

## What is **FRAUD**?

Fraud is an intentional deception, omission, or misrepresentation made by a person with knowledge that the deception, omission, or misrepresentation may result in unauthorized benefit to that person or another person, or any aiding and abetting of the omission of such an act. The term includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law.

## What are some examples of **FRAUD**?

- Parent signature on Provider attendance records (sign in/out) when child/ren was not present
- Inconsistent information reported to other government programs.
- Multiple and recent child births by non-custodial parent not paying court-ordered support to the family.
- Name of second parent who the client states is not in the home continues to appear on client's official documentation
- Handwriting on documents from others resembling that of the client.

## Did **YOU** know?

As a client it is your responsibility to report any household changes within 10 days? Your child care services can be suspended, terminated, and you will be asked to pay restitution of any overpaid benefits if you commit fraud by failing to disclose, provide false information, or fail to notify ELCAC of any changes to the following:

- Employment Status
- Income from all sources (earned and unearned)
- Educational Activity
- Family Size
- Marital Status
- Change in address

## How do you **REPORT CHANGES** in your household?

In order to gain access to the Eligibility Verification Wizard (EV Wizard) to recertify your care, report a change or to request an enrollment/provider transfer, please email [eligibility@elcalachua.org](mailto:eligibility@elcalachua.org). Please be sure your email includes your name and description of your request. All requests will be processed within 3 business days.

## What **SHOULD** I do if I **SUSPECT** fraud is being committed?

Whether it is a member of your family, a neighbor, friend or someone you don't know, public assistance fraud is not a victimless crime. Real people, real families are hurt when public benefits are provided to unqualified individuals who use fraudulent information or references. School Readiness is supported by State and Federal taxes and because of this; we are obligated to be good stewards of the funding. If you are aware of an individual committing fraud against the School Readiness and/or Voluntary Prekindergarten Programs, please contact ELCAC by calling (352) 375-4110 ext. 104.

All information provided will remain confidential.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date