



Town Hall Meeting: 8-17-2021

Bi-Weekly Update



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Town Hall Agenda

- Welcome
- STARS
- Changes to Child Screening
- VPK Assessments
- School Readiness Assistance for Parents
- Reading IQ
- Board Openings
- COVID update
- Questions



SWFL STARS

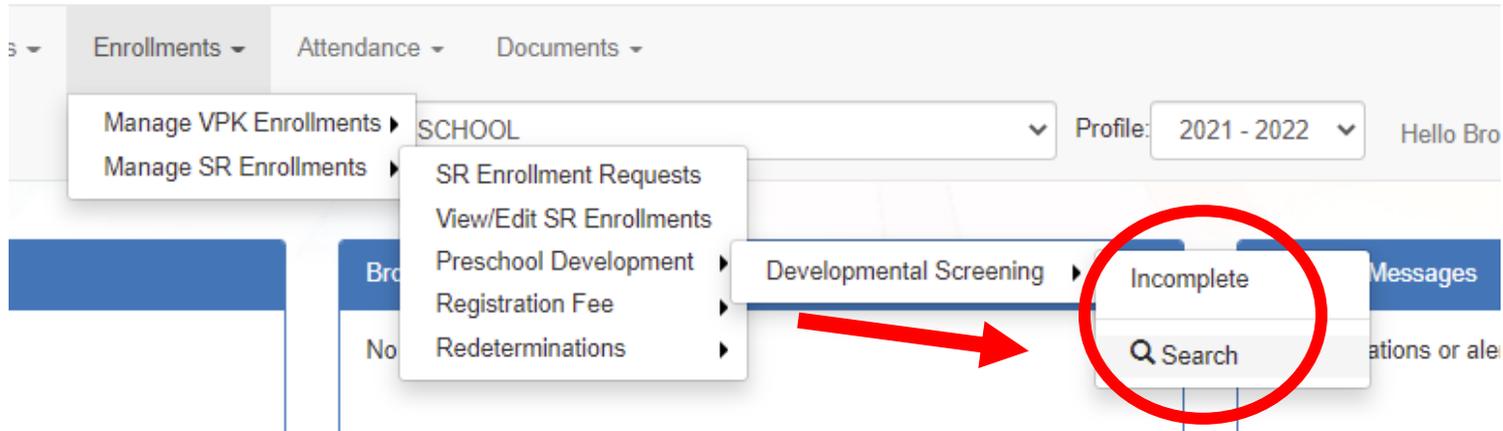
- STARS is starting back up for 21-22
- We will have an introductory meeting Monday 8/30 at 1:30pm
- Quarterly Community Work Groups for Directors (via ZOOM)
- Please contact Michelle.Aguiar@elcofswfl.org or Janelle.Almonte@elcofswfl.org (Spanish)



Ages and Stages Screenings

- Starting September 1, 2021, we will no longer be sending out Paper Screening Reminders. Two-day email reminders will continue.
- Only Non-SR children should be screened on the ASQOnline.com website.
- **Parents** have the first opportunity to screen their child, but they can defer it to the provider. **Providers** are responsible for checking to see the child's screening results in the portal when parents complete the screening.
- **Providers** need to go over these results with the parents. This way the parent knows if you are doing extra activities with the child, and what they can do at home to help.
- **Parent Share Requests will start being asked for monthly from providers.**





To find a child's screening results, Search instead of Incomplete

Enter the child's name and Search, or just click Search to see all children that have an ASQ in the portal

Click on the Screening ID number to see the Child's results

This works best on Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.

A screenshot of a search form titled "Search For A Developmental Screening". The form contains several input fields and dropdown menus: "Screening ID", "Child ID", "First Name", "Last Name", "Screener Type" (with a dropdown menu set to "Any"), "Screening Status" (with a dropdown menu set to "Any"), "Begin Date" (with a date picker icon), and "End Date" (with a date picker icon). At the bottom of the form, there is a "Reset" button and a "Search" button. A red circle highlights the "Search" button.

VPK Assessment

AP1, AP2, AP3

Order your VPK Assessment Kits for the 2021-2022 school year now!

AP1 – must be put into Bright Beginnings within 45 calendar days of the beginning of your VPK class.

AP2 – is done mid year, according to your VPK calendar. **AP2 is required of POP's who chose Staff Development.**

AP3 – must be in Bright Beginnings within 15 calendar days of the end of your VPK class.

Questions? Sharyn.Harris@elcofswfl.org





**Does your family need help paying for
child care?**

**Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
(239) 935-6102**

or

**Create an account and enter your information in the
Florida Early Learning Family Portal**

at

familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com



Reading IQ

- Governor DeSantis signed HB3, the “New Worlds Reading Initiative”, which is a \$270 million program aimed at delivering free books to the homes of elementary-school students who read below grade level. Recipients will get one free new hardcover book every month for the nine months of the school year.
- Additionally, the partnership of the Florida House of Representatives with Age of Learning offers every Florida family FREE access through December 31, 2021, to a comprehensive library of digital books for children 12 and under. To sign up for this free digital access go to <https://www.readingiq.com/> and click on Create Your Free Account.

ELC Board of Directors

- 2 volunteers needed
 - One Hendry/Glades Faith Based Child Care Provider Rep
 - One Lee County Private, For-profit Child Care Provider Rep
- Apply here: <https://elcofswfl.org/early-learning-coaliton-board-membership-application/>



Covid Update

- There are new guidelines for the PUBLIC SCHOOLS regarding COVID. These guidelines include an early return of approximately 4 days, if a child or adult is symptom free. This is not for childcare use. The recommendations for childcare have not changed.
- Someone who has been vaccinated and is exposed to COVID needs to test between day 3-5 to verify whether they have contracted the virus. They can work in the meantime, if they are masked.
- Please note, vaccination is the best mitigation measure available for those eligible. Anyone with COVID-like symptoms should stay home or be promptly isolated from others until they can be sent home.

COVID Update for Parents

- If your child is a COVID-19 case, they should not be physically attending their current childcare facility or transferring to a new one until their quarantine period has ended. Quarantine is for at least **10** days after last exposure or at least **7** days after last exposure with a negative test result from a sample collected on day 5 or later.
- If your child is a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case, they should not be attending their current childcare facility or transferring to a new one until their quarantine period has ended. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of **15 minutes** or longer over a **24-hour period** during their infectious period (infectious period is 2 days prior to onset of symptoms or sample date of first positive lab (if asymptomatic) until cleared.
- Parents with questions should contact their County Health Department.

Effective Interactions Trainings

- Effective Interactions for Infant Classrooms- Wednesday 9/1 6:30pm-8:30pm (Zoom)
- Effective Interactions for Toddler and Pre-K Classrooms- Wednesday 9/8 6:30pm-8:30pm (Zoom)
- Program Assessment Community Support Group (Zoom)- Wednesday 9/15 6:30pm-8:30pm
- How to expand activities in the Pre-K classroom (Zoom)- Wednesday 9/29



Announcements & Questions?

- Announcements
- Provider Questions from the Chat Box





Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 8/31/2021

We will meet every other week on Tuesdays or as announced

Thank you for your continuing support of children and families now, and especially during the ongoing health emergency!

