The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County is one of 30 coalitions in Florida. We are responsible for the administration of the School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten programs and the Success By 6 parent initiative, in partnership with United Way of Marion County.

School Readiness/Early Learning Programs

- **2,751** children received services at approximately **160** contracted early learning programs (small businesses). This enables parents/caregivers to work and/or attend school.

- The Marion County Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program served **2,172** 4 year old children through **98** certified VPK providers.

- **5,113** requests were processed through Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) for child care information from families regarding school readiness, Voluntary Prekindergarten and child care services.

- **1,094** (duplicated) early education teachers attended **59** professional development opportunities through the Coalition.

- **11,225 (+4%)** children’s books and parent resources were distributed throughout Marion County.

- Through a partnership with Kiwanis Club of Ocala, **173 (+30%)** pack-n-plays were distributed on an emergency referral basis.

- **55** Parents As Teachers sessions were offered, **279 (+106%)** partners promoted the Read Aloud 15 movement and **189** business locations featured a RA15 Bucket of Books.
2016-2017 Budget—$15,150,528

- Direct Services: 83%
- Non-Direct Services: 4%
- Quality: 9%
- Administrative: 4%

Other highlights:
- Success By 6 Diaper Drive, in partnership with Publix, collected more than 17,000 diapers!
- The Early Learning Summit brought the community together to work on solutions for issues facing our families.