

# ELCB FALL PROVIDER MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2017



# LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Begins January 9 and ends March 9
- Committee weeks have already begun
- Local education contacts:
  - Sen. Hukill, Chair Senate Education Committee
  - Sen. Mayfield, Vice Chair Senate Education Committee
  - Rep. Rene Plasencia, Vice Chair House PreK – 12 Quality Subcommittee



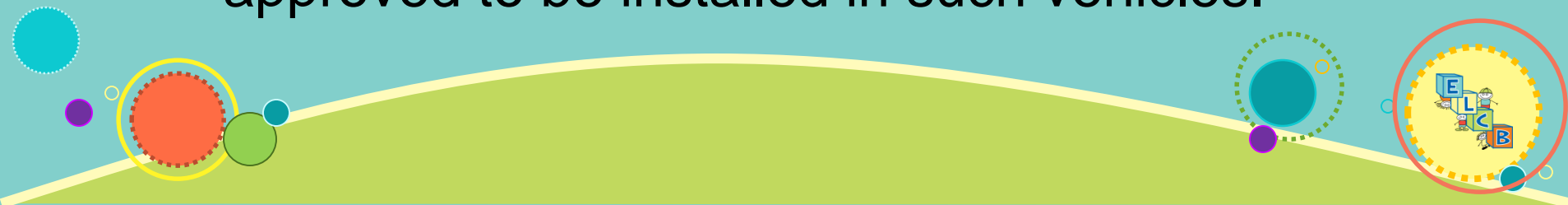
# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Increased funding for VPK
- Increased funding for Performance Funding Project (Quality Initiatives); pay for performance and provider accountability related to child outcomes
- Support local flexibility and decision making (School Readiness priorities, board composition, maintain current ELC structure)



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- HB 305 “Child Safety Alarm Act”
  - On or after January 1, 2019, such vehicles must be equipped with a reliable alarm system approved by the department which prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle.
  - The department shall adopt by rule minimum safety standards for reliable alarm systems and maintain a list of alarm manufacturers and alarm systems that meet those standards and are approved to be installed in such vehicles.



# CHILDREN'S WEEK AND HANGING OF THE HANDS

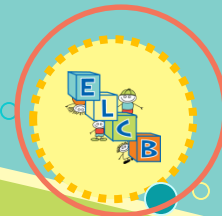
- [www.childrensworld.org](http://www.childrensworld.org)
- Hanging of the Hands
  - Sunday, January 21 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm



# CHILDREN'S WEEK AND HANGING OF THE HANDS



HANDS





# TEACH UPDATES

- Previously funded at \$10M; reduction last session and currently operating at \$6.6M
- No impact to current scholars
- Applications received after June 30, 2017 are being processed in the order in which they are received



# TEACH UPDATES

- No new scholarships are able to be awarded until July 1, 2018
- Anyone interested in scholarships for next year should apply now
- Share the importance of continued education in early childhood and the positive impact it has on children





# VPK ASSESSMENTS

- AP1-
  - ☐ Administration: within the first 30 calendar days of the VPK class start date
  - ☐ Bright Beginnings submission: no later than first 45 calendar days of the VPK class start date
- AP2- optional
- AP3-
  - ☐ Administration: within the last 30 calendar days of the last day of the VPK program
  - ☐ Bright Beginnings submission: no later than 15 days after the last day of the VPK program



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## PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCOPE OF WORK

**11. Assessment.** PROVIDER agrees to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten pre- and post-assessment in accordance with s. 1002.67(3), F.S., and rules 6A-1.09433 and 6M-8.620, F.A.C. Individuals administering the pre- and post-assessment shall meet the qualifications established in rule. PROVIDER must register each year to access the Bright Beginnings website at <https://brightbeginningsfl.org/Register.aspx>. If PROVIDER does not have a provider ID, the PROVIDER shall request one by going to <https://brightbeginningsfl.org/RequestAssistance/RequestAssistance.aspx> and entering the required information. The PROVIDER shall order pre and post-assessment materials as needed and submit assessment scores by logging into the Bright Beginnings website by the deadlines established in rule which are based on the PROVIDER's VPK class schedule approved by the COALITION. VPK child assessment records shall be maintained in accordance with Paragraph 33 of this Contract.



