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Staff listing: some staff will appear in different categories as they work across multiple departments.

Family Services/ SR Financial Assistance/ VPK

Financial Assistance

Parents can apply for financial assistance by filling out the [basic information in the application form here](#) at the Division of Early Learning parent portal.

Or for more info e-mail us at info@elcsarasota.org

VPK Information Line

(941) 556-1600 ext. 125

Information Line for Spanish Speakers

(941) 556-1600 ext. 101

Provider Portal: providerportal@elcsarasota.org

Provider Reimbursement: reimbursement@elcsarasota.org

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Kaitlyn Dorsett, Program Support Coordinator
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Melissa Edsel, CCR&R/Coordinator
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**Outreach & Family Engagement;
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**SR & VPK Provider Services/ Quality Supports
 Early Childhood Specialists/Warmline**

**Administration/Finance
 & Provider Payments**

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