

Town Hall Meeting: 8-3-2021
Bi-Weekly Update

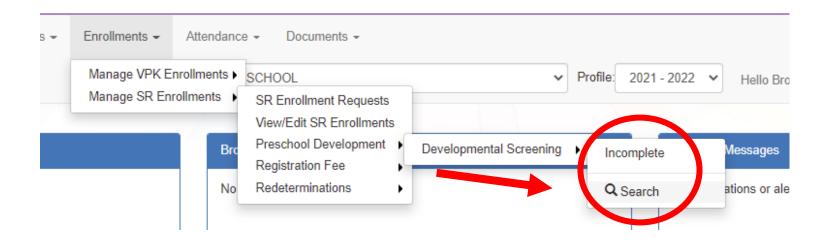
8.3.2021 Town Hall Agenda

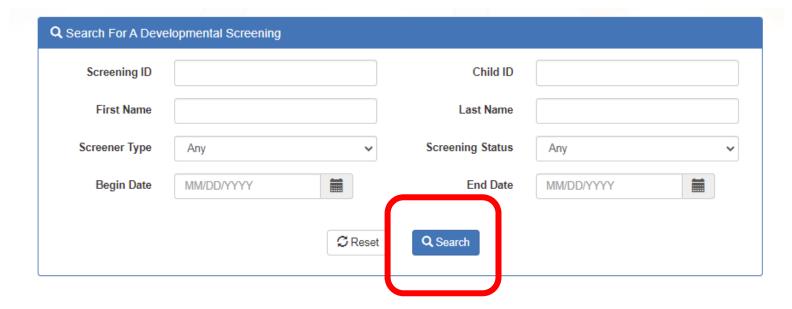
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Ages and Stages Screenings

- 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.

VPK Assessment Kits

Order your VPK Assessment Kits for the 2021-2022 school year now! Providers need to order their Assessment Kits at least 30 days before the start of the VPK year. You need to put in your classroom calendar to be able to order kits.

 If you have not already updated Bright Beginnings, do so this week and you can start entering your teacher information and children when ready.

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Pending Family Acceptance!

• As of July 1, 2021, <u>any SR</u> child listed as Pending Family Acceptance on attendance will not be paid for.

Status

A PND

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Pending Payment Certificate(s)

There are 3 child enrollments that are still in Pending Family
Acceptance. These children may not be included on the attendance

Conscious Discipline E-Learning

For teachers and directors of children birth to three,

Start Strong: SEL Foundations and Resiliency in Infants and Toddlers (Ages 0-3)

For these trainings you must email the full name, email address, and age group taught, of the participant to Bronwyn.Gogia@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







Changes in School Readiness as of 7/1/21

- Parent co-pays are once again the responsibility of the parents beginning July 1, 2021
- If parents were charged co-pays in May and June, those amounts should be credited back to them, as the Division of Early Learning paid those charges during those two months.
- Job Search is no longer a purpose for care for School Readiness parents.



Program Assessment

- Early Childhood Specialists will be sending out windows
- Please send black out dates as soon as possible
- Program Assessment scores can affect your SR contracts
 - **21-22 AND 22-23** Contract years
- Contact your ECS for TA needs





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.

COVID Updates – Nurse Town Hall

- There will be a Nurse Town Hall with Danna Breeden on Thursday August 12th at 1:30 pm. A blast with the link will be sent out August 5th.
- Vaccination is the best public health prevention strategy to control the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The CDC is now recommending that regardless of vaccine status masks should be work in public indoor settings where the virus is spreading rapidly.
- Florida is defined as an area of high transmission.
- It is recommended that teachers, visitors, parents and children (over the age of 2 who can wear them appropriately) should wear masks.

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/



Announcements & Questions?

- Announcements
 - Disaster Relief Payment

1-833-258-6735

disasterrelief@oel.myflorida.com

Applications due by August 6

Provider Questions from the Chat Box







Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 8/17/2021

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!

