



# Monthly Town Hall Meeting

## 6/11/2024



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





# Provider Material Training

- **Topic: Frame Their Learning Series Engage and Enrich: Advanced Vocabulary and Effective Questioning (You'll get your kit after you sign up for the class)**

**Time: Jul 1, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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**Jul 8, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Jul 15, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Jul 22, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Sep 9, 2024 06:30 PM (Special CoP Session)**

- **Topic: Unpacking the Effectiveness: Pyramid Model Kit, Learning Series**

**Time: Sep 16, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Sep 16, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Sep 23, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Sep 30, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Oct 7, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Oct 15, 2024 06:30 PM**

**Nov 18, 2024 06:30 PM**

- **MarcoPolo training (June 12&20 and July 11&18) and Spanish (July 10&17)**

- **Tablets are limited for each center**

After you sign up for this training, please email [Cheryl.Carpenter@elcofswfl.org](mailto:Cheryl.Carpenter@elcofswfl.org)



# Kaplan Kits for VPK

- You probably noticed that you are receiving boxes from Kaplan Learning with kits for Reading, Math, Mindfulness and Literacy! These kits are for your outgoing VPK children to use over the summer and, if you would like, you can even share them with your incoming VPK children to work on throughout the school year.
- How you distribute them is up to you.





# 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.
- Questions on VPK Child Assessment contact 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.



# VPK FAST Star Early Literacy 24-25



- School Year 24-25 VPK FAST Assessment
- All staff who are assessing children must complete the Renaissance-U VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Test Administrators course before their program begins VPK.
- There are 3 documents at the end that must be uploaded to the Provider Portal Document Library (2 Agreements and 1 Certificate of Completion).  
**Folder: VPK FAST Test Administrator**
- This is a new yearly requirement
- Questions, contact [Grant.Thompson@elcofswfl.org](mailto:Grant.Thompson@elcofswfl.org) or [Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org](mailto:Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org)



# New Inclusion Coordinator

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- (239)935-6196



# SR & VPK Contracts

- SR contract for 24-25 should be certified
- Coalition cannot initiate either contract until
  - 2024-2025 Provider Profile is active
- For questions contact [Angelica.Zavala@elcofswf.org](mailto: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.



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**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.



# PEARLS<sup>®</sup>

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## WHO WE ARE

PEARLS is an acronym for **Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System**.

The PEARLS Team travels throughout the state sharing valuable training, providing awareness and exposure to a **new way of thinking**, including options for acting in threatening circumstances.

## WHAT WE DO

- Serve the youngest children in our state by providing valuable training and critical notification to their caretakers – **early childhood educators**
- Provide tools and resources for training staff, children, and educators
- Teach concepts of **Evacuation, Lockdown with Barricade, and Countering**
- Train staff to evaluate environments, foster discussions, and encourage planning
- Provide knowledge for more efficient decision-making in dangerous situations
- Encourage collaboration with **law enforcement** to mitigate risk
- Promote communication with children and parents to establish **preparation and protection as priorities**

### SERVICES

We provide our **FREE** in-person and online training throughout Florida, in English and Spanish.



### SPONSORS




The PEARLS program is sponsored by the From Cradle to College Foundation™ and the State of Florida.

### MATERIALS

Tools include a presentation, training videos, the “Miss Collins” children’s book, and an emergency information flipbook.

## CONTACT US

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# Questions?

- Will be sending out Q&A from conference this afternoon.
- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- What would you like to learn about?





**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2024!**  
**1:30**

**July highlight: Transition to K training**

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

