



# Early Learning Consortium Legislative Priorities for 2018

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## Help Me Grow

An appropriation of **\$2,457,143** to ensure that Help Me Grow can expand to six additional counties and provide comprehensive and coordinated services to more children in Florida.



## Performance Funding

Continued funding of **\$15.5 million** for the Performance Funding Project designed to provide financial incentives for achieving and/or maintaining quality standards.



## Accountability

An appropriation of **\$6 million** for program assessment to determine the level of quality for early learning providers that serve a substantial number of School Readiness children and an evaluation of the Gold Seal program.



## T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships

An appropriation of **\$10 million** for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to increase the number of lead teachers in early learning with a child development credential.



## Early Learning Florida

An appropriation of **\$3 million** for Early Learning Florida to provide specialized professional development.



## Increased Funding

An annual increased investment of **\$30 million** to improve and sustain the quality of School Readiness programs. This investment will support increased reimbursement rates, provide for contracted slots, or support quality initiatives to providers based on a clear definition of quality tied to recognized industry standards.