

Early Learning Coalition

of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-620.2.3	Title: Child Protection Investigations on School Readiness Providers	
	Review Date: September 24, 2009	Next Review Date:

Purpose: To establish guidelines for School Readiness funding during open Child Protection Investigations

Background: The Coalition is required to ensure School Readiness funded children receive services in a healthy and safe environment.

Policy:

Child protective investigations are conducted by Child Protective Investigators (CPI) of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. The Pinellas County License Board for Child Care Centers and Family Day Care Homes is informed of any open investigations. During the course of the open investigation, CPI may require that the provider not care for children until the investigation is complete. Should this occur, PCLB will notify the Early Learning Coalition and ELC will suspend School Readiness funding until the provider has been authorized to begin caring for children. Families of School Readiness children enrolled will be contacted and offered assistance in finding alternative care.

Once the CPI investigation is complete, the Sheriff's Department will make recommendation to the Pinellas County License Board regarding the provider's license to provide child care. PCLB makes final determination with regard to revocation of their license.

If an investigation is completed with no additional action by the Pinellas County License Board, the Coalition will reinstate School Readiness funding effective upon point of knowledge. The provider will not be reimbursed for days closed due to investigation. If PCLB pursues revocation of the provider's license, School Readiness funding will remain suspended and the provider's School Readiness Agreement or Contract will be terminated.