

# CEO Report

February 2, 2015



# Early Learning Coalition/ School Readiness Plan

- Plan is a “living” document that requires regular updates
- Specifies how program dollars are spent and helps ensure that ELCs and OEL are in compliance with the state plan approved by the federal government
- Amendments must be approved by the ELC board of directors and submitted to the Office of Early Learning for final approval
- Updates include programmatic changes, board membership, community outreach, etc.
- A request was made at the December board meeting for a detailed briefing on the plan
- Pertinent pages/sections will be discussed

**READY**

**WAK!**

# Ready4K! Partnership With Stanford Univ.

- **READY4K!** Is a promising texting protocol to promote family literacy for four year olds and their parents
- READY4K! was developed by Ben York and Dr. Susanna Loeb from Stanford University
- York and Loeb recently mounted an 8 month study including 591 families in San Francisco (90% of whom live below the poverty level)
- The results of the study are impressive as recently published in the *New York Times*: Children whose parents received READY4K! texts showed gains in both upper case and lower case letter recognition and vowel sounds and parents demonstrated improved communication with their child's teacher and literacy activities at home

# Ready4K! Partnership With Stanford Univ.

- Board provided with a preliminary report on the potential partnership at the December meeting
- Board member suggested that meeting be held with partners to discuss expanding the partnership
- Meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Partners included:
  - The Children's Trust, the United Way, Healthy Start Coalition, the Children's Movement of Florida, Miami Dade College, University of Miami, Jackson Health Systems, Citrus Health Network, Family Central, FIU, Family Learning Partnership, Miami Dade County Public Schools
- Update...

# Early Head Start

- The Neighborhood Place for Early Head Start has been funded for 750 slots at \$9.5 million
- The ELC received the second largest award in the country
- The ELC has submitted several proposed amendments to the Feds
- Formal notice of award is expected in early February
- Staff has been planning and ramping up for several months
- Direct services will be provided by community child care programs
- *We look forward to serving infants, toddlers and their families through the Early Head Start Partnership!*

# Governor's Budget

We continue to make progress:

- Recommends raising the base student allocation for VPK from \$2,437 to \$2,483 per child for the school-year program and from \$2,080 to \$2,126 for the summer program
  - The \$46-per-child increase would be the second in as many years
- \$30 million for School Readiness to serve at least 5,300 additional children
- An additional \$1.5 million for Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.)
  - This program provides scholarships for child care workers to get certificates and degrees
- \$2 million for Early Learning Florida
  - Teacher training project at the University of Florida Lastinger Center
- \$2.5 million to maintain and expand Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI) program
- \$4 million to maintain and expand the Help Me Grow parent skill building initiative
- \$7 million to continue the School Readiness performance funding pilot project

