



**Background Information for August Council Workshop
Child Care Scholarships, Summer Camp Scholarships, Great Ideas Initiative**

Child Care Scholarships

Funding & Costs

Through the annual contracting process, the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) receives \$27.1 million in their base allocation from CSC to support scholarships for child care for children birth to 12 years of age. Almost two-thirds of CSC funds supports child care for the 0-5 population.

In FY 2017-18, ELC received \$36.2 million from the state in school readiness funds (SR), which supports child care birth to 12 years of age. As a result of an increase in federal appropriations, the amount of SR funds in FY 2018-19 increased to \$42.5 million.

Costs Associated with Child Care, rates for FY 2018-19:

	Center weekly rate	Family Child Care Home weekly rate
Infants	\$151.00	\$144.80
Toddlers	132.55	132.55
2 year olds	114.90	126.25
3 year olds	112.65	126.25
4/5 year olds	111.50	114.90
School-age	99.30	89.00

Benefits

According to the Florida Office of Early Learning, the benefits to access to quality child care for families includes:

- Prepare young children to start kindergarten ready to learn.
- Help families afford quality early learning services.
- Keep parents in the workforce and/or participating in educational or training activities.
- Help families become financially independent.
- Provide parents' information about child development and family well-being.

Additionally, research has found the following:

Early Care & Education (0-5):

- Children who attend a quality early child care program have better soft skills such as communication and language, a better ability to make friends, and cooperative play/work.
- They also are better prepared academically than their peers who did not attend preschool.
- Many longitudinal studies also tout the long term benefits and ROI. Such long term benefits include: better overall health outcomes, less likely to go to prison, more likely to finish high school and attend some college, and more likely to be employed.

School Age Child Care (5-12 years of age; Out of School Time, OST):

- The more youth participate in high quality out-of-school time (OST) programs, the greater they benefit. Greater attendance and stronger participation are linked to positive academic, social and behavioral outcomes (Hirsh, Mekinda, and Stawicki, 2010).
- Youth who attend high-quality OST programs attend more days of school and participate more in class. Youth who participate in high-quality programs for many years are more likely to graduate from high school (Afterschool Alliance, 2015; Huang and colleagues, 2011).
- High-quality OST programs in Palm Beach County reduce the rate of grade retention among youth compared to matched participants in lower-quality programs (American Institutes for Research, 2014).
- High quality afterschool and summer learning programs complement the work of the school day. Ones that strive to improve the social and emotional wellness of youth lead to improved school grades, higher test scores, increased pro-social behavior, and reduced behavioral problems (Durlak, Weissberg, and Pachan, 2010).
- OST programs provide youth with safety and supervision. Research shows that quality OST programs support student academic achievement and play a role in reducing health disparities. Additionally, programs that follow evidence-based practices aimed at improving personal and social skills of youths are linked with positive social behaviors (Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2018).

ELC waitlist numbers:

Age Group	Total Children on Waitlist June 2018	Total Children on Waitlist June 2019
INF	455	204
TOD	675	232
2YR	669	222
PR3	567	213
PR4	429	162
PR5	56	96
SCH	1,606	1,122
Total	4,457	2,251

The number of children on the waitlist 12 months ago was double that of June 2019, due to the increase in SR funds received by ELC. The waitlist was actually lower earlier in the year, when ELC initiated a large enrollment drive as a result of the increased funding, and has since begun to climb back up again.

History of Use of Under Expenditures for Child Care Scholarships

This is a one-time increase for the provision of child care scholarships only and **does not** require recurring funding in subsequent years to sustain.

Fiscal Year	Amount of one-time Increase	Expenditures of one-time Increase	Expenditure Rate
2011-12	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	100%
2012-13	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	100%
2013-14	\$0	N/A	N/A
2014-15	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	100%
2015-16	\$620,033	\$620,033	100%
2016-17	\$958,000	\$958,000	100%
2017-18	\$528,000	\$528,000	100%
2018-19	\$0	N/A	N/A



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Summer Camp Scholarships

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Through the annual contracting process, the Friends of Youth Services and Palm Beach County, Inc., received \$2.2 million in the base allocation process in FY 2018-19, a significant increase since the original base allocation of \$763,440 five years ago. Summer camp scholarships are available to support children 5-14 years old whose families' incomes are at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The Youth Services Department provides \$443,326 in scholarship funding and last year incurred \$142,585 in administrative expenses associated with the summer camp program (outreach to camps and campers, enrolling camps and campers, determining eligibility and payment of camps).

