

Disaster Relief Payments

For Child Care/Early Learning Instructors



Summary: Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature authorized two qualified disaster relief payments to child care and early learning instructors affected by COVID in Specific Appropriation #80B of the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act (GAA) (Chapter 2021-036, Laws of Florida). These payments are provided to qualified instructors in recognition of their continuing service and dedication to Florida's children and families.

Child care and early learning instructor must be:

- Employed as of July 1, 2021 at a private child care, early learning center or family child care home or at a public school assigned to a VPK or Title I prekindergarten program;
- Employed at the time the center/program director submits the application; and
- Assigned to a classroom, full-time or part-time.

All payments to eligible individuals will be issued as paper checks and mailed directly to the individuals at the address provided by the program/school director.

Application Process - To start the application process, **private child care/early learning directors** and school district VPK program directors will receive an email invitation to access the application website where they will be asked to add or verify information for each instructor. If you have not received an email invitation, please email the help desk at disasterrelief@oel.myflorida.com or call 1-833-258-6735 and one will be sent to you.

Steps to Apply - After receiving an email invitation, private child care/early learning directors and school district program directors must **by August 6:**

1. Accept invitation to access website.
2. Search for and select the appropriate center/school on the website.
3. Verify information for all instructors at the selected center/school, including each instructor's email, phone number and home mailing address.
4. Add any eligible instructors not listed, including yourself, on the application and remove any instructors who are not eligible.
5. Attest to the accuracy of the information provided.

After this information is submitted and the data verification process is completed, each instructor from the application will receive an email notifying them of approval. The \$1,000 payment will be mailed directly to each instructor at the address provided by the director.

Data on eligible district Title I prekindergarten instructors will be obtained from the district.

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July 27, 2021	Tuesday	2:00 PM	
July 27, 2021	Tuesday	4:00 PM	
July 28, 2021	Wednesday	1:00 PM	
July 28, 2021	Wednesday	6:00 PM	
July 29, 2021	Thursday	10:00 AM	
July 30, 2021	Friday	2:00 PM	
July 30, 2021	Friday	3:00 PM	