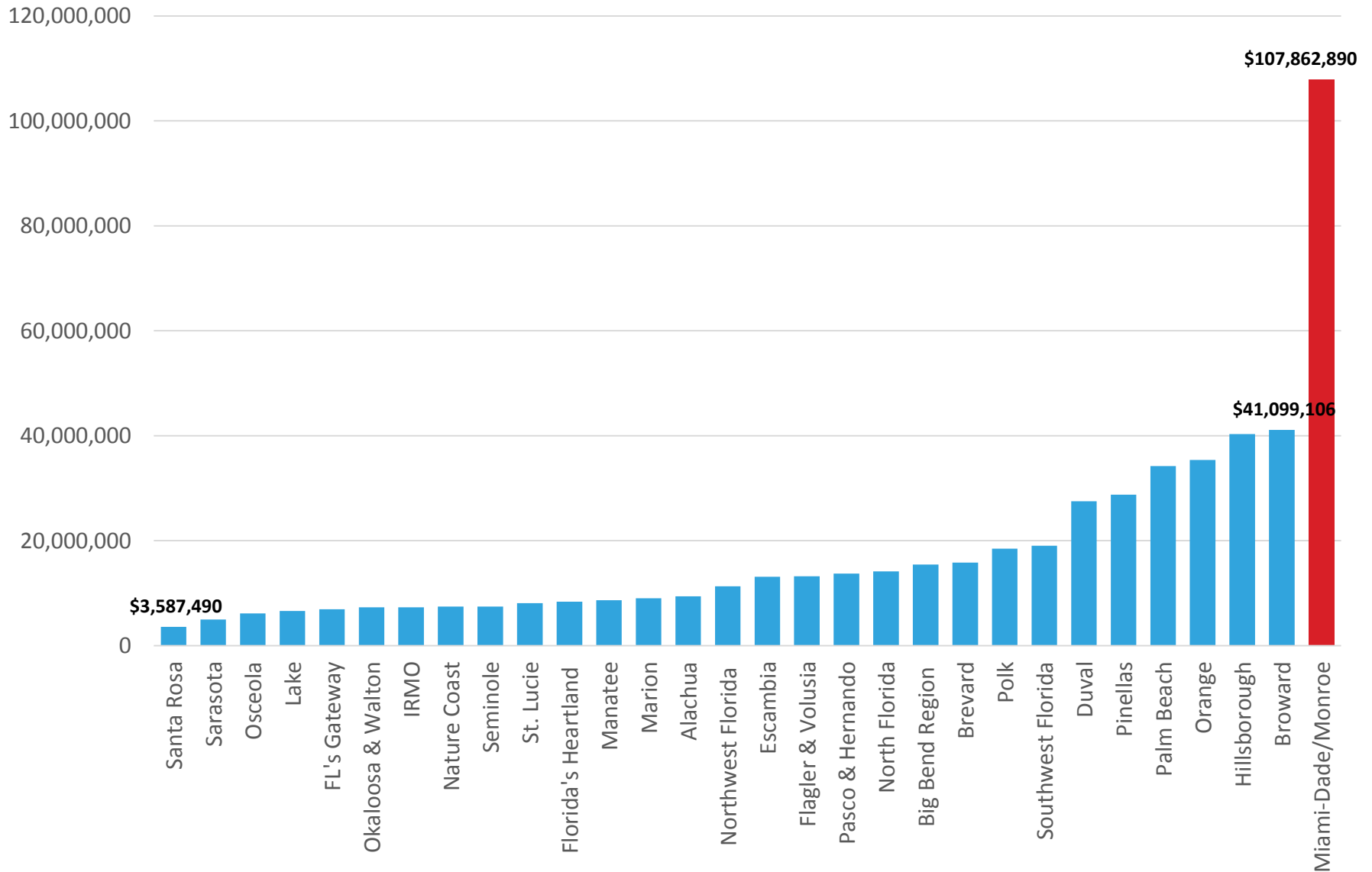
# School Readiness Expenditures by Coalition – Follow Up

