

Town Hall Meeting: 3-16-2021 Bi-Weekly Update

# 03.16.2021 Town Hall Agenda

- Welcome
- Child Assessment Period 3, Spring Assessment
- Changes to Child Screening ASQ's, Pending Family Acceptance
- VPK AP3
- VPK Readiness Rates
- COVID- Update
- Children's Week
- School Readiness Amendments
- Provider Profiles 2021-2022
- Questions

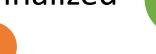


### Child Assessment

Spring Child Assessments are due by April 30th.

#### **Something to Remember**

- Be sure all assessments are finalized.
- Finalizing the last Dimension does not finalize all of them.
- When in doubt, Complete and Finalized



- Complete but Not Finalized
- In Progress (
- Not Started

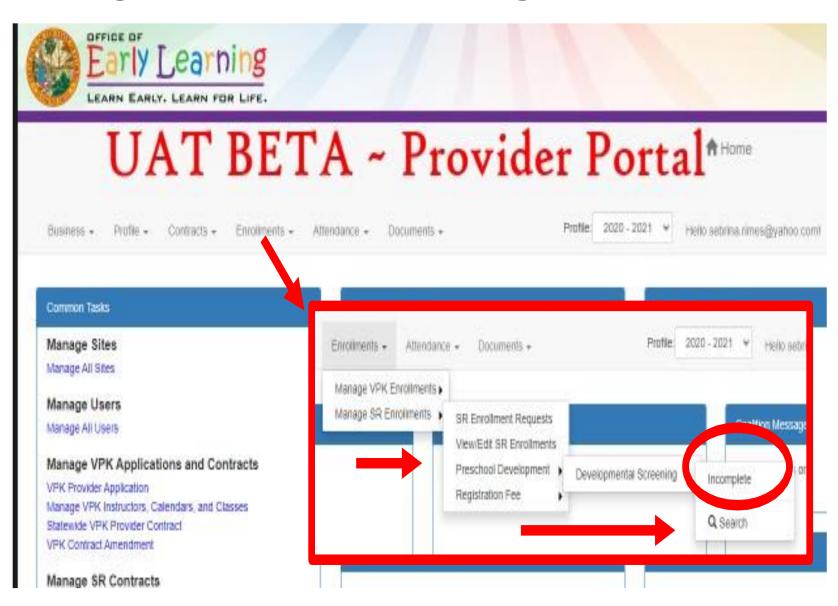




## Changes coming to Child Screenings – ASQ's



The Provider Portal will be down on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm to install the latest update. This update will include the NEW Child Screening path.





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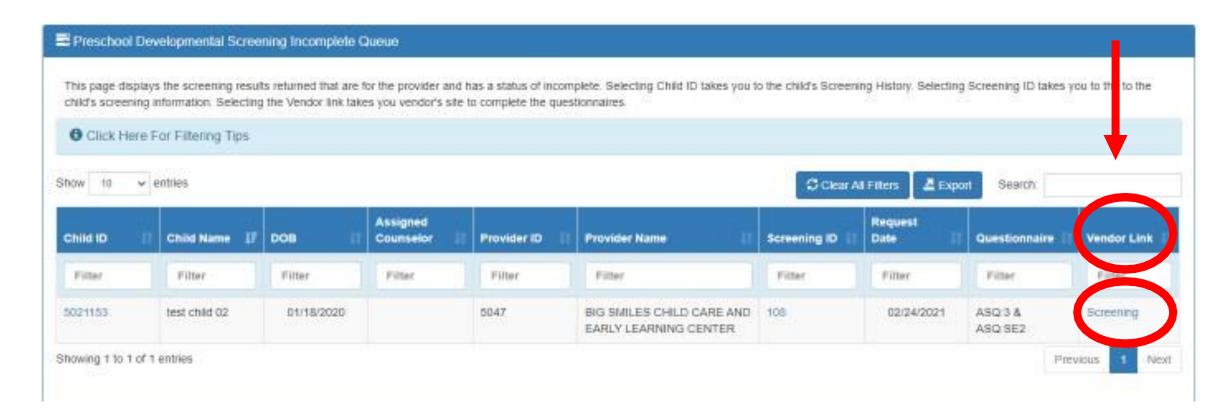
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## Pending Parent Acceptance

- There will be three days when the Portal will not be available:
  - Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm subject to change based upon the release of the 4.9 update
  - Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm 11:00 pm
- The March Portal update will also include a change to attendance.
- Children who are listed as Pending Parent Acceptance will no longer show on attendance.
- Providers will not be paid for these children until the parents complete the process by accepting the provider and signing the Payment Certificate.
  - The child screening will only show when this certificate is signed.

