Join us in giving every child the opportunity to receive high-quality early education.

A Message from Lindsay Carson, CEO

The Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County (ELC) focuses on high-quality early care and education and works directly with local families and childcare providers to prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed – in school and in life.

As the statewide leader in Florida kindergarten readiness, the ELC is proud of its accomplishments and progress in the child care sector, yet there is always more to be done to ensure that every child in Pinellas County enters kindergarten ready to succeed.

In the most recently reported school year, the ELC worked with over 600 providers to serve over 12,000 families and help educate over 14,200 students. And at 69%, Pinellas reached the highest readiness rate in the State of Florida!

The ELC reinforces the foundations of our community by seeking to improve the lives of those in it, starting with the youngest and most vulnerable. Our mission is to revolutionize early learning to inspire children, engage families, and elevate educators. To join us in the pursuit of this mission:

DONATE to the ELC. Your gift will help the ELC support young children during crucial formative years, as well as the families and providers who help mold them.

PARTNER with us. Join our team of corporate and community partners to make an impact through opportunities such as our annual fundraisers, VPK registration rallies, and other programming and events.

ADVOCATE for our youngest learners. Work with our leadership team to develop strategies, support campaigns, and take a stand for early education through our local, state, and national legislators.

There are infinite ways to support early learning and development in Pinellas, some of which are detailed on our website (www.elcpinellas.org/how-to-help). Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, input, or ideas. The work we do in our community is strengthened by the support of partners like you.

Lindsay Carson is a hands-on nonprofit executive and early educator known for research based decisions and efficient operational management. Ms. Carson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, which serves over 15,000 children annually. She has nearly 20 years’ experience in the early childhood field, and holds a Bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and a Master’s degree in nonprofit management, both from the University of Central Florida.

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