

Child Care Classrooms to Participate in *Picture the Future* Campaign
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Picture the Future is an annual event designed to emphasize the need to improve Florida's universal pre-kindergarten program and its funding requirements to make high quality early learning and degreed teachers a public policy priority.

The Early Childhood Association of Florida, the Florida Family Childcare Association, and the Children's Campaign have partnered for an advocacy event called "Picture the Future." We would like teachers of 3 and 4 yr olds to have their children participate in this easy and fun outreach to legislators. Classrooms can register by going to this website:

www.iamforkids.org (click on "Register for Picture the Future")

The child care program will receive in the mail, a mini-curriculum on "What I want to be when I grow up!" and drawing sheets for the children. After the lesson plan is completed the children will draw a picture of what they want to be when they grow up. These drawings are sent to legislators with the message that Florida needs a fully funded VPK system that will pay for quality, including degreed teachers. Some classrooms will also be asked to host a legislature visit as well.

If you are interested in doing this, please sign up as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Gross at 904-355-9300 or visit www.iamforkids.org.