FY 2013-2014



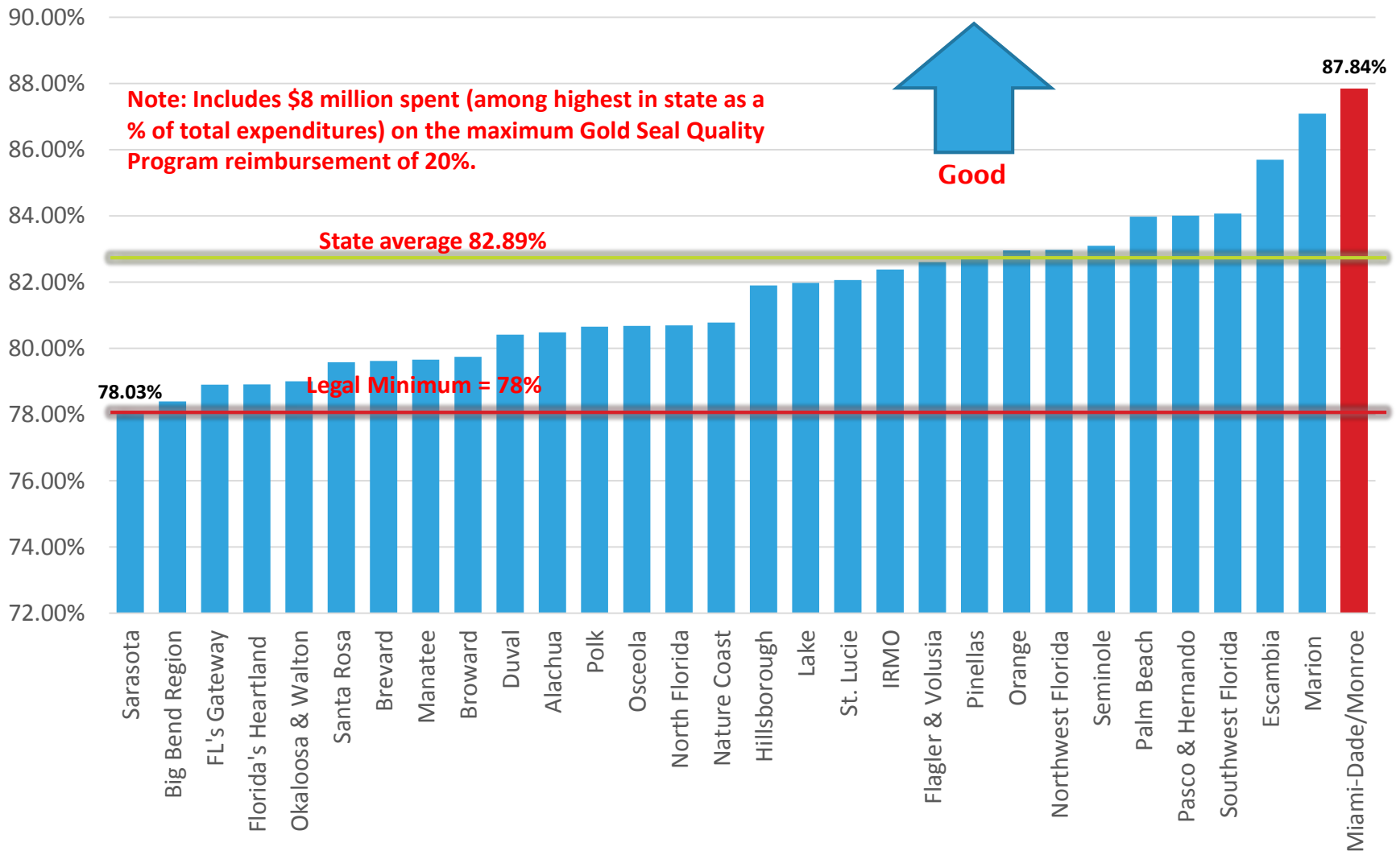


# Total SR Budget



# Direct Services

TARGET 78% of **Total Expenditures on Direct Services**

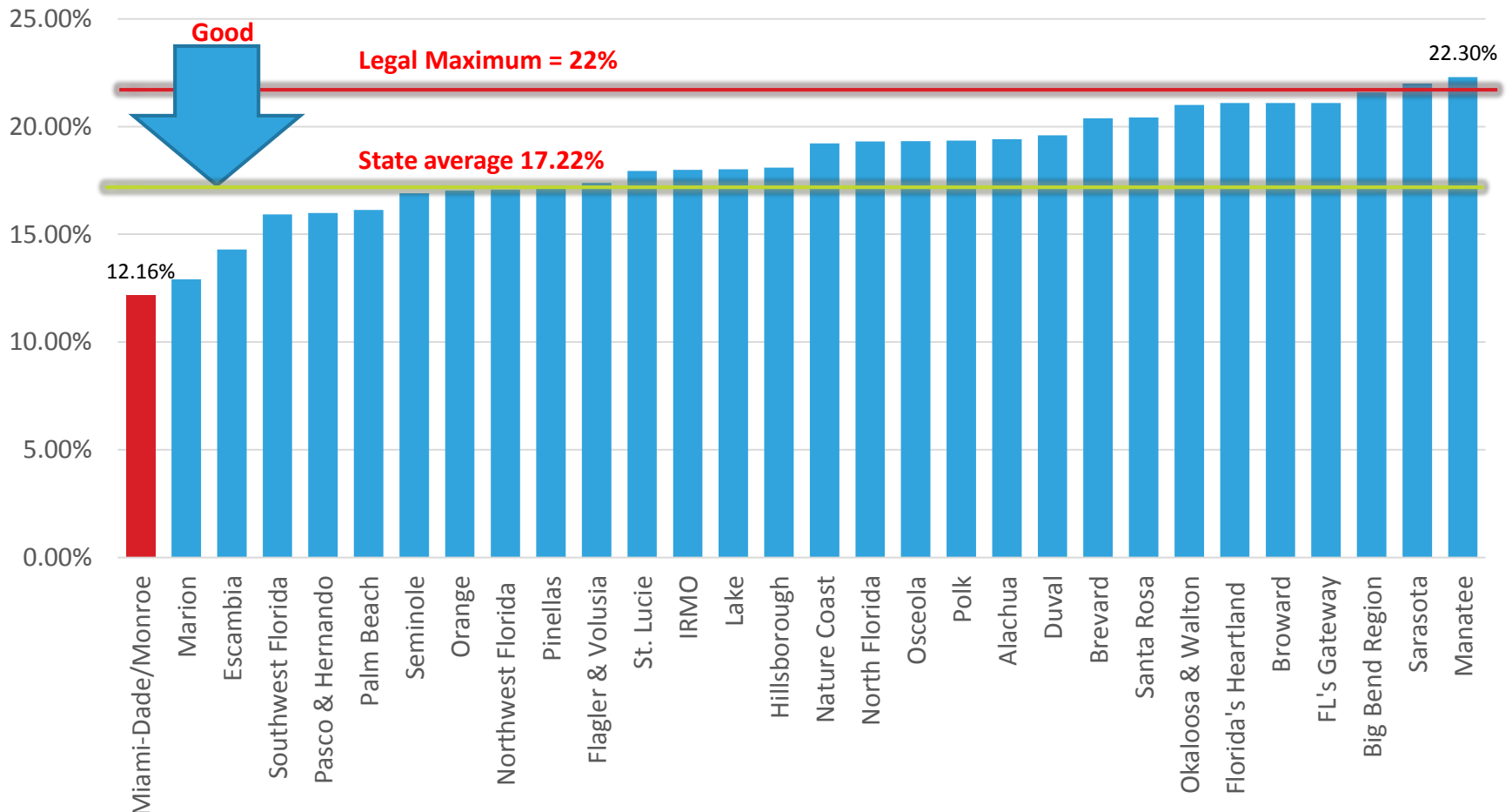


**Note: Without Gold Seal, Miami-Dade/Monroe = 78.22%**