Costs associated with Summer Camp (FY 2018-19):

- Weekly Rate: \$ 130
- \$ 350 - *for special needs camps*

Youth Services Department requires that a camp has to offer a minimum of 7 weeks in order to participate with its Summer Camp Program.

Length of Camp (in weeks)	Number of Camps
7	2
8	28
9	19
10	39
Unknown	10

Benefits Associated with Summer Camp

Summer camp allows parents to work and children to have both educational and recreational experiences that foster growth in a number of domains over the summer. Having a consistent care arrangement is important for children's continued development. The summer months can often create "summer slide." Without access to high quality summer camp and learning environments, students often experience a backslide in their academic and cognitive development. Families face many barriers to placing their children in summer camp, but the biggest one is cost, and parents are forced to either reduce their working hours (important for the individual family's finances and independence, as well as the overall economy) or leave their children with inadequate supervision or structured experiences. Previous studies have found low-income and minority students often lose more ground during the summer than middle-class and white students. And a separate study released in May by the National Center on Education Statistics, suggests children from lower-income homes have less access to summer camp and other enrichment activities during the summer (Ed Week, June 2018).

*Summer camp can cost up to 20% of parents' income for the summer months, which far exceeds the 7% recommended by the US Department of Health and Human Services for child care affordability.

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Fiscal Year	Base Amount	Allocation of one-time Increase	Total Funding	Expenditures	Expenditure Rate
2014-15	\$763,440	\$809,262	\$1,572,702	\$1,572,702	100%
2015-16	\$763,440	\$968,932	\$1,732,372	\$1,727,620	99.7%
2016-17	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,199,726	99.99%
2017-18	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$2,836,120	63%
2018-19	\$2,200,000	\$1,700,000*	\$3,900,000*	TBD	TBD

*an additional \$500,000 has been set aside, if needed, and is not reflected in the tables in the chart.



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Great Ideas Initiative

Funding

No base allocation is made available as the Great Ideas Initiative (GII) relies solely on the use of under expenditures during the course of the fiscal year. No other funder supports GII, as this is an initiative solely of CSC.

History of Funding/Use of Under Expenditures since GII Inception

Note: There is no base amount as initiative relies solely on use of under expenditures

Fiscal Year	Amount allocated	Expenditures	Expenditure Rate
2015-16	\$509,747	\$509,747	100%
2016-17	\$615,771	\$615,771	100%
2017-18	\$1,139,259 (includes \$282,716 for Growth Fund)	Report due 10/15/19	TBD
2018-19	\$850,000 (includes General, Pipeline, Community-Led)	Report due 10/15/20	TBD

Program Description & Benefits associated with GII:

Great Ideas Initiative General RFP (2015-16 through 2018-19)

For the fourth year, Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County is releasing funds so local nonprofits can launch their great ideas on behalf of the county’s children and families. By targeting local nonprofits with operating budgets of less than \$1 million that are working in partnership with local communities to achieve mutually agreed upon goals and aspirations, these funds encourage agencies to:

- Develop creative approaches to solve a problem, manage change or deliver innovation.
- Improve/expand upon an existing project that addresses a community's wants or needs.
- Inspire young people to pursue their passions, truest intentions or daring ideas.
- Fuel innovative partnerships that help families leverage community resources.
- Build their own capacity to strengthen or expand their community footprint.

Great Ideas Initiative Growth Fund (2017-2018), and Pipeline (2018-19)

The intent of the GII Growth Fund and subsequent Pipeline is to assist organizations build their capacity to more effectively and efficiently serve children and their families and increase their ability to provide sustainable services. Eligibility included only those organizations who were still implementing their GII-funded program, originally met the current GII criteria (\$1 million or less total operating budget; not an existing CSC provider), and provided the required reports indicating successful project completion. This fund does not fund food projects or those that involved a one-time purchase. Additionally, afterschool and mentoring programs were also not included but have been connected to the appropriate support organizations (Prime Time and United Way Mentor Center).

Great Ideas Initiative Community-led Grant Making (FY 2018-19)

The purpose of the Grassroots Student-led Grant Making Pilot is to promote societal healing and transformation by helping to ensure buy-in and accountability for shared goals and strategies within the Glades communities. It also becomes a method for:

- Affecting change through the power of young people,
- Fostering effective and community-determined resource allocation,
- Strengthening resident-controlled associations and local non-profits helping people with shared interests work collectively to improve their blocks, neighborhoods, or communities and be a stronger voice for change and community vitality, and
- Bolstering the relationship between CSC and the communities it serves.