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## #24. PROVIDER DELIVERABLES

| Deliverable                                    | Provider Type      | Task & Activity   | Due Date   |
|--|--------------------|---|--|
| Implementation of VPK pre- and post-assessment | Private and public | Administration of Assessment Period<br>One items per paragraph 11   | Within the first 30 calendar days of the VPK class schedule        |
|  |                    | Submission of Assessment Period<br>One data per paragraph 11        | No later than first 45 calendar days of the VPK class schedule     |
|  |                    | Administration of Assessment Period<br>Three items per paragraph 11 | Within the last 30 calendar days of the VPK class schedule         |
|  |                    | Submission of Assessment Period<br>Three data per paragraph 11      | No Later than 15 days after the last day of the VPK class schedule |

# VPK Pre- and Post-Assessment Administration and Submission Deadlines for 2016-17



| The Florida VPK Assessment   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Ordering Assessment Material Deadlines   | Administration Deadlines  | Online Submission Deadlines   |
| <p><b>Required: Based on Need</b><br/>Provider must place the initial order on Bright Beginnings for needed materials at least <b>30 calendar days</b> before the first day of the VPK classroom schedule</p> <p>Coalitions must approve or disapprove orders within <b>seven calendar days</b></p> <p>If order is disapproved, provider shall resubmit within <b>five calendar days</b></p> | <p><b>Required:</b><br/>Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – Administer within the first <b>30 calendar days</b> of the VPK classroom schedule</p> | <p><b>Required:</b><br/>Assessment Period 1 (AP1) – Submit within <b>45 calendar days</b> of the VPK classroom schedule</p>                           |
|  | <p><b>Optional*:</b> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – middle of the VPK classroom’s scheduled hours</p>  | <p><b>Optional*:</b> Assessment Period 2 (AP2) – Submit no later than <b>15 calendar days</b> after the last day of the VPK classroom schedule</p>    |
|  | <p><b>Required:</b><br/>Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – Administer within the last <b>30 calendar days</b> of the VPK classroom schedule</p>  | <p><b>Required:</b><br/>Assessment Period 3 (AP3) – Submit no later than <b>15 calendar days</b> after the last day of the VPK classroom schedule</p> |

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

## Who do VPK providers contact for technical assistance with Bright Beginnings and the VPK Assessment Online Reporting System?

The VPK Assessment Help Desk is available to answer questions about orders and offer technical assistance to providers needing support with Bright Beginnings. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Assistance is available in English and Spanish.

Phone: 1-844-545-4777

Email: [vpkassessment@fcrr.org](mailto:vpkassessment@fcrr.org)

## Where can VPK providers find additional information?

The Office of Early Learning’s VPK Pre- and Post- Assessment webpage is updated frequently with the most current information available. It can be found at

[http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/provider\\_menu/vpk\\_assessment.aspx](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/provider_menu/vpk_assessment.aspx). We encourage providers to review the documents found there, including the **Frequently Asked Questions document for VPK Pre- and Post-Assessment**.

# VPK ASSESSMENTS

3 years using a statewide VPK contract

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3 years with an AP1 variance

What will happen in year 4?



# VPK PROVIDER PORTAL

- Change notification requirements have not changed.
  - ❑ 14 days from time of desired change.
- Change notification process has changed
  - ❑ Portal: teacher qualification approval does not = teacher classroom assignment.
  - ❑ Portal: is now used to notify ELC of a classroom teacher change or addition.



# PORTAL POINTERS

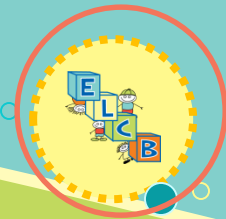
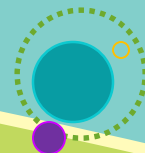
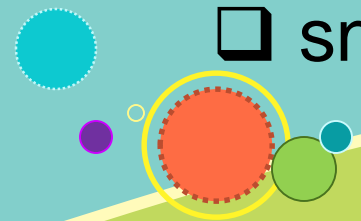
- Document Submission-Profile
  - Review profile for accuracy
    - Expiration Date
    - Capacity
- Email
  - Reminders
  - Updates
- Delete Functions





# SCHOOL READINESS- SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

- Don't leave room for question and get paid without ELC calling you
  - ☐ full parent signature
  - ☐ writing legibly
  - ☐ dark ink
- Choice of how to submit to reimbursement:
  - ☐ scan/email
  - ☐ hand deliver
  - ☐ fax (tricky-see above)
  - ☐ snail mail (allow time)



# SCHOOL READINESS- CERTIFICATES

- Please read the entire certificate.
- Is my center's name on the certificate?
- Is this child in an age group that my center gets paid to serve? (check the contract!)



# **INCLUSION/ SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT UPDATES**

**Kevin Carraro**

Inclusion Coordinator/Family Resource Administrator  
321.482.3445

**Beth Arthur**

Screening and Assessment Specialist



# **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES UPDATES**

Tiffani Brown  
DCF Licensing Manager



# **NEMOURS NATIONAL EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

Melodie Griffin

Nemours Professional Development Trainer



# **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA IFSA EXTENSION**

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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

