

## Section B: Programs & Partners

### 1. SR

School Readiness (SR) is a program that offers financial assistance to eligible families in need of affordable quality childcare for children from birth through 12 years old. SR funds pay a portion of childcare costs based on the family's income and risk factors. This includes children under Protective Services, Homeless and Domestic Violence services, Relative Caregivers and families with a household income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. There are 98 providers and 2681 children participating in the School Readiness (SR) program. In the last year, 1662 applied for the program and 83% were accepted into the program. In terms of churn and fill of children in the program, Alachua ELC had a churn rate of 1.1, wherein 986 children entered the program and 893 children exited the program. Table 2 shows both the number of providers and the number of children who were enrolled in SR according to child home county.

Table 2. Number of Providers and Children Enrolled in SR in ELC

Child Home County	Number of Children Enrolled in SR Program	Number of Providers with Children Enrolled in SR Program
Alachua	2121	98
Liberty	868	87
All	2681	98

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### 2. VPK

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK) is a free educational program for children who reside in Florida and are 4 years old on or before September 1 of each year. VPK is designed to prepare 4-year-olds for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. VPK supports the development of early literacy, executive functioning and social and emotional skills. There are 71 providers and 1535 participating in VPK. In the last year, 7249 children applied for the program and 85% were accepted into the program. Table 3 shows both the number of providers and the number of children who were enrolled in VPK according to child home county.

Table 3. Number of Providers and Children Enrolled in VPK in ELC

Child Home County	Number of Children Enrolled in VPK	Number of Providers with Children Enrolled in VPK
Alachua	1435	71
Columbia	23	10
Martin	19	11
All	1535	71

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