

The “My First Books” Program

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region (ELC) supports families as they help their child develop early literacy skills by providing them with a children’s books and family literacy education.

Through the My First Books program, a new or gently used children’s book is given to each child who visits one of the seven ELC Service Centers. During that visit, ELC staff members assist the parent in identifying various ways they can support their children’s literacy development.



Child Care Executive Partnership Program

The Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) program is an innovative, public/private partnership that helps employers meet the needs of a growing segment of their work force—working parents. Through this program, federal and state funding is “matched” with contributions from local governments, charitable foundations, and participating businesses on a dollar-for-dollar basis to provide child care services to participating families.

For more information you can visit www.ccep.bz or contact us at outreach@elcbigbend.org.

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region

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GADSDEN SERVICE CENTER

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(850) 627-2924 ~ FAX (850) 627-9979

JEFFERSON & MADISON SERVICE CENTER

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LIBERTY & WAKULLA SERVICE CENTER

3278 Crawfordville Hwy, Suite G
Crawfordville, FL 32327
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TAYLOR SERVICE CENTER

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The ELC is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization that serves families, children and teachers located in Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

FAMILY

Parents are their child's first teacher!

The ELC supports families by:

- Providing School Readiness tuition assistance for eligible families
- Providing customized child care referrals to assist families in finding child care providers that meet their specific needs
- Helping parents navigate the child care system by offering consumer education and a Quality Rating System
- Enrolling children in the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program for 4 year olds
- Providing information about parenting, community services and child development

Child Care Resource and Referral
(866) 973-9030



CHILD

*Ready for school,
Ready for life*

The ELC supports children by:

- Conducting hearing, vision and developmental Screenings on children birth to 5 years
- Supporting early literacy by offering free books through the *My First Books* program
- Connecting children with special needs to essential community resources

TEACHER

An average child spends 40 hours in child care per week!

ELC supports teachers by:

- Supporting professional development through on-site and group courses
- Providing online distance education courses in early childhood development



- Promoting quality early education programs through technical assistance and access to additional classroom material
- Offering on-site support through Warm Line services
- Connecting providers to volunteers and other community resources