
The ELCNC is excited to offer the following ARPA Initiatives to SR/VPK Early Learning Providers!

SECTION I - EARLY LEARNING EDUCATOR RETENTION BONUSES:

Early learning educators (ELEs) who meet the following requirements are eligible to receive a \$1,300 bonus distributed on December 1, 2023 and a second \$1,300 bonus distributed on June 30, 2024.

- ELE successfully completed all requirements of at least one Teachstone-based Initiative in FY2022-2023, and
- ELE continues to be employed by the original sponsoring provider on the date bonus checks are distributed, and
- ELE receives original sponsoring provider's approval to receive retention bonuses.

Providers may sponsor retention bonuses for qualified ELEs by completing Sponsor Application for Early Learning Educator Retention Bonuses, that are prepared by the ELCNC and submitted to providers for review and approval. Applications must be submitted on or before October 16, 2023 for bonus #1 and May 15, 2024 for bonus #2. All bonuses will be made payable to qualified ELEs.

SECTION II - EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM SUPPORT INITIATIVES:

Eligible SR/VPK programs may apply for all initiatives described in this section using the attached [Early Learning Program Support Application](#).

- 1 **CLASSROOM EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES INITIATIVE:** Eligible SR/VPK providers may apply for reimbursement for the purchase of educational supplies that focus on Florida Early Learning Standards. Reimbursement is based on actual costs up to the threshold determined for each care level: Infants \$1,000; Toddler \$2,000; and Pre-K \$3,000. Providers are authorized to select supplies from the Classroom Educational Supplies Authorized Catalog, which will be emailed to all providers. Applications must be submitted to the ELCNC by October 16, 2023, and proof of purchase/receipts must be submitted by April 30, 2024, to be eligible for reimbursement. Note: the ELCNC is not authorized to reimburse sales tax; however, shipping costs are allowable.
- 2 **SOFTWARE INITIATIVE:** Eligible SR/VPK providers may apply for reimbursement for the purchase of financial management and/or child care management software. Reimbursement is based on actual costs up to \$2,500 per applicant. Applications must be submitted to the ELCNC by October 16, 2023, and proof of software purchase/receipts must be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be eligible for reimbursement. Note: the ELCNC is not authorized to reimburse sales tax; however, shipping costs are allowable.
- 3 **TABLET INITIATIVE:** Eligible SR/VPK providers may apply for reimbursement for the purchase of tablets for conducting child screenings (ASQ) and other administrative functions. Reimbursement is based on actual cost up to \$2,800. Applications must be submitted to the ELCNC by October 16, 2023, and proof of purchase/receipts must be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be eligible for reimbursement. Note: the ELCNC is not authorized to reimburse sales tax; however, shipping costs are allowable.
- 4 **CPR TRAINING:** Eligible SR/VPK providers may apply for reimbursement of CPR training costs for selected early learning educators. CPR training must be completed between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2024. Reimbursement is based on actual costs up to \$50.00 per participant. Applications must be submitted to the ELCNC by October 16, 2023, and CPR training completion certificates and training purchase receipts must be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be eligible for reimbursement. Providers must certify that CPR costs will be paid by the child care business or that staff will be reimbursed for the amount approved by the ELCNC.

Note: Application information must be entered electronically, printed, signed, dated, and uploaded to the Provider Zone→Uploads folder or emailed to sbosanko@elc-naturecoast.org on or before October 16, 2023..

