



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.



**CHILD CARE
ATTESTATION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER**

State of Florida County of **County**

Teacher Name

I, **Name of Center**, who, as an applicant for employment with, an employee of, a volunteer for, or an applicant to volunteer with **Name of Center**, I affirm and attest under penalty of perjury that I meet the moral character requirements for employment, as required by Chapter 435 Florida Statutes in that:

I have not been arrested with disposition pending or found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or have been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes or under any similar statute of another jurisdiction for any of the offenses listed below:

<u>Relating to:</u>	
Section 393.135	sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct
Section 394.4593	sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct
Section 415.111	adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults or failure to report of such abuse
Section 741.28	criminal offenses that constitute domestic violence, whether committed in Florida or another jurisdiction
Section 777.04	attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy
Section 782.04	murder
Section 782.07	manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child
Section 782.071	vehicular homicide
Section 782.09	killing an unborn quick child by injury to the mother
Chapter 784	assault, battery, and culpable negligence, if the offense was a felony
Section 784.011	assault, if the victim of offense was a minor
Section 784.03	battery, if the victim of offense was a minor
Section 787.01	kidnapping
Section 787.02	false imprisonment
Section 787.025	luring or enticing a child
Section 787.04(2)	taking, enticing, or removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceeding
Section 787.04(3)	carrying a child beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the designated person
Section 790.115(1)	exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school
Section 790.115(2) (b)	possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property
Section 794.031	possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property

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

Section 985.711

contraband introduced into detention facilities

I understand that I must acknowledge the existence of any applicable criminal record relating to the above lists of offenses including those under any similar statute of another jurisdiction, regardless of whether or not those records have been sealed or expunged. Further, I understand that, while employed or volunteering at Name of center in any position that requires background screening as a condition of employment, I must immediately notify my supervisor/employer of any arrest and any changes in my criminal record involving any of the above listed provisions of Florida Statutes or similar statutes of another jurisdiction whether a misdemeanor or felony. This notice must be made within one business day of such arrest or charge. Failure to do so could be grounds for termination.

I attest that I have read the above carefully and state that my attestation here is true and correct that **my record does not contain any of the above listed offenses**. I understand, under penalty of perjury, all employees in such positions of trust or responsibility shall attest to meeting the requirements for qualifying for employment and agreeing to inform the employer immediately if arrested for any of the disqualifying offenses. I also understand that it is my responsibility to obtain clarification on anything contained in this affidavit which I do not understand prior to signing. I am aware that any omissions, falsifications, misstatements or misrepresentations may disqualify me from employment consideration and, if I am hired, may be grounds for termination or denial of an exemption at a later date.

Only 1 signature

Date

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!



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