Town Hall Meeting: 6-22-2021
Bi-Weekly Update
6.22.2021
Town Hall Agenda

• Welcome
• Literacy Buddy Summer Reading Program
• Changes to Child Screening – ASQ’s and ILP’s
• VPK AP3
• Grants
• How to Fill out the Attestation of Good Moral Character
• School Readiness Assistance for Parents
• Questions
Literacy Buddy Summer Reading Program

• This is the 2nd Year the Literacy Buddy Program has hosted the Summer Reading Program.

• We will provide you with books, and ideas on how to track the reading.

• **What do we want to know?** The number of books read throughout the month of July for the whole center, and how many children ages 3-5 are participating in the program.

• **Who can participate?** Children aged 3-5 years old.

• **What do you get?** A Gift Basket full of Classroom Incentives!

• If interested, please contact Tallie Tidwell at Tallica.Tidwell@elcofswfl.org
Ages and Stages Screenings

• ALL School Readiness ASQ’s are to be done on the Provider Portal
• Children will be screened annually, at their redetermination.
• Birthday screenings will no longer be done.
• Please be patient, we are trying to keep up with the changes
Individual Learning Plans

ALL School Readiness ILP’s need to go through the Provider Portal.
• Provider will receive an email with the information on activities to complete with the child or children.
• Activities are to be done for 8 weeks.
• The child re-screen will be put in the portal before the screening is due.
• If you don’t see a screening request for the child, please let us know.

Watch the Florida Office of Early Learnings video on “How to complete the School Readiness Enrollment” on the OEL YouTube Channel, How to Complete the School Readiness Enrollment Process – YouTube so you can assist parents if needed.
VPK Final Assessment Period, AP3

VPK AP3 is due no later than 15 calendar days from the end of your VPK Program. If you are unable to enter the scores (Greyed Out) please send an email to Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org.

• If you are part of the STAR Early Literacy Pilot Program you must do both the regular AP3 and the computerized AP3.
• If you had to change your end date due to COVID closures, please contact me in writing so I can update Bright Beginnings!
  Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org
Grants Available!!!

We have 2 grants available to providers.

• Mini Grant – available to all School Readiness providers currently. Due tomorrow, June 23!

• Phase V Emergency Funding for Early Learning – Available to all childcare providers in Collier, Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Provider must have been open and operating on April 1, 2021. Due tomorrow, June 23!
How to fill out AGMC

Attestation of Good Moral Character (AGMC)

- County
- Name
- Center

- All 3 MUST be filled out on page 1.
How to fill out AGMC p. 2

AGMC Pg. 2

- Name of center
- Sign above OR below
- Does not expire as long as stay at same facility
- Both pages must be legible and in VPK App for all Leads/Aides/Director/Substitutes

_only 1 signature_ Date

Sign Above OR Below, DO NOT Sign Both Lines

To the best of my knowledge and belief, my record contains one or more of the applicable disqualifying acts or offenses listed above. I have placed a check mark by the offense(s) contained in my record. (If you have previously been granted an exemption for this disqualifying offense, please attach a copy of the letter granting such exemption. Please circle the number which corresponds to the offense(s) contained in your record.)

Signature: Date:
Mental Health Trainings

2 Conscious Discipline E-Learning –

Powers of Resilience, Social Emotional Learning for Adults
(20 hours of training credits)

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
Gold Seal Changes in HB 419

- The Gold Seal Quality Care program has been moved from under the Department of Children Families to the Department of Education.
- The State Board of Education will adopt rules establishing Gold Seal accreditation using nationally recognized accrediting standards and input from accrediting associations.
- All binding contracts or agreements existing before 7/1/21 will continue for the remainder of the terms of such contract.
Gold Seal Requirements

• Additional requirements have been implemented for approval to participate in the Gold Seal program as an **accrediting agency**, including listing as a legal corporation.

• Providers must not have any Class 1 violations, three or more Class II violations, and the same Class 3 violation 3 or more times with failure to correct within 2 years preceding its application. Should violations occur during the time the provider has Gold Seal status, it may be grounds for termination until the provider has no Class 1, less than three Class II violations and fewer than 3 of the same Class III violation for a period of 2 years.

• Accreditation renewal includes an onsite verification at least once every 5 years.
Benefits of Gold Seal

• A facility which achieves Gold Seal Quality status and participates in the school readiness program will receive a minimum of 20% differential for each enrolled SR child by care level and unit of care as of July 1, 2021.

• A childcare facility which achieves Gold Seal Quality status shall be considered an education institution for the purpose of qualifying for exemption from ad valorem tax.
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
Announcements & Questions?

• Virtual training registration is available on the ELC website. Go to the homepage and click on “Click here to register for trainings” on the bottom of the page. We have posted new trainings for June through December.

• Provider Questions from the Chat Box

• Questions/comments from you
Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 7/6/2021

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!