



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Policy

220.8 SR/VPK Providers Subject to Action Against License/Approval Status

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POLICY:

In the event DCF, or an equivalent overseeing entity, initiates action against a child care program's license or operation in the form of probationary status, denial of licensure or license revocation, (or similar action for exempt facilities), the Coalition will promptly take appropriate action consistent with the current provider agreements/contracts with the Coalition. Responses may include progressive discipline which may include probation, termination and/ or revocation of the School Readiness or Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten contract

Definitions:

School Readiness: The School Readiness Act was passed by the Florida Legislature to help children from low-income families get the support they need to be successful in school. The program provides child care so a parent can work or attend a training or education program. The program is funded primarily by a federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant. It is administered at the state level by the Office of Early Learning. (http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/school_readiness.aspx)

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK): Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten to all 4-year-olds. Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year to be eligible. If their fourth birthday falls Feb. 2 through Sept. 1 in a calendar year, parents can postpone enrolling their child in VPK that year and wait until the following year when their child is 5. (<http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk.aspx>)

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Associated Documents: 6M-4.610 Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program; 6M-8.301 Standard Statewide Provider Contract for the VPK Program

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