



Message from the Early Learning Coalition

Hurricane Irma Provider Update

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- Important Deadline
- Free Resource(s)
- School Readiness, VPK or other Contract Compliance
- Compliance with State Requirement
- Professional Development Opportunity
- Informational

Dear Early Education Partners:

The Early Learning Coalition has partnered with Child Care Aware, a national agency dedicated to improving access to high quality childcare, to provide information and resources before, during and after Hurricane Irma. For information on Hurricane Irma, please visit: <http://usa.childcareaware.org/irma>

Childcare Aware is closely involved in the Hurricane Harvey recovery effort in Texas.

As you know, Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Florida. As a reminder, within 24 hours after a declared emergency (hurricane, forest fire, or other natural disaster), the Florida Administrative Code requires the owner, operator, or director of a child care facility or family day care home (licensed, large, or registered) to notify your licensing authority about the status of operation in order to ensure that health and safety standards are met. For more information and to obtain a disaster plan, please visit: <http://www.floridadisaster.org>.

The Early Learning Coalition is working closely with our local Department of Children and Families' Childcare Licensing office to coordinate efforts to identify providers who are able to safely reopen and care for children after the storm. A listing of those providers will be posted to the [Department of Children and Families website](#).

Our payment staff continues to work remotely to ensure that all providers are reimbursed timely. Should you have any questions about your reimbursement, please contact your Payment Specialist. For questions and information related to temporary closures during an emergency, please visit: www.elcmdm.org or providers.elcmdm.org/Account/Logon.



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