## VPK Final Assessment Period, AP3

Whether you are doing the traditional VPK Assessment or are part of the Pilot Program, VPK AP3 is due the last month of your VPK Program. If you are part of the Pilot Program you must do **both** the regular AP3 **and** the computerized AP3.

VPK Pilot Providers, if you have not already done so, please confirm receipt of your VPK device at this website, <a href="VPK Progress Monitoring Devices">VPK Progress Monitoring Devices</a> (google.com)

#### **VPK Readiness Rates**

There will not be Readiness Rates for VPK this year. You will not be certifying children. You will need to keep your Provider on Probation Improvement Plans up to date, however!

Contact Sherry Shupp if you have questions.

Sherry.Shupp@elcofswfl.org (239)935-6180

 The reports of COVID-19 in the childcare centers are down, however Danna Breeden, RN has asked us to remind everyone to remain vigilant in our masking, social distancing, cleaning, and keeping away from large groups. Nothing has changed regarding these methods of prevention.

If you have questions, you can call her at 239-825-5218.

 Vaccinations are now available to childcare staff through Publix, CVS and Walmart

- Can the vaccine make you sick?
- No. None of the authorized and recommended <u>COVID-19</u> vaccines or <u>COVID-19</u> vaccines currently in <u>development in the United States</u> contain the live virus that causes <u>COVID-19</u>. This means that a <u>COVID-19</u> vaccine cannot make you sick with <u>COVID-19</u>.
- The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines teach your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.
   Sometimes this can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are a sign that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19.

- It will take a few weeks, once vaccinated, to build immunity.
  This means you could be infected by the virus that causes
  COVID-19 just before or after vaccination.
- This also means you won't get as sick if you get the virus, but you still could get COVID and pass it to others.
- Both Pfizer and Moderna require 2 vaccines to reach about 95% protection. Johnson and Johnson vaccine is 66% effective against the illness and requires one injection.

- The CDC has new guidance out for childcare providers including vaccinations. The ELC sent a blast today with a link that will offer you the latest information
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC\_2067-DM52266&ACSTrackingLabel=Guidance%20for%20Operating%20Child%20Care%20Programs%20During%20COVID-19%20%7C%20COVID-19&deliveryName=USCDC\_2067-DM52266#anchor\_1613684758754
- The guidance outlines strategies to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spreading in your program, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and supporting coping and resilience.
- The guidance is for all types of childcare programs including childcare centers, family childcare homes, Head Start programs and other prekindergarten programs.

