

VPK Statewide Provider Agreement (AWI-VPK 20) Attachment 1 – Pinellas County

The PROVIDER agrees to comply with:

A. Applicable portions of state law, including but are not limited to:

- Section 411.01, Florida Statutes, School Readiness Act,
- Chapter 1002, Florida Statutes, VPK Act
- F.A.C. 60BB
- Guidance documents provided by the Agency for Workforce Innovation
- Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. policies including the VPK Compliance Policy

III. Provider Eligibility

A. Providers must submit the Statewide Provider Application (AWI-VPK 10) and the Class Registration Application (AWI-VPK 11) to become eligible to deliver the VPK program. The Coalition has ten business days to review the applications submitted by the provider and based on the information submitted, to determine that the Provider is eligible to deliver the VPK program. The VPK program may not begin before the provider receives notice of approval from the Coalition.

B. After a Provider's receives notice of approval for a VPK class, if the class does not begin within five days of the approved schedule start date, the classroom will no longer be considered approved for VPK instruction. The Provider must re-submit the Class Registration Application (AWI-VPK 11) with an updated schedule for approval. The Coalition has ten business days to review the application submitted by the provider and based on the information submitted, to determine that the class is approved for VPK instruction. The VPK class may not begin before the provider receives notice of approval from the Coalition.

IV. Program Requirements

A. VPK Instructors are required to have a Child Development Associate (CDA) or equivalent (CDAE, now called the FCCPC) and complete a 5-hour emergent literacy course. Training on the Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards is "optional". This training describes what four-year –old children should know and be able to do by the end of VPK. The Standards are designed to guide administrators and teachers as they develop and implement appropriate early learning environments.

In Pinellas County, it has been decided that all VPK Instructors with a CDA or CDAE must attend training on the 2008 Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards before they will be approved as a VPK instructor. If a VPK Instructor with a Child Development Associate (CDA) or equivalent (CDAE) is hired during the VPK program year, he/she must attend Training on the *Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards* within 90 days of being hired.

V. Notification

A. The PROVIDER agrees that it shall follow the requirements adopted by the COALITION of all changes in VPK class schedules.

- VPK class schedules may not be modified after the start of a VPK program.

B. The PROVIDER agrees that it shall follow the requirements adopted by the COALITION for submitting written documentation demonstrating the temporary closure of the PROVIDER'S VPK site.

- If a provider temporarily closes on a scheduled instructional day due to circumstances **within** the provider's control the provider will not be reimbursed for the instructional days disrupted by the closure.
- If a provider temporarily closes on a scheduled instructional day due to circumstances **outside** the control of the provider, they must notify the Coalition in writing. The Coalition *may* approve a waiver to allow the provider to modify their schedule.
- Temporary closures due to "emergency circumstances" described in **60BB-8.204 Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program** will be addressed in accordance with the rule.

C. The PROVIDER understands that failure to follow COALITION notification is noncompliance with the Agreement and may result in corrective action under paragraph 52.