

ELC-Manatee VPK Providers Conference Call
February 11, 2010
12:30-12:54 pm

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Roll Call

a. ELC Staff on call:

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| 1. Stephanie Danforth | sdanforth@elc-manatee.org | ext. 266 |
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| 4. David Hall | dhall@elc-manatee.org | ext.234 |

b. Participating Provider Programs

1. Thompson
2. Deborah M. Riley Educate Center at MTI
3. A Readiness Learning Academy 59th and SR 70
4. Faith Preschool
5. Mind and Body
6. SPROUTS
7. The Goddard School
8. MCAA Head Start
9. A Child's Galaxy
10. All God's Children
11. Happy Go Lucky
12. Sunny Daze
13. Excel Academy for Children

II. Provider Issues /Questions

No questions were submitted

III. State Level Updates

- a. DOE-Readiness Rate-The preliminary readiness rates have been released on the VPK Readiness Rate Website: www.vpk.fldoe.org. Providers can now access their individual Readiness Rate. This rate is not viewable to the public and providers may access their rate by logging on with their user ID and password that was issued by DOE. That information was sent by DOE to each provider during the data verification process. Please contact the coalition or the Department of Education if you are having trouble accessing that information. Telephone 866-447-1159 or via website at www.earlylearning@fldoe.org.

The expected Minimum Readiness Rate is 138. This is not a confirmed number and the finalized minimum rate will be set by the State Board of Education in March. The Readiness Rate maximum rate this year is 200 which is different from last year's maximum score of 300.

Provider may file a dispute on the accuracy of their preliminary rate from February 5-19th, (14 days). Process is completed on line at the Readiness Rate Website: www.vpk.fldoel.org.

Disputes may address issues in one or more of the following areas:

1. The number of children served
 2. The number of children meeting substantial completion
 3. The number of children screened on any measure
 4. The number of children in readiness rate calculation
 5. Change in ownership.
- b. DOE-The Mathematical Thinking Toolkit is now available on the DOE Website. (www.flvpkonline.org/teachertoolkit).
- c. AWI- AWI is in the process of updating the VPK contracts (agreements, VPK 10 and VPK 11). Once the Coalition receives the information about the forms we will give out a timeline for submission.
- d. Summer 2010 VPK-Reminders about Summer VPK. It is a 300 hour instructional program that must start after May ^{1st} and must end before the first day of the public school system. Summer VPK ratio is 1:12, and a degreed teacher is required. Current forms and agreements are valid for Summer 09 programs. New VPK 10 and VPK 11 forms will be submitted. The Coalition will be accepting Summer VPK paperwork at a date to be determined.

IV. ELC Issues

- a. VPK Open Enrollment for Families-The Coalition will start to issue VPK Certificates of Enrollment for children who are eligible for the 2010-11 school year, on February 16th. Please remind your families that COE will be issued **all** eligible children, so there is no rush for families to obtain these forms on the 16th. Please inform families that the enrollment process at the coalition will take approximately 15 minutes per family. Required documentation for VPK registration includes:
1. Proof of child's date of birth (Birth Certificate)
 2. Proof of local residence (parent/guardian State issued ID with current address or utility bill which includes house phone, electric or water bill. A copy of lease, pay stub or bank statement will also suffice with current address.

V. Other Issues

1. Provider Question: If I only had 4 students in my VPK class for the 08/09 SY, will I still receive a score?

Answer: All providers who have 4 or more students who have completed substantial completion of the VPK program (70% or more) and were screened on both tools will receive a Readiness Rate.

2. Provider Question: Can the online DOE VPK Toolkits be used as in service hours?

Answer –From the DOE Regional Representative: No the Toolkits are designed to be resources only.

3. Provider: If I have a VPK student who is going to have more than 20% of allowable absences, can I try and recoup fees for those days from the family?

Answer: ELC Coalition staff will get back to the provider after receiving further technical assistance from Provider Payment.

- VI. Next conference call date:
- a. Day: Thursday, March 11, 2010
 - b. Time: 12:30-1:30 PM