E: GiveDiapersTLH@gmail.com



Wee Care Women



# Assisting Women & Children

[www.womenempoweringeachother.org](http://www.womenempoweringeachother.org)



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## Community Day

*Distributing Diapers,  
Food & Health and  
Wellness Resources*

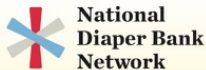


October 28 | 9 am - 12 pm

**Greensboro Elementary School**

**559 Greensboro Hwy**

**Quincy, FL 32351**



**National  
Diaper Bank  
Network**

More Information :



(850)- 270-3679



[www.womenempoweringeachother.org](http://www.womenempoweringeachother.org)



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College  
Mothers**



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# Rebuild Florida

## FREE TRAINING PROGRAM

Build Your Best Career in as Little as 8 Weeks  
and Help Your Community

Florida residents can now apply to train for one of two highly sought-after industry certifications, tuition-free, at Tallahassee Community College: **Construction Technologies** and **Drone Technology**. Students who qualify for this program are also provided with career placement assistance.

**CONTACT: (850) 201-8760 | [REBUILDFLORIDA@TCC.FL.EDU](mailto:REBUILDFLORIDA@TCC.FL.EDU)**



This training is made available through the Florida Commerce Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program. Launched with federal Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery funding to assist communities affected by Hurricane Michael, the Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program trains Floridians in the construction trades necessary to support disaster recovery efforts. For more information, visit [RebuildFlorida.gov](http://RebuildFlorida.gov).

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*Child Care Resource and Referral*

## YOUR FREE, FAMILY-FOCUSED SERVICES

This free and confidential service bridges resources and information for the entire family. Contact us today - no eligibility required.



### Child Care Listings

CCR&R provides customized lists of child care options based on the needs of the family. This includes facility hours, programming, and rates.



### Financial Assistance

CCR&R can provide information and assist in applying for child care assistance and exploring other financial assistance options.



### Consumer Education

CCR&R can provide information on a range of topics, including how to locate quality early learning programs and the importance of family engagement.



### Community Resources

CCR&R can connect families with local resources that may be able to assist with other needs, such as housing, food, or utility assistance.



*Child Care Resource and Referral*

## CONTAMOS CON RECURSOS GRATUITOS PARA LA FAMILIA

Brindamos recursos gratuitos y confidenciales sin requisitos de elegibilidad.  
Contáctenos hoy para encontrar apoyo.



### Listados de Cuidado Infantil

CCR&R proporciona listas personalizadas de opciones de cuidado infantil según las necesidades de la familia. Esto incluye horarios, programación y tarifas de las instalaciones.



### Ayuda Financiera

CCR&R puede brindarle información y ayudarlo a solicitar asistencia para el cuidado de niños y explorar otras opciones de asistencia financiera.



### Educación del Consumidor

Podemos proporcionar información sobre una variedad de temas, que incluyen cómo ubicar programas de aprendizaje temprano y la importancia de la participación familiar.



### Recursos de la Comunidad

CCR&R puede conectar a las familias con los recursos locales que pueden ayudarlo con la vivienda, los alimentos o la asistencia con los servicios públicos.





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# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AND MORE



## WHAT IS SCHOOL READINESS?

**Florida's School Readiness Program (SR)** offers financial assistance to help children age 0-12 from low-income families receive high-quality child care so parents can work or participate in job training.

The program takes into account a child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development and provides resources and assistance to families.

Parents can choose from private centers, public schools, and family childcare homes.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Parent(s)/guardians(s) must be working or participating in an educational activity, such as attending college or trade school at least 20 hours per week.
- Gross income must be at or below 150% of federal poverty level for family size.
- Families must pay a copayment for child care based on income and family size.

## APPLY NOW

You can apply online from a computer, laptop, or cellphone. Visit our website, **[elcbigbend.org](http://elcbigbend.org)**, under School Readiness.



[familyservices@elcbigbend.org](mailto:familyservices@elcbigbend.org)



(850) 385-0504



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# ASISTENCIA PARA EL CUIDADO DE NIÑOS Y MÁS



## ¿QUÉ ES SCHOOL READINESS?

**El Programa de Preparación Escolar (“School Readiness”)** de Florida ofrece asistencia financiera para ayudar a los niños de familias de bajos ingresos a recibir cuidado infantil de alta calidad para que los padres puedan trabajar o participar en capacitación laboral.


El programa tiene en cuenta el desarrollo físico, social, emocional e intelectual del niño y proporciona recursos y asistencia a las familias. Los padres pueden elegir entre centros privados, escuelas públicas y hogares de cuidado infantil familiar.


## REQUISITOS DE ELEGIBILIDAD

- Los padres/tutores deben estar trabajando o participando en una actividad educativa, como asistir a la universidad o escuela de oficios, al menos 20 horas por semana.
- El ingreso bruto debe ser igual o inferior al 150 % del nivel federal de pobreza para el tamaño de la familia.
- Las familias deben pagar un copago por el cuidado de niños según los ingresos y el tamaño de la familia.

