

Early Learning Coalition

of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-620.3.2	Title: Pre-disaster Closure Reimbursement Policy	
	Review Date: Sept. 2, 2008	Next Review Date:

Subject: Pre-disaster Closure Reimbursement Policy

References: AWI Rule 60BB-4.501

Purpose: To outline reimbursement procedures for closures of School Readiness programs immediately before a disaster.

Background:

Policy:

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. (ELCP) reimbursement policies for School Readiness provider payments when a provider's site is temporarily closed due to circumstances beyond the provider's control.

- A. Policies governing the advance closure of a provider facility due to probable impending circumstances that could endanger the health and safety of their staff and customers. [Examples could include hurricanes, flu outbreaks, terrorist threats, etc.]
 - 1. A school readiness provider may be paid for day(s) of care for enrolled school readiness children without documentation if any of the following situations occur for day(s) when the provider site is scheduled for service:
 - (a.) A state of emergency has been declared in advance for Pinellas County by County Government.

[OR]

(b.) Pinellas County government pre-announces that it will close its offices which normally would be scheduled to be open for services other than essential services.

[OR]

(c.) Pinellas County officials have ordered mandatory evacuation of any geographic zones within the county (not to include mandatory evacuation of mobile homes only).

[OR]

(d.) Pinellas County Public Schools have pre-announced countywide closure due to impending countywide danger. [Note: This criterion would NOT apply to situations such as when Pinellas County public schools close only because their buildings are being reserved as shelters for residents from other counties.]

2. Payment under these policies may not exceed 6 days of care per ELCP fiscal year and with no more than 3 days occurring consecutively.

B. The Pinellas coalition will follow existing State AWI / OEL policies governing payment to a school readiness provider for a temporary closure after an event out of the provider's control.