

Florida School Readiness Program (SR)



Program Highlights

- Offers child care assistance to income-eligible families, helping families become financially self-sufficient.
- Provides parents with information on child development and related topics.
- Involves parents as their child's first teacher.
- Prepares children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, building a foundation for success in life.

Participation

Children in one or more of the following categories can participate in the program:

- Children of working families whose income does not exceed 150 percent of the Federal Poverty guideline or those who are economically disadvantaged.
- Children from families who receive temporary cash assistance and meet federal work requirements.
- Children younger than kindergarten age who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and/or at risk of future school failure.
- Children of migrant farm workers.
- Children of teen parents.
- Children with disabilities and special health care needs.
- Children of families who are receiving unemployment compensation benefits and whose income was not previously above 150 percent of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

What Are the Eligibility Requirements?

Families eligible for child care assistance must meet two basic requirements:

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) must be working or engaged in an educational activity at least 20 hours per week.
- The family size and gross income meet the Federal Poverty guidelines.

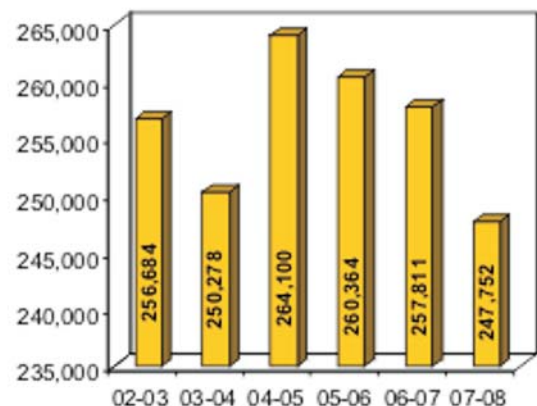
For more information on the Federal Poverty guidelines, please visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>.

The Numbers¹

- More than \$660 million in federal and state funds are spent on the School Readiness (SR) program statewide.
- More than 247,000 children received services from the 2007–2008 School Readiness program.
- The 2007–2008 waiting list contained an average of 48,000 families.
- Approximately 12,700 providers offer School Readiness services.

¹All numbers reflect 2007–2008 data.

Children Participating in SR



For more information about the *Florida School Readiness program*, please call the *Agency for Workforce Innovation* toll-free at 1-866-357-3239 or visit www.flready.com.