



CEO Presentation

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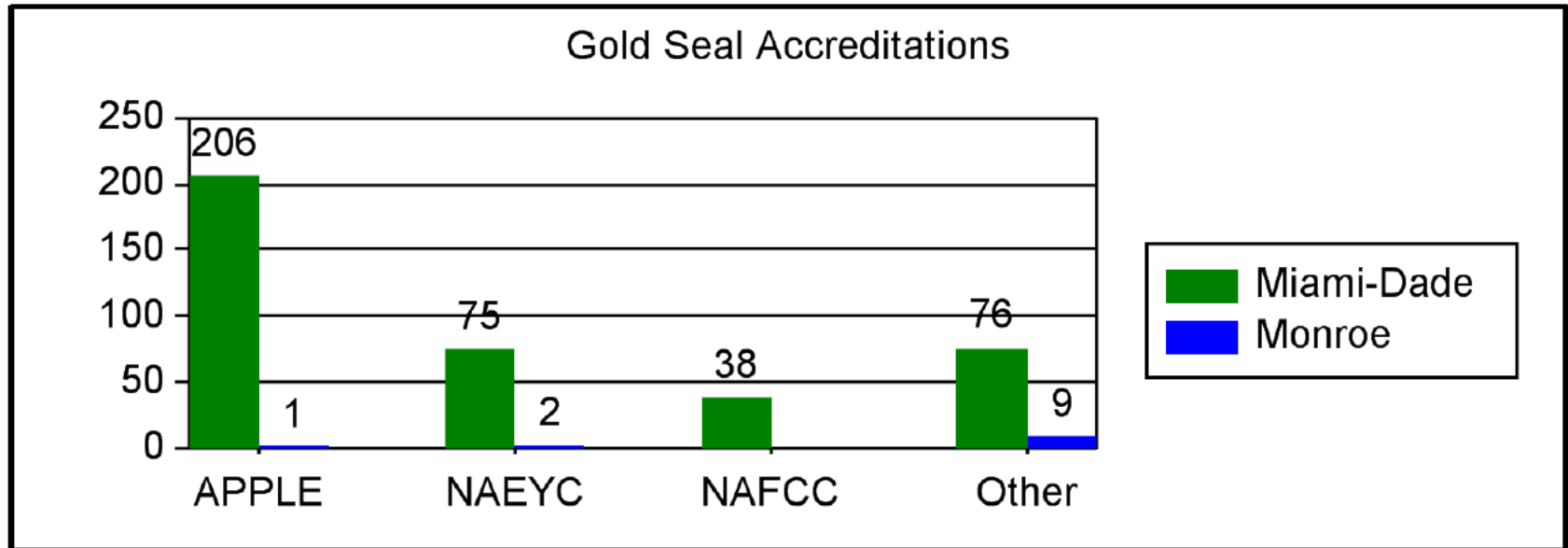
Miami-Dade/Monroe Accredited Individual Sites



Accredited Individual Sites by County

County	License Type	Sites
Miami-Dade	Center	348
Miami-Dade	Family	38
Monroe	Center	14
Total Sites		400

Miami-Dade/Monroe Gold Seal Sites



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

CHILD CARE STANDARDS AND IMPROVEMENTS WORK GROUP

- Department of Children and Families
Secretary George H. Sheldon designated a Work Group to examine child care standards and identify areas for improvement
- The Work Group focused on three critical points:
 - Quality
 - Accountability and
 - Efficiency

Work Group Members

Chairperson

Tana Ebbole, CEO, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County

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Honorable Cindy Lederman, Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

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Recommendations and Findings



- **Eliminate exemptions**

- Require that all programs caring for children be licensed to meet the health and safety requirements
- Adopt the standards for licensing school age care as identified by the Florida Afterschool Network, to include
 - health safety and nutrition
 - program environment
 - family and community involvement and
 - communication and interaction.

