



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Resource Development Committee (RDC) Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

RDC Members in Attendance

Roger Thompson (Chair/Board) Cindy Kirk (Board/PSC)
Tarae Donaldson (Board/ESCAROSA) Tammy Hicks (Board/Interim Chair)
Brian Wyer (Board/GCMCC)
Tammy Crane (Partner/HelpMeGrow)
Craig Jones (Board Secretary)

Coalition Staff in Attendance

Nina Daniels Melissa Jennings Dawn Engel
Angela Mitchell Amy Intermoia Stephanie Richardson
Tom Porter Renee Maxwell

Providers and Non-RDC Member Partners in Attendance

M. Hunt (Provider) Victoria Jordan (Provider) Dana Minchew (Provider)
Ms. Deidre (Provider) Treehouse (Provider) Alison St. Paul (Provider)
Tonyia (Provider) Pamela Barksdale (Provider)

Public in Attendance

Sharonda Miller

I. Welcome, and Call to Order

Notification of the Resource Development Committee meeting for January 13, 2026, was sent to the Pensacola News Journal for publication and posted to the Coalition's Public Calendar Board on January 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Thompson.

II. Public Comments

None.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes for April 22, 2025

Upon a motion made by Ms. Kirk and seconded by Ms. Hicks, the Agenda and the Minutes of October 21, 2025, was approved without objection.

IV. Community Partner Updates

- a. ARC/Help Me Grow
- o Ms. Crane stated that Help Me Grow is still partnering with Healthy Schools.
 - o HMC is still providing training to childcare centers.
 - o The Autism Clinic and Fetal Alcohol Clinic is still being completed.



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- b. CareerSource ESCAROSA
 - Ms. Donaldson stated that the New Year, New Career Fair is happening at ESCAROSA in Milton and at PSC on January 21st and at the ESCAROSA Pensacola location on January 22nd.
 - Resume workshops are being held to help individuals with making their resumes.
- c. Community Health of Northwest Florida
 - No representative was available to report.
- d. DCF – Regulation
 - No representative was available to report.
- e. DCF - Community Development
 - No representative was available to report.
- f. Escambia Children’s Trust
 - No representative was available to report.
- g. Head Start
 - No representative was available to report.
- h. Pensacola State College
 - Ms. Kirk stated that PSC classes started on January 9th.
 - Ms. Kirk currently has 4-5 online classes that are full.
- i. Ready Kids!
 - No representative was available to report.
- j. School District VPK
 - No representative was available to report.

V. **Program Reports**

- a. Medical Support Services Report
 - Ms. Jennings reported that through December 2025:
 - 548 vision screenings were done, and 26 referrals were made.
 - 562 hearing screenings were done, and 41 referrals were made.
 - 24 CPR/FA trainings were performed.
- b. CCR&R Update
 - Mr. Jennings reported that through December 2025:
 - 198 new interviews were conducted.
 - A total of 610 books were distributed.



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- CCR&R has been involved in 9 outreach events.
- ELC will now be participating at Gallery Nights in downtown Pensacola.

c. Program Support Summary

- Program Support Specialist
 - Ms. Mitchell gave an overview of the Program Support Summary.
 - Ms. Mitchell gave a presentation to the committee on the LENA (Language Environment Analyst) program. A vest that is worn by a child was shown to the committee. This vest records conversational words that are spoken between the child and adults. The collection of this data can help determine how a child's language development is progressing.
 - Ms. Mitchell discussed the Anita Zucker Practice-Based Coaching (PBC). PBC builds sustainable educator capacity, improves institutional consistency, and supports continuous quality improvement efforts.
- Early Intervention
 - Ms. Intermioia stated there were less than 100 ASQ 3's and that there are generally low numbers in November.
 - Ms. Intermioia stated that in December, there was an increased number of ASQ's possibly due to the large number of children that was pulled from the waitlist in December.
 - 10 referrals were made in December.
 - A new rule will be implemented where parents will now have twenty days to complete and ASQ instead of five days.
- VPK Specialist
 - Ms. Richardson stated that TA's are lower from Veteran's Day through New Year's Day due to all the time off. TA's will pick back up in January.
 - This year is the 20-year anniversary of VPK. Ms. Richardson will be visiting providers and celebrating the 20-year milestone.
 - January 15th is the second of a three-part training series called Journey to Kindergarten. The third part will take place in April.
 - ELC will partner with DEL in February for a training called "Lets Take it Outside".

Ms. Engel added that Super Saturday will be on March 28, 2026, and the Fall Conference will be on September 12th, 2026.

d. SR/VPK Status Report

There are 2,262 children enrolled in the School Readiness Program, of which 66 are SRMAT and 965 are school-age children. There are 116 children on the Wait List. There are 1,873 children approved for VPK for 2025/26 Program year of which 1,452 are enrolled.



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e. **Contract Activity Summary**

There are 85 SR providers and 67 VPK providers.

VI. Old Business

a. **SR Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Update**

The 2025-2026 NOA was \$19.4 million. Of the \$19.4 million, \$1.4 million had to be used for last fiscal year's bills. \$369,000 has to go to Gold Seal. To execute all of the SR funding, and addition 234 children need to be enrolled.

b. **Impact 100 Grant Update**

Ms. Jennings stated that she is working with Gator Graphics with the design for the van. Once the design has been locked in, the Coalition will move forward with the purchase of the van. After the van has been outfitted, it will be ready to take out into the community and to provider facilities.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Additional Information

Ms. Engel stated that the Legislative Session has officially begun.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Joyce Griffin Room for Professional Development and Testing at the Early Learning Coalition Office, 1720 West Fairfield Dr. Suite 100/400, Pensacola, Florida 32501