# Non-Direct (includes sub-recipient costs)

RESTRICTION **Total Admin + Program Support + Quality**

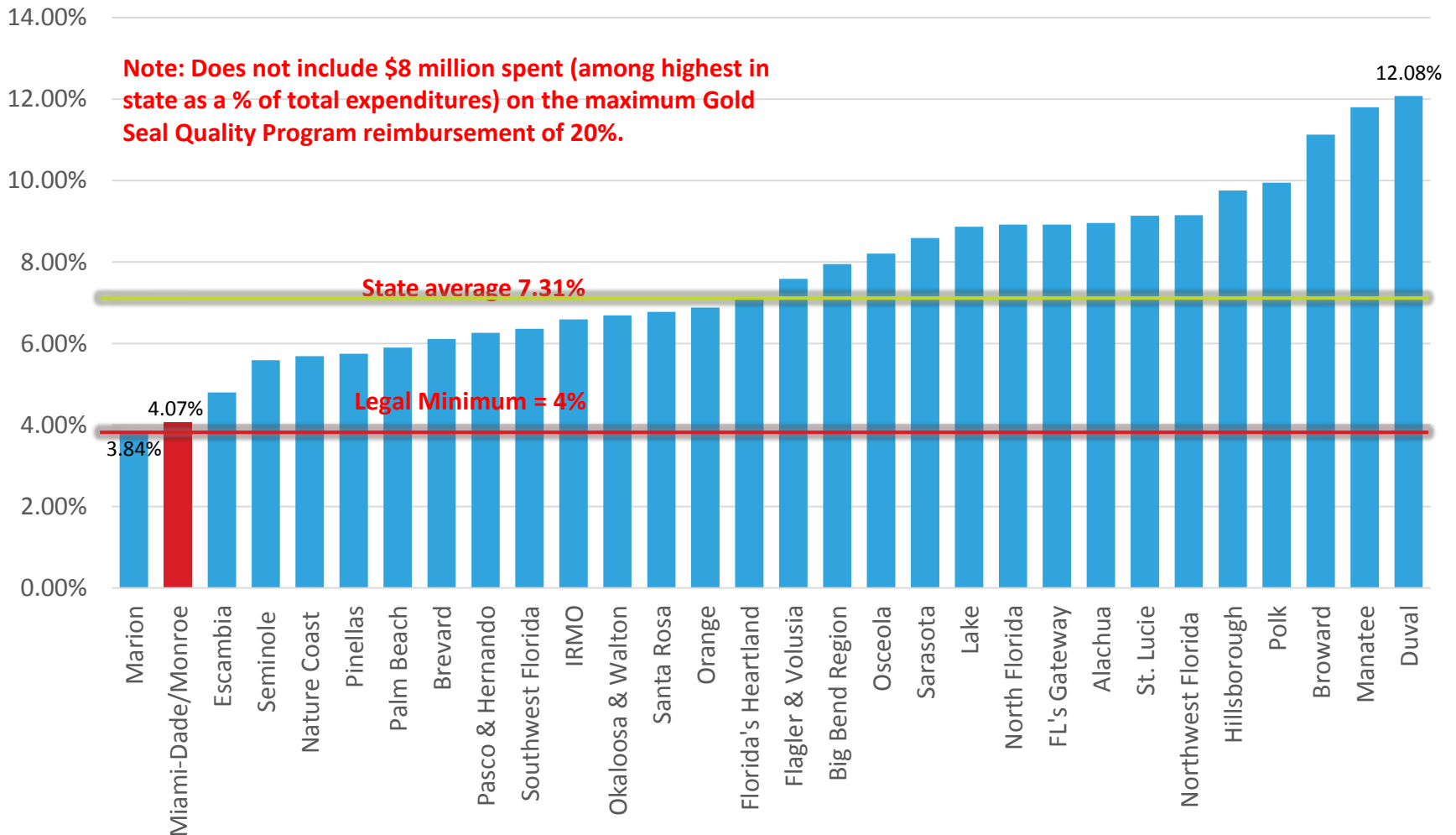
Expenditures may not exceed 22% of Total Expenditures (Including Working Poor Match - Excluding CCEP & 97ADV)



