

What is ELIS?

The Early Learning Information System (ELIS) will be a new statewide computer system used by Florida's Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) and the Early Learning Coalitions (ELCs). It will be used to operate and manage the delivery of School Readiness (SR), Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK), and Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services in Florida.

New Technology

ELIS will eventually replace a nineteen-year-old application that has reached the end of its useful service life.

ELIS is under development and is expected to go live in the Fall of 2012. You will receive periodic bulletins like this one along the way.

ELIS will manage, store and share Early Learning Program information with authorized users throughout the state.

Something for Everyone

Parents, guardians, providers, and partner agencies will all be able to log on and use ELIS from any computer connected to the Internet.

The ability to complete work online and to retrieve information using ELIS will be greater than ever before.

This bulletin is devoted to highlighting the kinds of things parents and guardians will be able to see and do while using the ELIS Customer Portal.

What Is the ELIS Customer Portal?

A portal is a doorway or entrance. The ELIS Customer Portal is the entrance that parents and guardians will go through to access ELIS online.

Through this portal parents and guardians will be able to see their own ELIS data and complete many tasks that, today, must be done over the phone, by mail, or in person.

If you are thinking of the words "24 x 7" and "self-service" and "paperless" you are on the right track.

No special software or network equipment will be required. If you are already using the Internet for anything, then you already have what you need to start using ELIS online.

Getting to the ELIS Customer Portal will be easy. Once you are there, simply register and set up your user ID and password.

Using the Customer Portal is Optional

Parents and guardians can continue to communicate with their Early Learning Coalition the same way they do now, however, using the ELIS Customer Portal may be faster and easier.

What Does This Mean to You?

How ELIS will Improve Things that Parents and Guardians Care About

Parents and guardians can use the ELIS Customer Portal to send and receive private messages with the staff at their local Early Learning Coalition.

Child Care Referrals

The Customer Portal can be used to search online for child care resources in the local community.

Parents and guardians can receive referrals to child care centers that provide services that are matched to their child's specific needs.



Online Application for the Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Education Program

Children who live in Florida and are four-years old are eligible to enroll in a state-paid prekindergarten program.

Parents and guardians will be able to use the ELIS Customer Portal to apply online for Voluntary PreKindergarten support service.

Approved applicants will be able use the portal to search online for information about all of the VPK providers in their area.

Apply for Financial Assistance through School Readiness Services

Parents and guardians will be able to use the ELIS Customer Portal to apply online for assistance in paying for childcare while they are at work or attending school.

The portal will walk parents and guardians through all of the information needed to determine eligibility. Supporting documents, such as birth certificates, etc., can be scanned and sent to the Early Learning Coalition staff via the Internet.

Application and child care center selection can all be performed online.

Eligibility must be periodically re-determined. Even this re-determination process can be completed online using the ELIS Customer Portal.