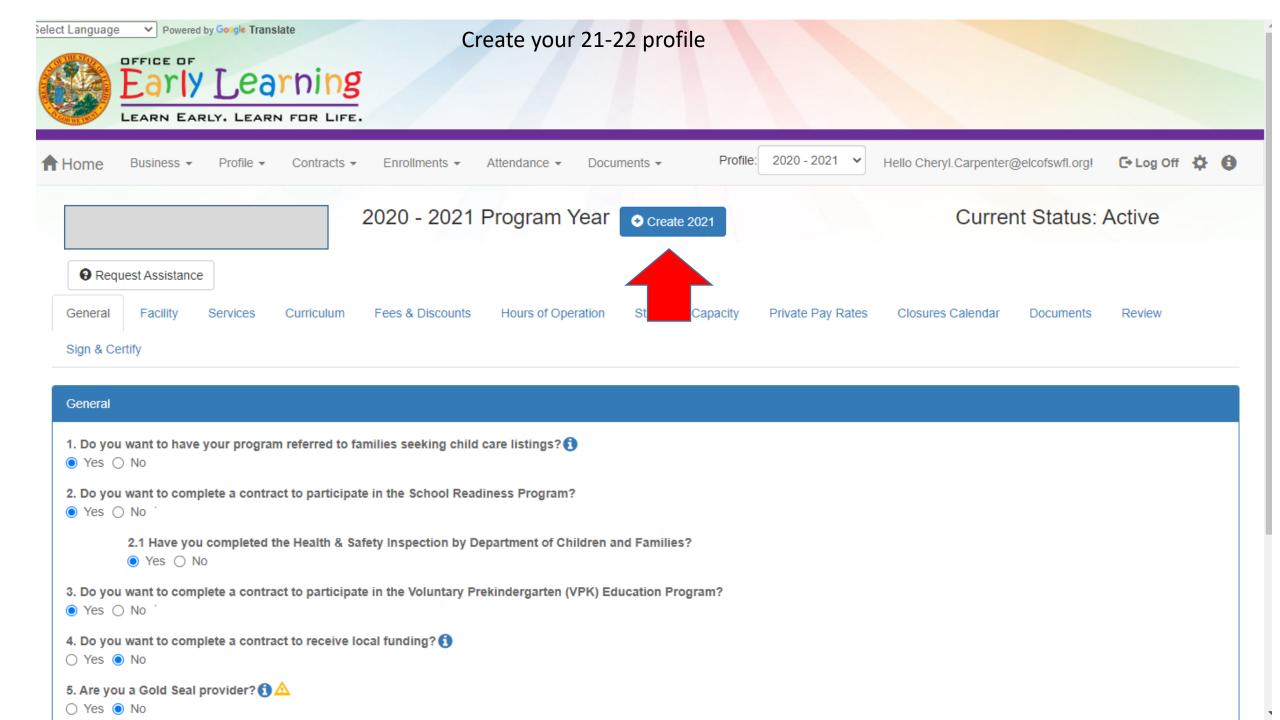
# Children's Week- April 4-9, 2021

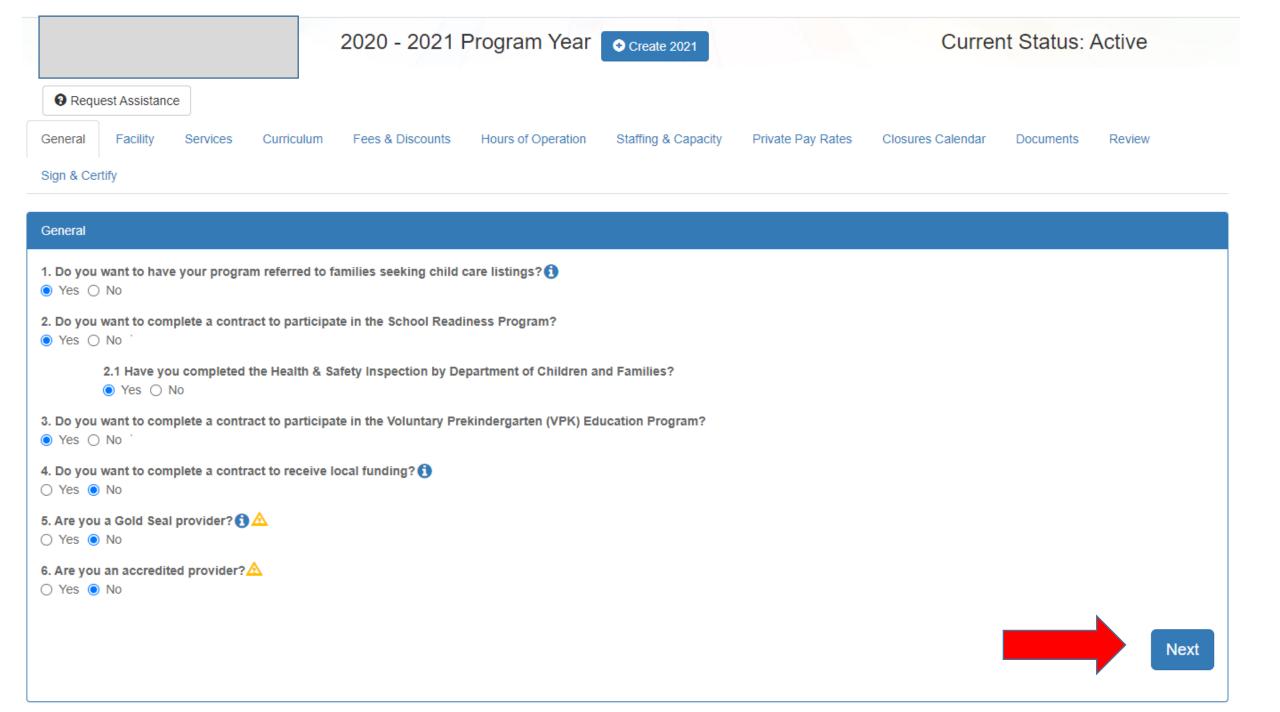
- Children's Week provides a platform for advocates to deliver the message that every child in Florida should be health, ready to learn and able to achieve their full potential.
- Mail your artwork any time before March 25, 2021
  - The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region 2639 N Monroe St, Building C Tallahassee, FL 32303



#### School Readiness Rates Increase

- The ELC maximum school readiness rates have been increased for the majority of children ages B-5.
- Most of you received increases in your rates
- Those increases became effective January 1, 2021
- New rates are available on our website <a href="https://elcofswfl.org/school-readiness-information/">https://elcofswfl.org/school-readiness-information/</a>
- Your payment for January on February 19 included the new rates, as will the payment for February and ongoing.
- Amendments to change your private pay rates may now be made.
  Please contact your Early Childhood Specialist.





### Announcements & Questions?

- Trainings are available on the ELC website, including more CLASS, ASQ and health trainings. Go to the homepage and click on "Click here to register for trainings" on the bottom of the page.
- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- Questions/comments from you







## Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 3/30/2021

We will meet every other week on <u>Tuesdays</u> or as announced

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