**Note: With Gold Seal, Miami-Dade/Monroe= 21.77%**

# Quality

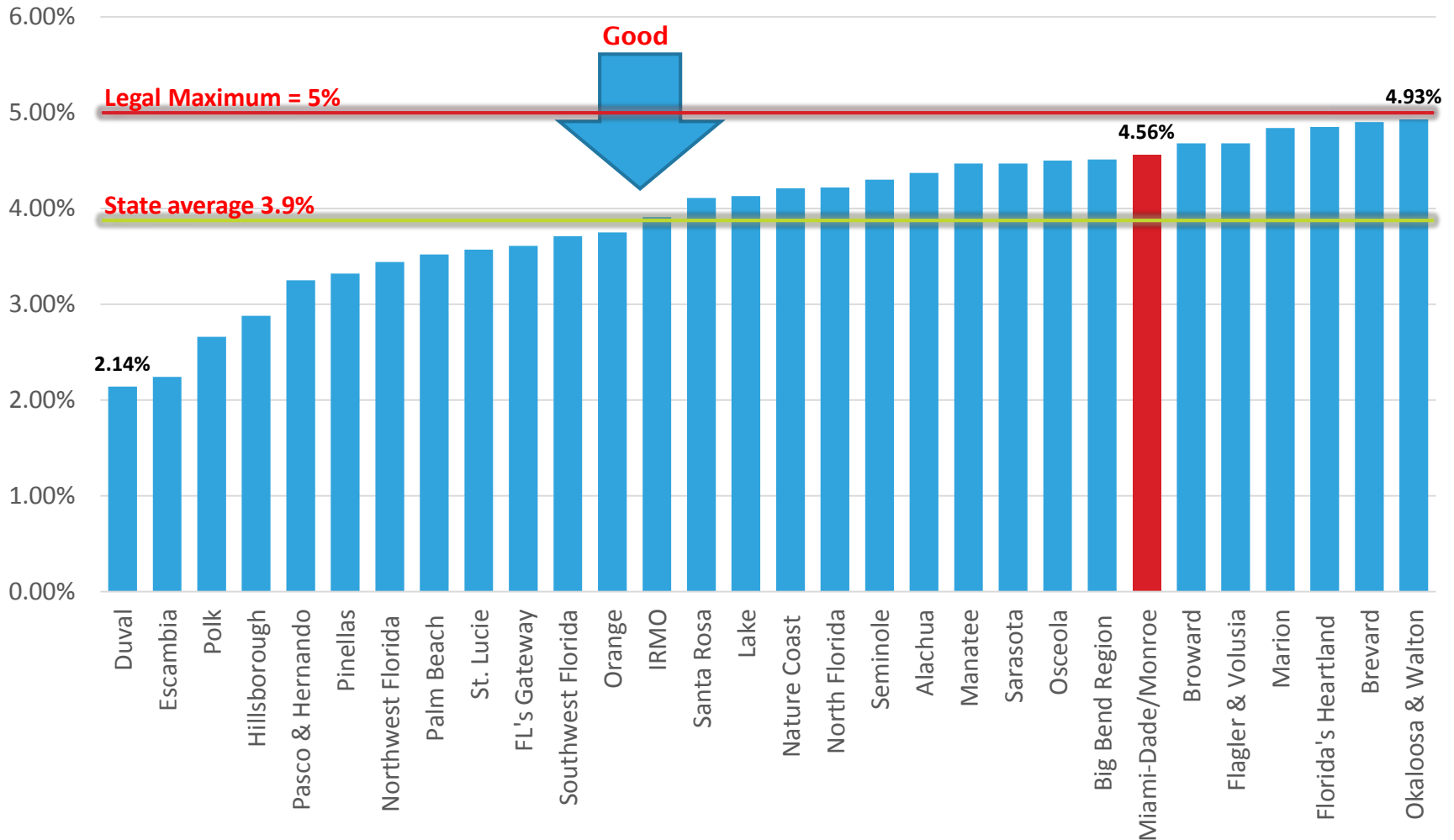
TARGET 4% of Total **Quality Expenditures** (Including Working Poor Match - Excluding CCEP & 97ADV) on Quality Services