## APLICA YA

Puede solicitar en línea desde una computadora, computadora portátil o teléfono celular. Visite nuestro sitio web, **[elcbigbend.org](http://elcbigbend.org)**.

 [familyservices@elcbigbend.org](mailto:familyservices@elcbigbend.org)

 (850) 385-0504







# ENRICHING CHILDHOODS, EMPOWERING FAMILIES.

New funding allows for even more Leon County families to access child care assistance.



## Living Paycheck to Paycheck?

Your gross yearly income is the amount of money you earn in one year before any deductions.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE		GROSS YEARLY INCOME IS NO GREATER THAN
	2	\$39,440
	3	\$49,720
	4	\$60,000
	5	\$70,280



### Child Care Assistance for ALICE Population

Funding from Children's Services Council Leon County (CSC) has allowed the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc. (ELC) to expand eligibility for Florida's **School Readiness Program (SR)**. Now, even more families can receive financial assistance to help their children aged 0-12 receive quality child care while caregivers work, attend school, or participate in job training.

Families can choose from private centers, public schools, and family child care homes.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Parent(s)/guardians(s) must be working at least 20 hours per week or participating in an educational activity, such as attending college or trade school.
- Gross income must be at or below 200% of federal poverty level for family size.
- Families must pay a copayment for child care based on income and family size.

### Apply Today

You can apply online by visiting [elcbigbend.org](http://elcbigbend.org), under School Readiness, or call toll-free, **1-866-973-9030**.

# Thinking About



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# Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten?

## VPK is free. And it matters.

Research shows children who participate in high-quality VPK programs perform better academically and socially in school.

## ELIGIBILITY

Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year to be eligible. If their birthday falls from Feb. 2 through Sept. 1, you may wait to enroll your child the following year when they're 5.

## HOW TO APPLY

You can apply online from a computer or mobile phone by visiting

**[familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com](http://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com)**

You will need:

- an email address
- proof of Florida residency
- proof of your child's age

Your local early learning coalition will review your application and email you with further instructions. Once your application is approved, the coalition will provide you with a Certificate of Eligibility you can take to any VPK provider. **Questions?** Call us at **(850) 385-0504**.



Sponsored by Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region and the State of Florida, Division of Early Learning

Florida **VPK**





**¿Estás pensando**



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**en pre kínder voluntario?**

**VPK es gratis y es muy importante.**

A los niños que son parte de un programa VPK les va mejor en la escuela.

## **ELEGIBILIDAD**

Los niños deben vivir en Florida y tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de septiembre de 2022 o antes.

## **CÓMO APLICAR**

Puede presentar su solicitud en línea desde una computadora o teléfono móvil visitando **[familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com](http://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com)**

Necesitará:

- Una dirección de correo electrónico
- prueba de residencia en Florida
- prueba de la edad de su hijo

Su coalición local de aprendizaje temprano revisará su solicitud y le enviará un correo electrónico con más instrucciones. Una vez que se apruebe su solicitud, la coalición le proporcionará un Certificado de elegibilidad que puede llevar a cualquier proveedor de VPK. ¿Preguntas? Llámenos al **(850) 385-0504**.



Patrocinado por la Coalición de Aprendizaje Temprano de la Región de Big Bend y el Estado de Florida, División de Aprendizaje Temprano

Florida **VPK**





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# EARLY DETECTION. LASTING RESULTS.

**Do you have a concern about a child's development, behavior, or overall health?** If so, contact the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc. (ELC). The ELC provides a complimentary service to address and appropriately handle these types of concerns. We are here to help: our WarmLine telephone number is **850-385-0504**.

## DEVELOPMENTAL CONCERNS

ELC performs developmental screenings and observations for children with developmental concerns. We will connect families to community resources who can provide additional developmental evaluations and services.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CONCERNS

ELC supports teachers and parents by providing:

- Strategies that modify challenging behaviors
- Social Emotional health screenings
- Behavioral Health and counseling community resources

## HEALTH CONCERNS


ELC provides information and support on child health/medical conditions. We will coordinate with healthcare professionals to create Individual Health Plans for children with asthma, seizures, allergies, and other medical conditions. We perform hearing, vision, and dental (functional) screenings.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ELC provides information and support on the inclusion of children with special health and developmental needs.

## CONTACT US

 [resources@elcbigbend.org](mailto:resources@elcbigbend.org)

 [www.elcbigbend.org](http://www.elcbigbend.org)





# ¿ESTÁS PREOCUPADO POR TU HIJO? ELC PUEDE AYUDAR - GRATIS

## Servicios Gratuitos



### DE DESARROLLO

ELC evalúa y observa a los niños con problemas de desarrollo. Conectaremos a las familias con los recursos de la comunidad para proporcionar evaluaciones y servicios adicionales.



