

Contracts & Compliance

ATTENTION! The Provider Profiles for the 2022-2023 Contract Year are now accessible in the Portal.

All SR and VPK providers wishing to contract for the '22-'23 program year must complete a '22-'23 Provider Profile. The instructions for creating the '22-'23 Provider Profile are found on page 52 of the [Provider Profile User Guide](#). Copies of the User Guide can be downloaded from our website or found on the Dashboard of the Portal Account in the lower right corner of the screen under "Frequently Used Links." **Please complete your '22-'23 provider profile by March 1, 2022.** Provider Profile information populates portions of the Contract, so a '22-'23 Contract can't be initiated without a completed '22-'23 profile.



VPK Training Reminders:

All VPK Providers should have received notification about the new requirements for VPK Lead Instructors and Directors.

[Here](#) is a list of the courses being offered locally. Please visit our [website](#) for information on the requirements, details on the approved courses, and tips for registering for both virtual and online courses. All VPK Classrooms for the 2022-2023 VPK Program Year must have a Director and a Lead Instructor who meet the new requirements in order to Contract. VPK Applications cannot be approved without staff who meet the new requirements.

Please remember that in addition to the literacy courses/hours required, all Lead Instructors and Directors must also complete: **Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classroom: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten.**

ELC VPK Contract Specialists sent an email last week outlining all of the requirements for Lead Classroom Teachers and Directors. If you did not receive that email or you have additional questions or concerns, please review the [attached flyer](#) and register to attend a DEL Zoom webinar for additional information. If you have any other questions, please contact your VPK Contract Specialist.

Licensing Regulation and ELC Insurance Reminder:

For all Facilities and Large Family Homes providing transportation, the new Vehicle Alarm requirements went into effect in January 2022. All providers should have received a notice from the Department of Children and Families regarding these new requirements with information to access a list of “approved” alarm companies. **More information on the legislation, regulations and approved manufacturers of alarms can be found [here](#).**

ELC Reminder: Providers offering a transportation service should update their Provider Profile Services tab if it does not currently indicate transportation is offered. Please note all Providers offering transportation must also have Automobile Liability indicated on their Certificate of Insurance currently on file with the ELC. This requirement is outlined in Form OEL-SR 20L of the SR Contract and Form OEL-VPK 20PP of the VPK Contract. **If you have questions about this requirement, please contact your Contract Specialist.**



Provider Spotlight

Green Acres has welcomed some new babies! Meet Penelope (**left**) and Tex (**right**), who Mader in the back is carefully observing!

At Green Acres, they recognize that animals can help meet the emotional needs of children. Interacting with animals supports their learning and development and gives children the opportunity to learn how to be gentle and responsible for others.

Screening and Intervention

ASQ UPDATE:

Please check the Provider Portal to see if you have any screenings due. **Call Anjanette at 400-4452 for assistance with ASQ's.**

Certification Update:

Seventy-five professionals have been enrolled in the new FSU's Professional Certification in Rebound and Recovery.

All applicants have been registered, so keep an eye out on your email for log-in information from FSU if you applied. Do not pay your invoice, as ELC will be covering the cost of Certifications through our PDG MH Grant!

Once you receive this information, you will have 60 days to complete the Certification and send Certificates to kmiller@elcpinellas.org.

Quality

We have many exciting new opportunities for Workforce Support! Need help recruiting, retaining, and upskilling your staff? **Reach out to engage@elcpinellas.org!**

Did you miss our recent presentation outlining new Workforce Initiatives to assist providers? No worries. [Click here for the video of the presentation.](#)

Congratulations to the new Graduates!



We congratulate **Jorelyn Paloma and Lisa Murray** from **Learning Empowered at McCabe** for earning a Master of Education in Early Childhood Ed Leadership.



We congratulate **Jeffrey Coates** from **Kiddin Around** for earning a Bachelor of Science Educational Studies & Community Leadership degree.

Meet ELC's New Reimbursement Specialists



Tanya Burbee brings over eight years of experience managing childcare centers working with children, families, and early educators.

Tanya has been effective in various capacities within the centers she has supported and we are looking forward to her joining us in our mission.

You can reach Tanya at tburbee@elcpinellas.org or by phone at 727-400-4438.



Melissa Russ has held various roles in early education for over the last 15 years.

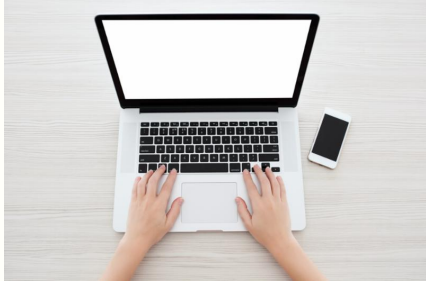
Melissa has worked with teachers, families, and communities to promote physical, academic, and social development for all children. Her continuous support for quality early learning will be a true asset to our mission.

You can reach Melissa at mruss@elcpinellas.org or by phone at 727-400-4433.

If you are in Tanya's or Melissa's provider caseload, you will be hearing from them soon. We are excited to have Tanya and Melissa as part of our ELC Team to expand our mission of inspiring children, engaging families, and elevating educators.

Join us for NapTime News!

Are you looking for ways to connect with other childhood educators in Pinellas County? **Be a part of our child care industry discussions on Facebook each Friday at 1:30pm.**



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