Note: with Gold Seal, Miami-Dade/Monroe= 13.46%

# Admin (includes sub-recipient costs)

RESTRICTION Admin may not exceed 5% of Total Expenditures  
(Including Working Poor Match - Excluding CCEP & 97ADV)



# Audit Summary

- OEL/Harvey Covington Thomas Financial Monitoring
- Morrison Brown Argiz and Farra Annual Audit
- OEL Accountability Monitoring



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*ACCOUNTABILITY MONITORING REPORT FOR THE  
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MIAMI-DADE AND  
MONROE*

**REPORT AS13-14.25  
NOVEMBER 2014**

# Review Period Notes

- Transitioned services in-house effective July 1, 2013
- Generated savings of \$3.4 million which was added to direct services
- Increased staff from 64 to 186 full-time and 37 part-time
- Maintained the highest percentage of dollars spent on direct services in the state
- Maintained the lowest percentage of dollars spent on combined administration and support services in the state
- Opened three full service centers, one satellite office, and a central file room in Miami-Dade



# Review Period Notes

- Opened three service centers in Monroe County
  - In Key West, Marathon and Key Largo
- Received two semi trucks with case files
  - Sorted files and readied for audits
- Immediately started VPK and School Readiness enrollment of new children in both counties while staff were being trained
- Eliminated the waitlist in Monroe which remains at zero

# Review Period Notes

- Improved and implemented VPK online system
- Developed provider portal, electronic attendance, and online developmental screening (ASQ) module (will be implemented statewide)
- Implemented EZ Appointment texting system
- Payments to providers consistently made by 20<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Operationalized a legislatively mandated fraud unit

# Review Scope

- Coalition Governance
- Operations and Program Management
- Educational Services Delivery
- Data Accuracy
- School Readiness
- Voluntary Prekindergarten
- Child Care Resource and Referral

Note: The ELC requested an on-site review, rather than a desk review

# Review Scope

- Services delivered for SR from January through March 2014 (months 7, 8 and 9 of the service transition)
- For VPK during the 2013-2014 program year
- Coalition's operations from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014
- There was review period overlap in the service delivery entity for both VPK and SR for both counties
- For SR, all supporting documentation for the previous eligibility period (overlap) was also reviewed

# OEL Team

- The OEL team was professional, helpful, and very constructive in their approach
- The team offered technical assistance prior to, during, and after the review
- The team understood the challenges of the service transition and commended the ELC team for the overall progress in such a short time

# Results

- ***No findings***
  - *70 elements (61%)*
- ***Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)***
  - *45 elements (39%)*

