



ELC Provider Update April 28, 2010



1. **Please Take Note...**

Effective April 28, 2010, the Friday Provider Update is now the Wednesday Provider Update.

2. **An Enrollment Update from Resource and Referral**

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached form so you can provide us with current vacancy and enrollment information. This is important information for our database. Please fax to Fran at 757-2916.

Remember, changes to your program should be reported to CCR&R so that we can have the most up-to-date information for your profile which is distributed to parents.

3. **Mandatory School Readiness and VPK Orientation**

If you are planning to offer School Readiness, VPK, or both at your child care facility in the 2010-2011 school year, you must attend a Provider Orientation. There are openings still available in the following sessions:

School Readiness: Monday, May 3rd 12:30pm – 2:00pm
VPK: Tuesday, May 4th 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 5th 12:30pm – 1:30pm

You may call or email Erin to reserve a spot in the session/s of your choice.
757-2900 ext. 253 or esutton@elc-manatee.org

4. **VPK Education Standards Information**

Effective May 1st there will be a \$10.00 charge for the VPK Education Standards training. This charge is to help offset the costs related to the printing and shipping of the Standards books.

According to Shan Goff at DOE, folks that are already registered on the Training Management System **prior to May 1st** will not be charged. However, anyone who goes on to register for a Standards course on May 1st and thereafter will be required to pay the fee. It should work the same as the registration process for the Department of Children and Family courses. Participants will need to preregister and pay for the course **before** they can attend.

At this point in time, this is the only face to face course that DOE offers that will include a fee. Right now, the 10 hr. Emergent Literacy, Integrating the Standards and It's Okay to Play courses remain free.

5. **Fax Number Update**

Some of the forms in the 2009 Provider Handbook list a fax number that is no longer valid. Please be sure you **ONLY** fax items to the appropriate department using the following numbers:

757-2915 (Administration)

757-2916 (Resource & Referral, and Eligibility & Enrollment)

757-2917 (Child Health and Development, Quality & Education, Compliance)

757-2918 (Provider Payments)



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6. **Focus Grant – Final Deadline**

If your site has not yet received the Environment Rating Scale book/s applicable to the children you serve, the final deadline to submit the Focus Grant application for 2009/10 is Friday, May 28th.

7. **Summer Camp Info – from the Agency for Workforce Innovation**

SUMMER CAMP STAFF TRAINING

Date: June 5

Hosted by: The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida (in collaboration with Collier County Recreation)

Location: North Collier Regional Park (Collier County)

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Featuring: 9 workshop sessions presented by local and state trainers; CEU's available.

For more information and registration, visit www.elcofswfl.org

SUMMER CAMP STAFF TRAINING

Date: June 12

Hosted by: The Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Location: The Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Featuring: 5 hours in in-service training presented by Jenn Faber, State School-Age Services Network Coordinator, AWI-OEL

For more information and registration, visit www.elcescambia.org

SUMMER CAMP RESOURCES

www.afterschoolcatalog.com

www.niost.org

www.summerlearning.org

8. **From Family Services Department:**



The sluggish economy continues to impact families in many ways. There have been many stories in the media about parents struggling to put food on the table. In these tough times, some parents are out of work, others have had their pay cut and need to work longer hours or multiple jobs. This means that some children may be in child care for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In some cases, families are struggling to afford nutritious meals and the meals they receive at child care are critical to ensure that the children receive enough to eat. We at NACCRRA have been receiving many questions about this issue from the media and have heard from many families that the economy continues to cause food hardships.

We are working with other national child advocacy groups to strengthen legislation that helps child care centers and family child care homes to provide nutritious meals and snacks to children in their care. As part of that effort, we are trying to collect some stories about how the meals and snacks



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served through child care settings really make a difference to the children. If you have a story about the need for nutritious meals and snacks in child care, please share it with us. We are hopeful to send a collection of stories to Members of Congress as they debate the child nutrition reauthorization legislation.


