



ELC Provider Update May 26th, 2010



1. Sign In/Out Requirements

Please see the attached letter to Parents and Providers of SR children regarding the daily sign in and out rules established by AWI and monitored by the Coalition. Please share this with staff and parents as needed.

2. From Family Services...

May 28, 2010 is the deadline AWI has set for CCR&R updates. Your school readiness agreement requires you to meet this requirement. If ELC can document five attempts to obtain this information from you with no response, then ELC can remove your eligibility to receive referrals of families to your program. Simply stated, your program **will not appear** on referral lists for parents seeking child care. Furthermore, ELC will be heavily considering this during the current period of signing agreements for the 2010-2011 year.

The Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Database is a free marketing tool for all legally operating child care providers in the state of Florida. There is no fee for listing your program and all it has to offer. But doing that includes responsibilities. One of those is to update the information at least annually.

AWI (Agency for Workforce Innovation) oversees this program and its operations. AWI states that if a provider wishes to continue this service, the provider must update at least annually by the date AWI sets.

Fill out the attached form today if you have not already done so. Or, you may update by telephone at (941) 757-2900 ext 213.

3. VPK Conference Call Minutes

The minutes from the most recent VPK Conference Call are attached to this email.

4. Reward Programs Deadline

If you plan to submit paperwork for the PIE (Provider Incentive Earnings) Program or the Focus Grant for the 2009/10 year, it must be at the ELC office by Friday, May 28th. If you are mailing or faxing these documents, please put "Attention Erin" on the envelope or coversheet. For more information on either program, visit our website:

http://www.elc-manatee.org/providers_professional-development.shtml

5. Spring Training Calendar - Date Change

The last session of the Inclusion/Behavior Series "Using Books to Support Social/Emotional Development," featuring the book "Rainbow Fish" has been moved from Wednesday, June 9th to Tuesday, June 8th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. To RSVP, please contact Erin at 757-2900 ext. 253 or

esutton@elc-manatee.org . The \$10 deposit can be paid by cash, check, or through PayPal on our website:
http://www.elc-manatee.org/providers_trainings.shtml .

6. From Family Services...

Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Offer Free Or Low-Cost Health Coverage To Children And Families

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer’s health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer’s plan. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

If you live in one of the following States, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of States is current as of April 16, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

FLORIDA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml>

Phone: (866) 762-2237

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since April 16, 2010, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Services

U.S. Department of Health and Human

Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Ext. 61565

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