

2020 Agenda

A strong start #ForFloridaChildren



The Children's Movement of Florida insists on a strong start for all our children. We know young children need these basics to thrive: supportive parents and caregivers, stimulating early learning environments, and good health care—including early identification and intervention for developmental delays and disabilities. Below you will find the legislative priorities we've chosen for the 2020 session, focused on the progress we can make for early learning.

Early Learning Principles and 2020 Legislative Priorities

- **Learning begins at birth.**
Fully integrate early learning programs under the Florida Department of Education so there is clear ownership to ensure quality programs, appropriate funding and child outcomes.
- **State-funded programs are held to age-appropriate standards.**
Adopt and implement the VPK assessment recommendations from the Committee on Early Grade Success, relating to learning gains and teacher-child interactions.
- **Educators are celebrated and supported.**
Provide additional compensation for teachers who advance their credentials, including funding for Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ statewide.
- **Adequate funding supports high-quality programs.**
Fund Florida's VPK and School Readiness programs in line with quality requirements.
- **All children are ready for kindergarten.**
Implement a pilot program to allow students deemed "not ready" for kindergarten to participate in summer VPK.

