

Lake Community Action Agency Inc.

School Readiness / VPK Services

Lake Community Action Agency is now enrolling for the FY 24-25 School Readiness and VPK program year for eligible participants, Monday through Friday from 7:00am till 5:00pm. This program will provide financial assistance to working families with low incomes and those with children who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or future school failure. LCAA supports families in accessing and affording quality child care, while families become economically self-sufficient. Parents will be provided with information on child development and family well-being, while being linked to other services provided by LCAA that include, rent and mortgage assistance, educational assistance, and utility assistance to name a few. Children will be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn, which builds a foundation for success in life.

Qualifications for School Readiness

Early Learning Coalition of Lake County (ELCLC) is now accepting applications for school readiness program.

All applicants must be:

- Lake County residents
- Applying for children ages birth- 12 years old
- Working or participating in educational activities at least 20 hours a week

The total household income must not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

web portal: [www.elclc.org/family portal](http://www.elclc.org/family_portal).

You can also go into the office and fill it out our address is:

1300 Citizens Blvd. Ste. 206

Leesburg, Fl. 34748

(352)435-0566

(We are located in the old Citizens Bank Building)

Documents needed at my appointment for School Readiness

- Current VALID Lake County Florida ID for you/spouse
- Notarized letter of separation/divorce papers (if applicable)
- Certified Vital Statistics Birth Certificate (for all child(ren) in the home)
- Verification of Lake County residency
- Food Stamp verification (when applicable)
- Any additional household income (i.e.: child support, disability, SSI, SSA, SSB, etc.)
- If paid monthly, last two (2) monthly payments
- If paid semi-monthly, last four (4) semi-monthly payments
- If paid bi-weekly, last three (3) bi-weekly payments
- If paid weekly, last six (6) weekly payments
- Current year's award letter (if applicable)

Social security letter must give a description of the reason the income is awarded (i.e.: disabled child; dependent of disable wage earner; survivors' benefits, etc.) A written statement from absent parent for child support is accepted, it has to state how much money is given, how often you receive it, and be signed and dated with a telephone number for verification.

- Verification of Employment for self/spouse
- If paid monthly, last two (2) monthly payments
- If paid semi-monthly, last four (4) semi-monthly payments
- If paid bi-weekly, last three (3) bi-weekly payments
- If paid weekly, last six (6) weekly payments
- If you are self-employed please use the self-employment log sheets and follow the same guidelines. You will need to turn in your business license.
- Income Taxes (if self-employed)
- For School: detailed school schedule/proof of enrollment

Documents needed at my appointment for VPK

Proof of child's age (One of the following preferred):

- Birth Certificate – An original or certified copy. (Hospital birth records are not acceptable)
- Valid passport or certificate of arrival in the US showing child's date of birth.
- Immunization Record – Indicating child's date of birth and signed by a public health officer or licensed Practicing physician (Form DH680 – must include parent name)
- Valid military dependent ID card showing the child's date of birth
- Insurance policy on the child's life that has been in force for at least two years which reflects the child's date of birth

Proof of Residence (One of the following preferred):

- PO BOXES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
- Valid Florida Driver's License or identification card
- Current Utility Bill (such as water or electric, within the last 6 weeks, must have parent residence on the bill)
- Current Pay stub (within the last 6 weeks, must have parent residence printed on the pay stub)
- Signed and dated lease or rental agreement for the current calendar year
- Current Paystub (within the last 6 weeks)
- Documentation from a homeless shelter or domestic violence shelter
- Cable or cell phone bill not accepted

If you have any questions, please call our main office at 352-326-2226 or email our Center Manager Staff at Barbaram@lakecaa.org