Recommendations and Findings

- **Summer camps are currently exempt from licensure**
 - A separate work group be established to develop a definition of “camps” and requirements for summer camps
 - In the absence of licensure, require legally exempted programs to provide for on-site verification of background screenings

Recommendations and Findings



- **New category in licensing**
 - *Educational Programming Requirements*
 - Intended to ensure educational programming is an integral part of operating a program
 - Categories are
 - adult - child interaction
 - child screening
 - developmental learning standards and
 - parental communication

Recommendations and Findings



- **Background Screening**

- Revise the statute to include a record check of Florida Safe Families Network for all applicants and, if it is found that the individual's child (or children) had been adjudicated dependent or had their parental rights terminated, the applicant would be disqualified for employment in a child care setting

Recommendations and Findings

- **Infant/Toddler Containment**

- Time in confining equipment (such as cribs, high chairs, playpens, and seats) should be restricted primarily to napping and care routines (such as eating and diaper-changing)

Recommendations and Findings



- **Staff Training**

- Increase total hours of training within the first year to 90 hours

Recommendations and Findings

- **Health and Safety Regulations**

- Reinststate the authority of the Department of Health, or an appropriate agency, to conduct food hygiene inspections
- As legislation is drafted, include language ensuring collaboration and cooperation between the food hygiene inspection agency and licensing agencies
- Ensure currently exempted child care programs are included for food hygiene inspections

Recommendations and Findings



- **Incentives for quality improvement and accepting subsidized child care**
 - In order to take care of our most vulnerable children birth-5, the following are required:
 - Federal and state funding adequate to enable quality programs to be implemented, to include children from low income families
 - Providers have the skill sets required to provide quality care
 - Children have continuity of care to develop to their full potential

Recommendations and Findings



- **Tying together licensing, quality rating and accreditation**
 - Quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) would be voluntary
 - The licensing standards, as recommended by this Work Group, should be the base building blocks for QRIS standards and should be the first star in the QRIS

Recommendations and Findings



- **Regulatory and programmatic functions**
 - Combine the two offices of early learning into one state entity to implement, assess, and develop policy relative to quality early childhood education and care
 - Include Gold Seal and QRIS under the newly defined single office of early learning
 - Distinguish regulatory policy/functions (licensing) from quality programmatic and policy functions

Recommendations and Findings



- **Report Card for Florida**

- A report card for Florida parents should be made available online and at the child care home or facility, to include at a minimum:

- Program type, name, address (demographics)
- Services provided
- Accreditation (if any)
- Type program participating in (i.e., school readiness, head start)
- Type and name of curriculum used
- Minimum 2 year licensing history
- Credential for facility or home staff who interact with the children
- QRIS or Gold Seal rating (specify if these evaluation systems are not available in the county where the facility or home is located)
- Commonly asked parent questions

Recommendations and Findings



- **School- age parental communications**
 - The new educational programming requirements section, as recommended by this Work Group, should include school age programs

Agency for Workforce
Innovation

**2011 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
REQUEST**

AWI Budget: \$1,875,054,058



- Early Learning Services
 - \$1,094,314,511
- Workforce Services and Workforce Florida, Inc.
 - \$585,367,440
- Unemployment Compensation and Unemployment Appeals Commission
 - \$169,832,872
- Executive Leadership and Agency Support
 - \$25,539,235

Total Agency Budget

- School Readiness Program - Restore Nonrecurring Federal (\$37.2 million) and State Funds (\$7.9 million)
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- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - Restore Nonrecurring Federal ARRA Funds
 - Restore \$72,762,557 of nonrecurring budget
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds were utilized to partially fund the VPK Program and these funds will not be available in FY 2011-12
 - Restoring the VPK budget is critical to maintain the availability of this constitutionally mandated program that is projected to serve over 173,000 children in FY 2011-12
 - The amount requested maintains the current year's per-child funding

LBR Issues

- Early Learning Information System (ELIS) - Complete Development and Deployment
 - \$1,153,048 in nonrecurring "penalties and interest" revenues from the Special Employment Security Administration Trust Fund and \$5,523,547 of nonrecurring Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund to complete the development of the Early Learning Information System
 - ELIS will administer the state's \$1.1 billion early learning program, providing critical information to early learning parents, partners, and providers

Board Approved Child Outcomes



- Child Development-(ASQ)
- Language and Literacy-(LAP-D)
- Kindergarten Readiness- (FLKRS)
- Program Quality-(Quality Counts Rating)
- Third Grade Reading and Math (FCAT)