



# EMPOWERING

## EARLY LEARNING EDUCATORS

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**FUTURE CALL**  
**THE CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT OF FLORIDA**

# Our Mission

**Empowering Early Learning Educators (EELE) unites and empowers childcare center owners, administrators, and operators to advocate, access resources, and thrive. Our goal is to raise wages, boost business sustainability, and expand access to high-quality early care, supporting the economic mobility of families and the growth of small businesses in Miami-Dade**

# Our Vision

**To create a thriving early childhood education ecosystem in Miami-Dade County where every child, regardless of background, has access to high-quality early learning, and where childcare professionals are empowered, respected, and supported as essential leaders in their communities.**

# Areas of Work

## *ADVOCACY*

Bringing EELE members together with partners, industry leaders, legislators, etc. to improve policies in areas like:

- Enhancing childcare worker salaries
- Expanding School Readiness eligibility
- Optimizing federal and state fund usage.

Our quarterly coalition meetings unite providers, experts, and stakeholders to discuss and plan the next steps.

## *RESOURCE HUB*

Facilitating connections between EELE members and the wealth of community resources available. This can include:

- Opportunities to connect with leaders and fellow professionals to share best practices and collaborate.
- Resources to improve financial management, marketing, and overall business operations.
- Professional Development for Quality Improvement.

## *INNOVATION*

Engaging with stakeholders to identify and explore innovative ways to advance our mission.

One key initiative is exploring Business-to-Business opportunities, collaborating with local business owners to highlight the importance of high-quality, well-funded childcare for their workforce, and fostering greater funding and collaboration opportunities.

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## **A Respected Workforce:**

**EELE's advocacy aims to secure greater public and private support, allowing centers to offer better wages, retain staff, and improve overall quality, aligning with the goal of building a respected, well-compensated workforce.**

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## **Impactful Learning Experiences:**

**By empowering childcare leaders with professional development, business support, and opportunities to collaborate and learn from each other, EELE helps improve learning environments and advance best practices for young children.**

# Your Insights & Experience can Help us Grow!

- What best practices or successful initiatives from your region can help us continue strengthening EELE's mission?
- How can we work together to support the early learning community across the state?
- Are there any other insights or questions you'd like to discuss today?