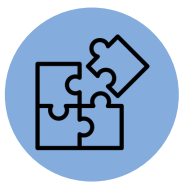
### SOCIOEMOCIONAL

ELC brinda consejos para modificar comportamientos desafiantes y puede ayudar con recursos de asesoramiento.



### SALUD

ELC se coordinará con los profesionales de la salud para crear planes de salud para el asma, las convulsiones, las alergias u otras afecciones médicas. Realizamos exámenes de audición, visión y dentales.



### ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA

Brindamos monitoreo continuo de las habilidades motoras finas y gruesas, la resolución de problemas, las preocupaciones personales/sociales y de comunicación.

## WARMLINE

¿Tiene alguna preocupación sobre el desarrollo, el comportamiento o la salud general de un niño?

La Coalición de Aprendizaje Temprano de Big Bend Region, Inc. (ELC) brinda servicios GRATUITOS para abordar y manejar adecuadamente este tipo de inquietudes. Estamos aquí para ayudar: nuestro número de teléfono WarmLine es 1-866-973-9030.



1-866-973-9030



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## CONNECTING KIDS TO COVERAGE

The FLS Connecting Kids to Coverage Project helps eligible families, children, and pregnant women enroll in Florida's KidCare and family-related Medicaid programs. Contact us for more information about your family's eligibility and for application or renewal assistance.



*Contact us today for help getting health care coverage for your kids.*

**Parents and pregnant women may be eligible too!**

**1-800-436-6001 OR EMAIL  
COVERAGE4KIDS@FLORIDALEGAL.ORG**



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## VINCULANDO A LOS NIÑOS A UNA COBERTURA DE SALUD



El proyecto de FLS, Vinculando a Los Niños a Cobertura, ayuda a las familias, los niños y las mujeres embarazadas elegibles a inscribirse en KidCare de Florida y en los programas de Medicaid relacionados con la familia.

Comuníquese con nosotros para obtener más información sobre la elegibilidad de su familia y para obtener asistencia con la solicitud o la renovación.

*Comuníquese con nosotros hoy para obtener ayuda para solicitar cobertura de salud para sus hijos.*

**¡Los padres y las mujeres embarazadas también pueden ser elegibles!**

1-800-436-6001

O CORREO ELECTRÓNICO

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# Boots for Babies 2023

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*November 2nd, 2023*

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**Brehon Family Services**

*Protecting children. Nurturing families.*



**BOOTS FOR  
BABIES**



## What does the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) do?

The mission of FFAST is to improve the quality of life for Floridians with disabilities by increasing access to assistive technology through empowerment and collaboration.

### Who can benefit from our services?

- Individuals with disabilities of all ages
- Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives
- Representatives of:
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Health, Allied Health, and Rehabilitation
  - Community Living
  - Technology



### What types of devices are available through FFAST programs and services?

We serve all ages and disabilities so we have a wide range of devices that can help with independent living, learning, working and much more. Here are a few examples of the type of equipment we can teach you about:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Speech Generating
- Learning and Development
- Mobility and Seating
- Daily Living
- Vehicle Modifications
- Computer Access
- Recreation Sports and Leisure



FAAST.org  
+1 844-FL-FAAST | Info@FAAST.org

## Expand your Knowledge of Assistive Technology (AT)

### Assistive Technology Training:

Want to learn more about AT? Expand your knowledge of devices, services, and resources by attending a FFAST Training. We offer a large range of topics to groups and individuals.

### Device Demonstrations:

Not sure which device will work for you? FFAST provides guided, hands-on experiences with assistive technology to help you understand and compare different devices and features.

### Short-Term Device Loans:

Want to take home a device to make sure it will work for you? Borrow a device from one of our 12 lending libraries at no cost for up to 35 days.

### Information and Assistance:

Need an answer to your questions about assistive technology and services but not sure where to start? We are here to help! Contact us online, by email, or by phone.

## Ways to Receive Assistive Technology from FFAST

### Regional Demonstration Centers (RDC):

Located at nonprofits throughout Florida, these centers are a great resource to learn more about devices that may help you. Each location has a library of devices waiting for you to explore and try out! Contact your local center today for Training, Demonstrations, Loans, and Assistance.

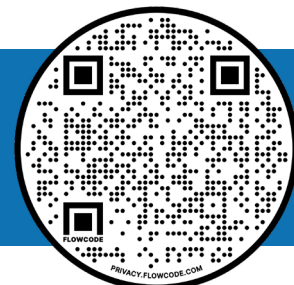
### Financial Loans:

FAAST provides low-cost financial loans to assist qualified borrowers with the purchase of the devices needed. Contact the State Headquarters to get started today!

### AT Reutilization Partners:

FAAST supports the refurbishment programs at select Centers for Independent Living in Florida. Contact your local center to learn more about how to donate your used equipment or find the devices you've been searching for. Available devices are offered for free or at a low cost.

**Contact a Local Center:** To locate your nearest Regional Demonstration or AT Reutilization Partners, please call us Toll-Free at 1-844-353-2278 or visit our website using the QR code to the right.



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