

# Provider Outreach Meeting

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of Pinellas County, Inc.

# Welcome

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# Agenda

- Agency Updates
- Legislative Update
- Early Learning Florida
- Provider Portal Overview
- TS Gold Updates
- VPK Assessment Deadlines
- SR Provider Contract Reminders
- VPK Provider Contract Reminders
- Eligibility Process Changes
- Q & A

# Agency Updates

- **New Clearwater Office Location**
  - April 2016
  - More accessible bus routes for clients
  - Larger training space

# Legislative Update

- **CCDF Reauthorization Bill (HB 7053)**
- The House Education Committee has passed a bill to align Florida with the reauthorization of the Child Care Development Fund. The bill implements the requirements of the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act by:
  - Increasing public information on, and background screening of, child care providers;
  - Aligning eligibility requirements with the grant;
  - Requiring inspection of, and standards for emergency preparedness plans for school readiness program providers;
  - Requiring pre-service and in-service training for personnel of School Readiness program providers; and
  - Extending School Readiness scholarships to 12 months.

# Early Learning Florida

1. *Early Learning Florida is an online learning system for early learning practitioners—people who work with children as young as infants to five years old—to help equip and educate the practitioners on best practices when working with children*

**Courses are FREE & upon completion and mastery, participants are eligible for stipends:**

- Online only \$100.00
- Online w/ CoP \$125.00

*The courses will include a pacing guide (the classes are NOT self-paced).*

- For more information or to participate, contact Shrieka Hollis at [shollis@elcpinellas.net](mailto:shollis@elcpinellas.net) or (727) 400-4406

# Provider Portal

- SR Contracts 2016-2017
- VPK Contracts, Summer 2016 and Fall 2016-2017
- APU (CCR&R Provider Updates) 2015-2016
- Online Attendance – Justification of Excessive Absence Form
- Online ASQ's
  
- Website: <https://providers.elcpinellas.net>
  
- Contact Argie Kontodiakos at 727-400-4474 should you have any questions
- Contact Stephanie Richards at 727-400-4495 for questions on the APU's
- Contact Anjanette Ellwood at 727-400-4452 for questions regarding the ASQ's

# Provider Portal

- **ASQ Online**
  - Create Account:
    - Email address
    - Password must be at least 7 characters long, containing 1 capital letter and 1 number
    - Child Care License number or Phone number
    - Physical zip code of site
  - Check the Document Library for copies of the Facesheets
  - Review children and ASQ-3 screening status
  - SR Children with an annual birthday will be displayed in Yellow
  - New Enrollment SR Children will be displayed in Black
  - Do screening for SR child
  - Use the Screening Form from the ASQ Master Kit
  - View a Letter of the Results
  - Reminders and past due notices are displayed on the Dashboard



# TS GOLD

- **Assessors must complete training requirements before administering GOLD for VPK.**
- **Providers who do not comply will not be eligible to deliver the VPK program for five years.**
- **Technical Assistance: Carol Terrazas**  
**727-400-4416 / [cterrazas@elcpinellas.net](mailto:cterrazas@elcpinellas.net)**
- **TS GOLD Help Desk: 844-838-4653**

# VPK Assessment Deadlines

Is the VPK classroom on a traditional or non-traditional schedule?	Administration Deadlines		Online Submission Deadlines	
	VPK Assessment	Teaching Strategies GOLD®	VPK Assessment	Teaching Strategies GOLD®
<b>Traditional</b> School-year VPK classroom whose schedule (start and end date) begins in August or September and ends in April or May	<u>Required:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – the month of September	<u>Updated: optional for 2015-16 only:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – the month of September	<u>Required:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – October 31	<u>Updated: optional for 2015-16 only:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – October 31
	<u>Optional*:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – the month of January	<u>Optional:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – the month of January	<u>Optional*:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – February 15	<u>Optional:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – February 15
	<u>Required for both VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD®:</u> Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – the month of April/May (the last month of the VPK classroom’s schedule)		<u>Required for both VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD®:</u> Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – June 15	
<b>Non-Traditional Schedule</b> School-year VPK classroom whose schedule (start and end date) does not fall in the traditional category  All summer VPK classrooms	<u>Required:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – first 30 days of the VPK classroom’s schedule	<u>Optional for 2015-16 only:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – first 30 days of the VPK classroom’s schedule	<u>Required:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – no later than 15 calendar days after the VPK classroom’s schedule ends	<u>Optional for 2015-16 only:</u> Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – no later than 15 calendar days after the VPK classroom’s schedule ends
	<u>Optional*:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – middle of the classroom’s scheduled hours	<u>Optional:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – middle of the classroom’s scheduled hours	<u>Optional*:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – no later than 15 calendar days after the VPK classroom’s schedule	<u>Optional:</u> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – no later than 15 calendar days after the VPK classroom’s schedule ends
	<u>Required for both VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD®:</u> Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – last 30 days of the VPK classroom’s schedule		<u>Required for both VPK Assessment and Teaching Strategies GOLD®:</u> Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – no later than 15 calendar days after the VPK classroom’s schedule ends	

\*Providers on Probation that have chosen the DOE-approved Staff Development Plan are also required to administer AP2 for VPK Assessment only and submit the assessment data online. AP2 is optional for other VPK providers.

# SR Provider Contract Reminders

- Renewal Documents

- Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract
  - Holidays and Rates
  - Delegation of Authority Forms (Centers Only)
  - Current and Sufficient General Liability Insurance (ELC is listed as certificate holder and additional insured)
  - Evidence of Worker's Comp (if applicable) (4 or more employees)
  - Current Sunbiz (if applicable)
  - Health and Safety Checklist (Informal & License exempt providers Only)
- Deadline to submit the 2016-2017 Contract is **May 2, 2016**
  - 2016-2017 Contract will become effective July 1, 2016 and expire June 30, 2017
  - Use of WHITEOUT is not acceptable, please cross through errors and initial any changes or errors made

# VPK Contract Reminders

- Renewal Documents

- Statewide VPK Provider Contract
- Advance Payment Option
- VPK 10, 11A, and 11B
- Current and Sufficient General Liability Insurance (ELC is listed as certificate holder and additional insured)
- Evidence of Worker's Comp (if applicable) (4 or more employees)

# VPK Contract Reminders

## Fall VPK 2016-2017 Program Year Deadlines

- **January 1, 2016** Parent Registration begins
- **February-April 2016** VPK Provider Open Certification Period
- **May 2, 2016** Provider applications and all corresponding paperwork must be submitted to ELC in order to ensure on time advance and regular payment to VPK Providers for August 2016.
- **June 1, 2016** Completion of certification paperwork by Provider Certification Team
- **June 1, 2016** Final deadline for Providers to submit Certificates of Eligibility to ELC to ensure on time advance payment for August 2016
- **July 1, 2016** Deadline for providers to submit their COE's to guarantee start date of first day of school
- **July 8, 2016** Deadline for COE's to be keyed into EFS for August 2016 payments
- **August 10, 2016** First possible day of 2016-2017 School Year VPK Program
- **June 30, 2017** Last possible day of School Year VPK program
  
- **All Child Certificates of Eligibility (COE's) should be submitted via Provider Portal**
  
- **All VPK Provider Contract Documents should be submitted via Provider Portal (unless preapproved by ELC)**

# Eligibility Process Changes

- SR Enrollments at Time of Placement
- Transfer Request Forms
- Monitor Active and Termed Children through Portal
- Families with Eligibility Related Questions
- SR Appeals for Families

# What questions do you have?

Discussion...