Please email us at info@ccaparentnetwork.org by Friday, April 30 with a brief account (just a few sentences, please) about how food provided by child care providers has really made a difference to your child or children. Please mention the ages of your children so we know if you are referring to infants, preschool-age, or school-age children. We will then select a sampling of stories from across the country that illustrate the impact

We appreciate your time and effort and know that, once these stories are told, we can begin to make a positive difference in the lives of America's children.

This publication is also available online at http://cecl.nl.edu/ebulletin/issues/ecjss_alert.htm



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We Need Your Help!

National Survey of the Early Childhood Workforce

The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership has received funding to conduct a study of the early childhood workforce.

Complete the Survey

- If you are an early childhood administrator (director or assistant director), teacher (lead teacher, teacher, or assistant teacher), or component coordinator (education/curriculum, family support, or health/nutrition) and you work in an early care and education center more than 10 hours per week, then **this survey is designed for you.**
- If you are a pre-k teacher or assistant teacher and you work in a public school setting more than 10 hours

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per week, **this survey is also for you.**

- If you are a family child care provider, **this survey is not designed for you.** We have just concluded a national study of family child care business practices.

Please take ten minutes to complete a confidential survey about the aspects of your role that contribute most to your professional fulfillment. Your responses to the questionnaire and those of other early childhood practitioners across the country will be compiled to develop an updated profile of the early childhood workforce and national norms for the *Early Childhood Job Satisfaction Survey* (ECJSS). When our analysis is complete, we will post the results on the McCormick Center's website.

Win a camera!

As a token of our appreciation for completing the survey, you will be eligible for a raffle drawing of a 12 megapixel Kodak digital camera and a copy of *Picture This: Digital and Instant Photography Activities for Early Childhood*. On May 28, 2010 we'll draw the names of four lucky winners.



College Instructors, Trainers, and Consultants

If you are a college instructor, trainer, or consultant who works with early childhood practitioners, please forward this e-mail to them so they can participate in this research. Your support in helping us get a broad national sample is truly appreciated.

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Enrollment Update for Resource and Referral Database

Please complete by May 7, 2010 and fax to Fran or Wendy at 757-2916.

Date: _____

Provider Name: _____ Location (if more than one): _____

Name of Person Completing Document: _____

Carelevel	How Many Vacancies?	How Many Enrolled?
Infant		
Toddler (1 year)		
2's		
3's		
4's		
5's (not in school)		
Elementary		
Middle		

Please add the following changes/notes to my profile:

Signature:

Please remember to contact Resource and Referral anytime you make a change so your child care profile is as current and up-to-date as possible. 757-2900 ext. 213



Focus Grant Application & Info Sheet

Filling out this application form is all you need to do to qualify for the *Focus Grant*. This grant is designed to provide support to early childhood educators by enhancing a specific aspect of the early learning environment from year to year. The focus of the 2009-2010 grant will be the purchase of the Environment Rating Scales. These are the ITERS-R (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale), the ECERS-R (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale), the SACERS (School Age Children Environment Rating Scale), and the FCCERS-R (Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale). Please fill out the requested information, so that the ELC can determine which Environment Rating Scale/s should be purchased for your early childhood education site.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Site Name: _____

Site Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My site is a: Child Care Center Family Child Care Home

Age range/s at your site (please check all that apply):

infant / toddler early childhood/preschool school age

If you already own a copy of each scale representing the age/s you serve, the ELC may ask if you would instead be interested in an additional resource book. We will contact you.

I already own the following books:

- ITERS (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale)
- ECERS (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale)
- SACERS (School Age Environment Rating Scale)
- FCCERS (Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale)

Once you have completed this form, please mail or fax it to the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, attention: Education Department.

Mailing address: 3526 9th Street West - Suite 200
Bradenton, FL 34205

fax: (941) 757-2917

Questions? Call: (941) 757-2900 ext. 250