# Results

## ***Coalition Governance (CG) [p.5]***

- The Coalition had no findings in this review area

## ***Operations and Program Management (OPM) [p.6]***

- The Coalition had no findings in this review area

## ***Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) [p.8]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*

## ***Educational Services Delivery (ESD) [p. 10]***

- The Coalition had no findings in this review area

# Results

## ***School Readiness Eligibility (SR) [p. 11]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*

## ***School Readiness Payment Validation (SRPV) [p.22]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*

## ***VPK Child Eligibility (VPKC) [p.23]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*



# Results

## ***VPK Payment Validation (VPKPV) [p.27]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*

## ***VPK Provider Eligibility (VPKP) [p.29]***

- *Findings - No pending items (CAP accepted)*

## ***Data Accuracy (DA) [p.34]***

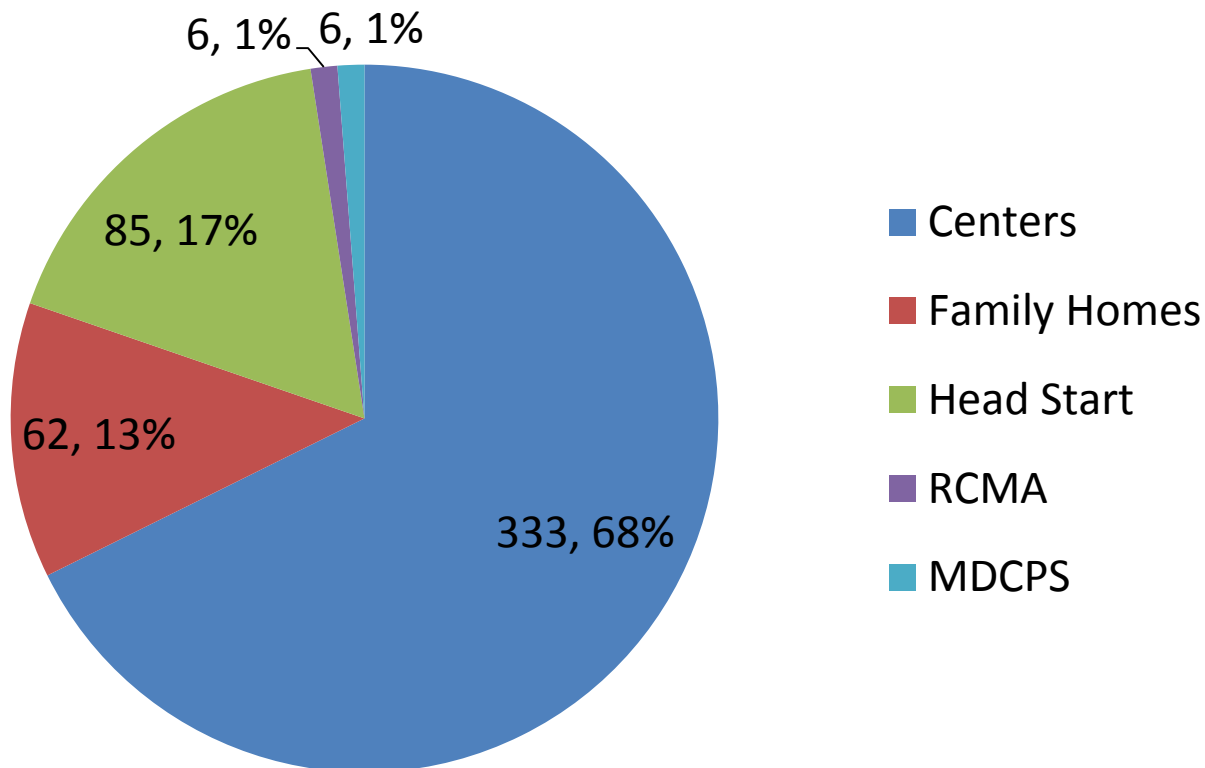
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# Quality Counts



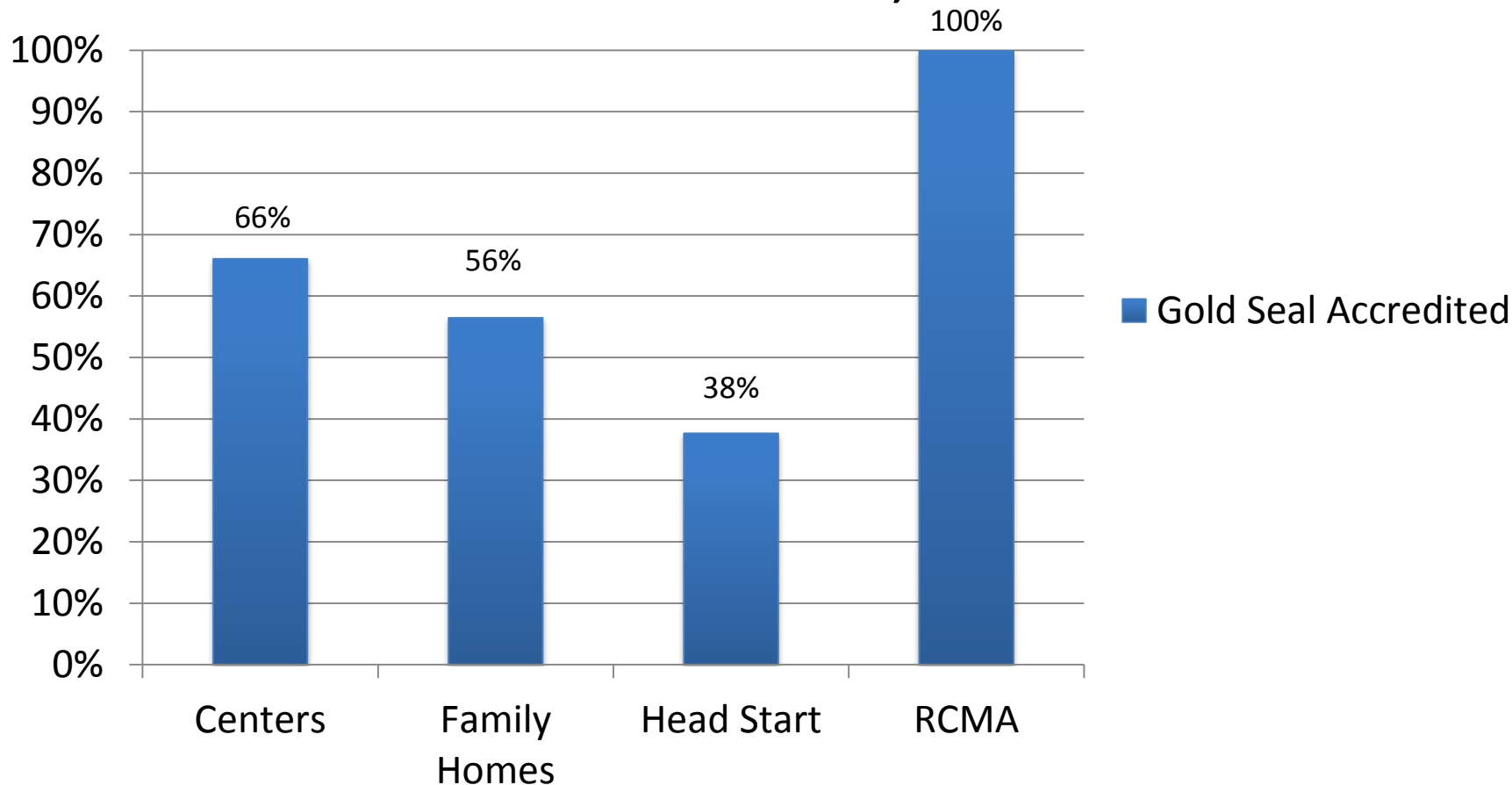
## Participants: Who is part of QC?

