

ELC-Manatee VPK Provider Conference Call Minutes

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12:30-1:00

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Kids On The Rock
MTI
All Gods Children
ARLA
Faith Preschool
MCSB
Marvelous Day Care
Head Start
A+ Growing Academy

Meeting Summary

I. Provider Issues/Questions

No questions were submitted

II. State Level Updates

a. DOE:

- **LPP Improvement Plans:**
- The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate website is under development. It is not able to accept Improvement Plans at this time. Because of the delay, the ELC is accepting Fall VPK Applications for LPP Providers. LPP Providers are still responsible for completing this process and we will be notifying required Providers of the new deadline.
- LPP 2 Providers who have been notified as a 2nd year Low Performing Provider must purchase a DOE approved Curriculum and all staff must receive the corresponding training. In addition, Providers are required to provide proof of purchase and training to the Coalition. Contact the Quality Department for Technical Assistance with this process at ext. 260.

- DOE has piloted an assessment instrument for VPK teachers. It will periodically assess VPK children during their VPK experience. The assessment aligns with the VPK Educational Standards and does not replace the FLKRS. The intent of the instrument is to provide teachers with student performance data. The assessment will be completed via computer and is intended to track children's progress, identify delays, and give suggestions for improvement.

b. AWI Updates:

- State allocated funding for VPK: The Florida House & Senate voted less than 1% reduction in VPK funding effective July 1, 2010:
 School Year (SY): \$2562
 Summer (SU): \$2179
- Other Legislative Bills: Good Cause Exemption for LPP 4s. This bill would seek certain exemptions for Providers who serve diverse populations. Providers would have to meet certain requirements. More info on this and other legislation as it becomes available.

III. ELC Issues

a. Summer VPK 2010

- We are accepting Summer 2009-2010 Agreements. The deadline for Advanced payment for June has elapsed. The deadline for Advanced Payment for July is June 5. COEs and all paperwork/documentation must be turned in by June 5.
- Summer Substitutes: Summer Subs for Lead VPK Teachers are required to have an AA degree or a CDA.
- Certificate of Eligibility (COE): Submit your COEs directly to the Provider Payment Department fax #: 757-2918. Remember: You must have at least 4 children to start your VPK class.
- Fall 2009-2010 School Year Reconciliation of VPK payments: if your program is in the red, Provider Payments will be contacting you directly. Providers owing money will not be able to start any new programs until the coalition is reimbursed. Contact Provider Payments at ext. 230 with any questions.
- Remember for Summer:
 - Napping is prohibited and will result in a loss of reimbursement.
 - Snack Time, such as lunch and outside time, are permitted in the VPK classroom as long as the VPK teacher stays with the class and is actively engaged in instructional teaching strategies.

b. Fall VPK 2010-11

- Providers are required to attend an Orientation. Please contact Erin at ext. 253 to sign up. The last Orientations are as follows:
 - Thursday May 20th 6:30-9:00 pm
 - Monday May 24th 12:30-3:00 pm
- Provider Approval Process: Upon completion of an Orientation the Provider will call Beverly at ext. 268 to make an appointment with a Compliance Team

Member to review all required documentation. We encourage Providers to use the Checklist in making sure all required current documentation is compiled before making the appointment as the ELC will not accept incomplete or expired documentation. Go to the ELC website: Providers-Forms-VPK Packet w/Checklist.

- The deadline for submission of all VPK documentation and COEs for Advanced Payment for fall 2010-11 is July 5, 2010.
- New COEs: Parents will be bringing COEs to Providers. These forms look different from last year. They are computer generated and do not need to be faxed or sent to the Coalition. Please use the Class Enrollment Request Form from our website to submit a class list of VPK students. As you add students to your program, you need only to send in the names of the new students; an entire new enrollment form is not necessary. For your convenience you may also call Eligibility and Enrollment with the names of the new enrollees.

IV. Next Conference call is Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 12:30-1:30.