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
The Provider Portal will be down on Monday, March 29th starting at 7:00 pm to install the latest update. This update will include the NEW Child Screening path.
**Preschool Developmental Screening Incomplete Queue**

This page displays the screening results returned that are for the provider and have a status of incomplete. Selecting Child ID takes you to the child's Screening History. Selecting Screening ID takes you to the child's screening information. Selecting the Vendor link takes you to the provider's site to complete the questionnaires.

**Click Here For Filtering Tips**

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Pending Parent Acceptance

- There will be three days when the Portal will not be available:
  - Sunday, March 28th – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - Monday, March 29th – 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm subject to change based upon the release of the 4.9 update
  - Tuesday, March 30th – 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.
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, [VPK Progress Monitoring Devices](googie.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
COVID

• 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
COVID

• Can the vaccine make you sick?
• No. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

• 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.
COVID

• 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:


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 pre-kindergarten 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 2-5.
• Most of you received increases in your rates.
• Those increases became effective January 1, 2021.
• New rates are available on our website https://elcofswfl.org/school-readiness-information/
• 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.
Create your 2021-22 profile

2020 - 2021 Program Year

Request Assistance

General

1. Do you want to have your program referred to families seeking child care listings? Yes No

2. Do you want to complete a contract to participate in the School Readiness Program?
   2.1 Have you completed the Health & Safety Inspection by Department of Children and Families?
      Yes No

3. Do you want to complete a contract to participate in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program?
   Yes No

4. Do you want to complete a contract to receive local funding? Yes No

5. Are you a Gold Seal provider? Yes No
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   - No

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5. Are you a Gold Seal provider?  
   - Yes  
   - No

6. Are you an accredited provider?  
   - Yes  
   - No

Next
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 Tuesdays or as announced

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