Town Hall Meeting: 9-14-2021
Bi-Weekly Update
9.14.2021
Town Hall Agenda

• Welcome
• ASQ’s in the Red!
• Child Assessment
• VPK Assessments and COVID
• VPK Child Certificates
• School Readiness Assistance for Parents
• FCCH Support Group
• Board Openings
• Literacy Buddies
• Health Updates
• Questions
ASQ’s in the Red!

What happened to the screening that was done?

• August 10\textsuperscript{th} to the 13\textsuperscript{th} there was a break in the link from the portal to the ASQ site.

• Screenings entered at that time have to be re-entered into the portal.

• Providers will be contacted if the screening was not completed.

• Providers will have one week after being contacted to complete screenings in the portal.

• If you don’t get an email from Bron, don’t worry about it!
Child Assessment in Teaching Strategies GOLD

Due Dates

• Checkpoint Period 1 – October 31, 2021
• Checkpoint Period 2 – January 31, 2022
• Checkpoint Period 3 – April 30, 2022

School Readiness children need to be assessed in all Areas
VPK Assessment
AP1, AP2, AP3

VPK Assessment Kits for the 2021-2022 school year should have been ordered already!

**AP1** – must be put into Bright Beginnings within 45 calendar days of the beginning of your VPK class.

**AP2** – is done mid year, according to your VPK calendar. **AP2 is required of POP’s who chose Staff Development.**

**AP3** – must be in Bright Beginnings within 15 calendar days of the end of your VPK class.

Questions? Sharyn.Harris@elcofswfl.org
VPK and COVID

• If a child in the group is not screened on time, mark them as **Did Not Participate**.

• Children should be screened upon their return and the information kept for your information and lesson planning.
VPK Certificates

• Turn in all completed VPK certificates to the ELC office for all children enrolled in your program.
  • All VPK enrollments must be entered and approved prior to submitting attendance or they will not appear on your attendance sheet.
  • All VPK COEs need to be uploaded to SharePoint or drop off for verification as stated on VPK contract. We currently are missing over half of them.

• Do not take children without an approved VPK certificate, we cannot backdate VPK enrollments/reenrollments.
  • VPK class transfers can not be backdated for that month (example: August) once attendance has been submitted.

• If you have a child that is reenrolling with you from another provider, be sure to check how many hours they have left.

• Providers cannot cancel VPK enrollment after they have submitted VPK attendance for that month. They would have to contact a VPK specialist for assistance

• VPK enrollment termination can be for the last day of the previous month after attendance has been submitted for that month.
VPK Provider on Probation (POPs)

• Quarterly Zoom meetings to support improvement plans
• Local DEL representative will be on for questions
  • Friday, September 17th
  • 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
  • Contact Sherry.Shupp@elcofswfl.org for Zoom link
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
SR At Risk Absence Form

• If you have an SR “at risk” child who is absent you must fill out this form.
  • Providers -> SR Program -> SR Forms and Rates -> scroll down 5 under Additional forms
  • Upload document to the Document Library in the Portal.
SR/VPK Sign In/Out Sheets

• Must be turned in by the 3rd business day of the month or payments will not be released on the 20th.
• Reimbursement will start sending notices of Noncompliance and Non-Payment when providers do not follow sign in/out requirements.
Starting October 7th the Coalition in partnership with Lois Kendrick, the president of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association, will be holding a monthly meetings.

These meetings will provide opportunities for networking, receiving resources, ask questions, and build a community of support.

The meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month via zoom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To participate in the group please e-mail sarah.bedard@elcofswfl.org
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/
Literacy Buddies

• Provider applications are due by September 24th.
• Send the applications and children’s letters to the address below:
  Early Learning Coalition of SWFL / Literacy Buddy Program
  2675 Winkler Ave., Suite 300
  Ft. Myers, FL 33901
• Questions can be sent to LiteracyBuddies@elcofswfl.org
• Be sure to include the children’s pictures “writing” with the application.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

• Danna Breeden, R.N. has reported that Hand, Foot and Mouth disease has been reported in numerous childcare facilities.

• Hand-Foot-and-Mouth disease is a common viral infection that causes outbreaks of the disease in the summer and fall. It is generally a mild infection.

• Symptoms are tiny blisters in the mouth and on the fingers, palms of hands, buttocks and soles of the feet that last a little longer than a week.

• Do not have to exclude from care, unless the child is unable to participate and cannot be cared for without compromising the health and safety of the other children in the group.
Announcements & Questions?

• Announcements
  • SWFL Stars is back! Apply today!
• Provider Questions from the Chat Box
Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 9/28/2021

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!