

Provider Services Team: Professional Development Department

ELC is offering four sessions of *Courageous Conversations with Nadine Smith*. These sessions will guide participants through strategies to overcome fears on speaking about racial bias.

We have practical discussions titled the "Four Agreements of Courageous Conversation" that will allow educators to engage, sustain, and deepen interracial dialogue. If you are interested, please register for one of our conversations. To allow for more availability, we ask that you only sign up for one day of training.

Courageous Conversation – Option 1

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021

Time: 9:00AM-1:00PM with breaks

Registration link:

<https://courageousconversations-option1.eventbrite.com>

Courageous Conversation – Option 2

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time: 9:00AM-1:00PM with breaks

Registration link:

<https://courageousconversations-option2.eventbrite.com>

Courageous Conversation – Option 3

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021

Time: 9:00AM-1:00PM with breaks

Registration link:

<https://courageousconversation-option3.eventbrite.com>

Courageous Conversation – Option 4

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021

Time: 9:00AM-1:00PM with breaks

Registration link:

<https://courageousconversations-option4.eventbrite.com>

Questions about registration?

Contact Sharon Dennany,
sdennany@elcpinellas.org

Screening and Intervention

Our newest initiative, which is part of a grant project launched by OEL, is the **Pyramid Model Program**.

The Pyramid Model is a 3-year commitment for two schools in Pinellas County to work towards becoming Model PBS Pyramid schools to reduce expulsion, and increase support for teachers as well as child identification (development and behavior).

Selected schools will receive virtual and on-site training and coaching weekly.

Thank you **Green Acres** and **Leap Forward Academy** for your commitment to be our first two Pyramid Model Schools!

Here are some beautiful photos of a Family Tree and Visual Schedule that were made as part of our Super STARS Program at Creative Learning Center!



The Buzz

Have you heard the buzz about Parents completing ASQ-3's at enrollment and annually at redetermination?

Or that the ASQ-SE2 will now also be requested as part of the packet?

or 727-400-4431.

Technical Hotline for Providers

**NEW Email Address for
Provider Portal Technical Issues**
(Related Only to Provider
Reimbursement)

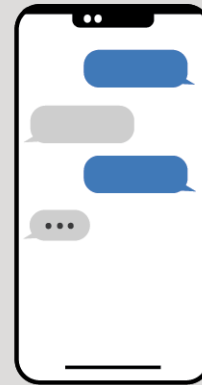
**Having technical issues with
the Provider Portal like:**

- Not able to log in
- Unable to submit your site's attendance
- A child is missing from the parent fee registration queue
- A holiday is not populating correctly on your attendance roster with an H
- Not able to submit a temporary closure or any other technical function in the Provider Portal that is related to reimbursement that is not working properly

If you have any of these issues, you can now email your matter to providerhelpdesk@elcpinellas.org to receive the proper assistance to your problem.

We can only answer technical questions at this email. Please send enrollment and eligibility questions to the designated ELC representative.

It's true! These changes to the screening rule are currently in process by OEL and will be in effect as soon as March 31, 2021!



Family Services Team

Our live Chat is available for customer assistance on our website Monday through Friday from 8:00 – 5:00 pm we would love to chat with you!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Check us **Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas** at <https://elcpinellas.net/>

Provider Services Team: Contract & Compliance Department



The Contracts & Compliance Team is currently processing completed State Rate Increase Amendments that started at the end of February. Eligible Providers who have not yet reviewed and signed their amendments, please complete as soon as possible.

Providers who have **already completed** their State Rate Increase amendments who wish to submit their profiles for a private pay rate increase may start now. Please remember the School Readiness (SR) Contract requires a 14-day written notification for Provider private pay rate increases. Private pay rate increases will be effective 14 days after the 2020-2021 Provider Profile rate change has been accurately submitted.

2021-2022 Provider Profile Updates

It is important for providers to complete their 2021-2022 Provider Profile Updates. The 2021-2022 Provider Profiles deadline is here. Please contact your Provider's Contract Specialist if you have any additional questions or additional updates.

Please remember that all State Contracted Providers, (SR and VPK), must sign and upload their E-Verify Affidavit and register with E-Verify before signing their 2021-2022 Contract. The E-Verify Affidavit and registration information can be found on our website [HERE](#).

The 2021-2022 SR and VPK State-wide Contracts have not yet been approved or available for review. However, the Coalition will be hosting two (2) Zoom meetings to review all changes to the 2021-2022 State Contracts. These Zoom meetings are currently scheduled for early June. Watch for details about specific dates and links to register in early May. For any questions about the amendment process, profile updates, or E-Verify requirements, please contact your Provider's Contract Specialist.

Join us Live for NapTime News!

Providers, this page is for you!

Are you looking for ways to connect with other child care educators in Pinellas County? Searching for tips and programs to improve your classroom and professional goals? **Be a part of our child care community discussions on Facebook.**

Every Friday, Early Learning Coalition providers are able to ask **ELC CEO Lindsay Carson** any pressing questions regarding the child care industry. Also, participants can get the latest news on professional education and training courses available to learn new skills for the classroom or ways to accomplish higher education goals.

Not a member yet? Connect with us on Facebook, [HERE](#), to sign-up.



ELC NAPTIME NEWS
with LINDSAY CARSON, CEO



**Tune In
Every Friday
@ 1:30 PM**

Hear the latest news regarding the child care community, voice your concerns, and ask Lindsay your questions!



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