



Monthly Town Hall Meeting

5/14/2024



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- Welcome
- Material pickup
- Kaplan Kits
- Wrapping up School Year VPK and Summer
- VPK & SR contracts
- SR H&S Training
- Young 5 Program
- Questions



Provider Material Pickup

- We will be distributing Pyramid Model Classroom Kits (PreK) and take-home Tucker Turtle kits
- You will be emailed what days you can come by to pick up your materials



The PYRAMID MODEL
PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM KIT
Promoting Social-Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children

FEW CHILDREN
SOME CHILDREN
ALL CHILDREN

Each Pyramid Model Preschool Classroom Kit includes:

- Tucker Turtle Kit
- Problem Solver Solution Kit
- Super Friends Kit
- Classroom Visual Display Kit
- Emotional Literacy Kit

Super Friends Kit



FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

I can be a SUPER FRIEND!

Problem Solver Solution Kit



We Can Be Problem Solvers!

Problem Solving Steps

Emotional Literacy Kit



FEELING WHEEL


Tucker Turtle Kit



Tucker Turtle

The Turtle Technique

Classroom Visual Display Kit



CONVERSATION STARTERS

POSITIVE FEEDBACK & ENCOURAGEMENT





VPK FAST Star Early Literacy



- School Year VPK FAST Assessment
- All sites should be finishing VPK assessments and saving reports.
- Mark all non-assessed children as Non-Participation
- Once VPK is over, reports will no longer be accessible.
- Contact Bron if you are unable to get a needed report.
- Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org
- Summer VPK FAST Assessment
- Different URL for Summer VPK
- <https://global-zone51.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/8670797>
- For Summer FAST Testing, PM1 and PM3 are Mandatory for all children.
- Children who are not able to be assessed must be marked as Non-Participating.
- Once Summer VPK is over, reports will not be accessible.

SR & VPK Contracts

- Both have been released in the Provider Portal
- Coalition cannot initiate either contract until
 - 2024-2025 Provider Profile is active
- For questions contact Angelica.Zavala@elcofswf.org





New Training Requirements for All School Readiness Providers

All current SR child care personnel must complete two new health and safety courses (*Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*) **by June 30, 2024**. These free courses are available in the [Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry](#). SR child care personnel must take these courses even if they have completed preservice training and may use the two courses towards the annual in-service training requirement.





New Training Requirements for All School Readiness Providers

New hires and current preservice trainees must complete all required preservice training within 90 days of initial employment with any SR provider by successfully completing one of the options below. If a new hire or preservice trainee elects to complete DCF courses in Option 1, they must also complete the two new health and safety courses (*Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*).

SR child care personnel with exemptions from completing the DCF introductory child care training based on educational credentials or passing of competency examinations per Section 402.305(2), Florida Statutes, must complete all mandated preservice training in Option 1 or 2 (along with the *Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*) or Option 3 **by June 30, 2024**, or within 90 days of initial employment.



New Training Requirements for All School Readiness Providers

Option 1 (DCF courses, plus corresponding exams) - <https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin>

Existing courses available now under the Child Care Facility Part 1 heading for \$10 per course:

- *Health, Safety and Nutrition* (8-hour)
- *Child Growth and Development* (6-hour)
- *Behavioral Observation and Screening* (6-hour)
- *Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* (4-hour)

Must also complete the two new health and safety courses in Option 3 (*Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*).

Option 2 (DEL - Early Learning Florida Health and Safety modules) – <https://collabornation.net/login/floridaearlylearning>

As of December 31, 2023, these courses are no longer available. **Anyone who was in the process of taking these modules and did not complete the entire required set by December 31, 2023, must complete Option 1 or Option 3.**



New Training Requirements for All School Readiness Providers

Option 3 (DEL - Florida Early Childhood PD Registry) - <https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin>

New courses available as of **January 1, 2024**, under the School Readiness Preservice Training heading for free:

- *Child Development in the School Readiness Program* (4-hour)
- *Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program** (4-hour)
- *Safe Sleep Practices in Child Care* (2-hour; *not required for school-age only programs*)
- *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program** (5-hour)
- *Transportation Safety in Child Care Programs* (2-hour; *if applicable*)

*Indicates required training for all SR child care personnel.



Locations

Elementary Schools with Young Five Program:

- Cape Elementary
- Edgewood Academy
- J. Colin English Elementary
- Lehigh Elementary
- Manatee Elementary
- Orangewood Elementary
- River Hall Elementary
- San Carlos Elementary
- Spring Creek Elementary
- Sunshine Elementary

Young Five provides younger students with a strong foundation for school success by offering:

- Guided growth by professional educators certified and experienced in Early Childhood
- Early exposure to Kindergarten curriculum
- A learning environment tailored to meet developing academic and/or social needs
- An opportunity to start school with same age children

Is Young Five Right for My Child?

Young Five serves as a bridge to Kindergarten by providing students time and support to develop core academic and social skills under the care and guidance of professional educators.

Young Five is designed for students who

- Will turn 5 years old between May 1st and Sept. 1st
- Are developmentally young
- Will benefit from an extra year of school prior to Kindergarten



Young Five Early Kindergarten Program



**PERSONAL | PASSIONATE
PROGRESSIVE**

Learn More Online
[Leeschools.net](https://leeschools.net)



young5@leeschools.net



What will my child learn in Young Five?

LCSD Young Five program is based on the Kindergarten curriculum with focus placed on math and literacy instruction and the development of social and motor skills. Classroom instruction is designed to provide children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive environment that supports their development on maintaining the rigor and high standards of Kindergarten.

Literacy

- Share and listen for information
- Answer questions about stories
- Identify upper and lowercase letters
- Identify all letter sounds
- Increase vocabulary

Math

- Count aloud to 25
- Identify numbers 0-10
- Write numbers 0-10
- Copy and create simple patterns
- Add and subtract small quantities using concrete objects

Motor Skills

- Strengthen hand and muscles through cutting, coloring, drawing, and painting
- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Grip writing utensils correctly

Social Skills

- Work and play cooperatively with others
- Participate in individual, small group, and large group classroom activities
- Ask for help when needed
- Take responsibility for personal belongings
- Attend to self-care bathroom hand washing and dressing

For more information:
LeeSchoolsYoungFiveInfo

Or email:
young5@leeschools.net

Questions?

- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- What would you like to learn about?





Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024!
1:30

**We are grateful for your continued
support of our Southwest Florida
families!**