492 early care and education programs  
as of December 31, 2014



## Participants: Who is Accredited?

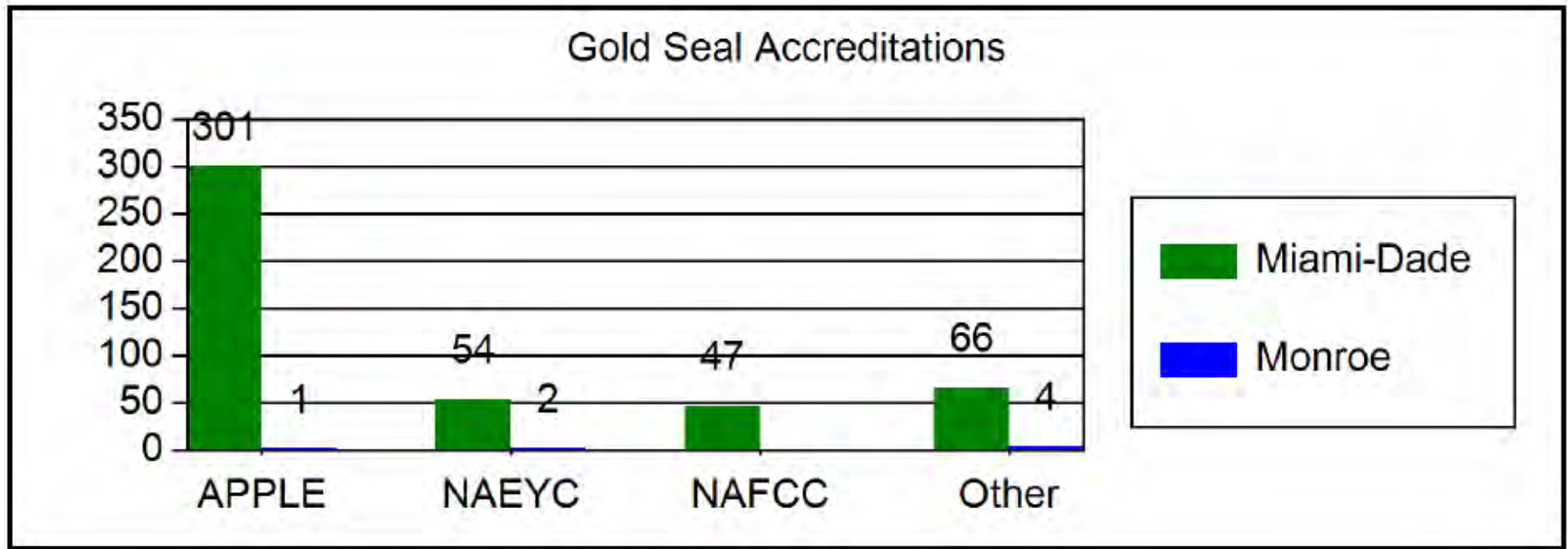
Percentage of QC Gold Seal Accredited Programs  
as of December 31, 2014



# Miami-Dade/Monroe - Accredited Individual Sites

County	License Type	Sites
Miami-Dade	Center	437
Miami-Dade	Family	49
Monroe	Center	8
<b>Total Sites</b>		<b>494</b>

# Miami-Dade/Monroe - Gold Seal Sites



Note: Some sites are accredited by more than one accrediting body.