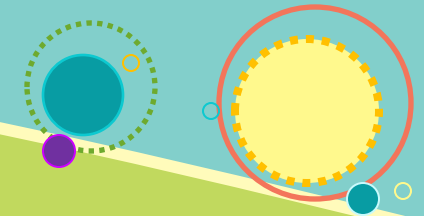
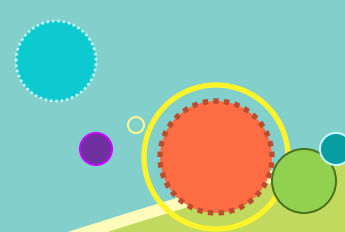


ELCB SPRING PROVIDER MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2016



BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Legislative Session ended March 11
- To be signed by the Governor



BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Readiness:

Additional \$10m for contracted slots for providers located in poverty tracks

VPK:

Additional \$5m to allow for additional enrollments based on increase in population; no increase to the per student allocation

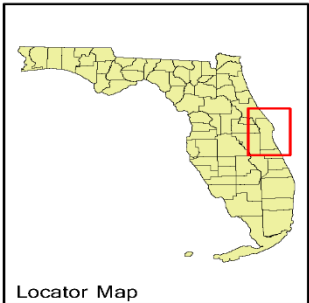
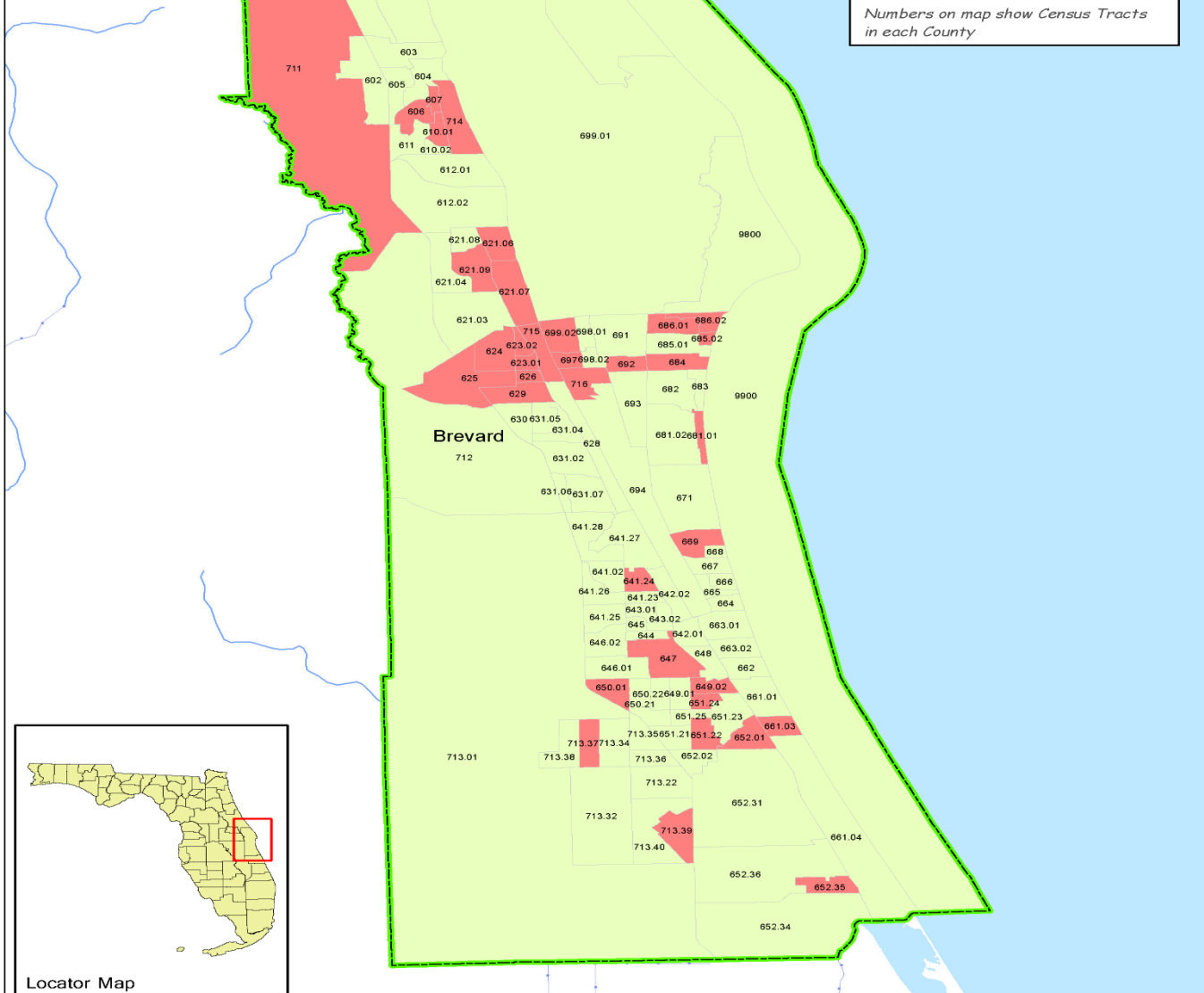


Map 21
ELC of Brevard

**Low Income Census Tracts
For Children Under 6 Yrs Old**

- YES
- NO

*Numbers on map show Census Tracts
in each County*



Locator Map



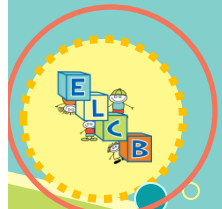
Low Income Census Tracts (2008-12) for 50% or more children under 6 yrs old living in households with income less than 150% of the federal poverty level

Date Source:
US Census Bureau ACS
2008-12 5 year estimates
Table B17024
ELC Boundaries- ELC

Location:
Florida

Created by
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June 2014

The Children's Trust
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Miami, FL 33129
www.thechildrenstrust.org



BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Child Care Development Block Grant bill passed (School Readiness)
- Requirements for personnel in child care
- Early Learning Florida (UF)
- TEACH
- Performance Funding Pilot
- Help Me Grow



BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

5 Year Olds in VPK

VPK Readiness Rates

VPK Pre-Post Assessment



VPK ELIGIBILITY

“Each child who resides in this state who will have attained the age of 4 years on or before September 1 of the school year is eligible for the VPK program during either that school year or the following school year. The child remains eligible until the child is admitted to kindergarten, or unless he or she will have attained the age of 6 years by February 1 of any school year...”



VPK READINESS RATES

- 2014 – 2015 Preliminary Rates recently released
- No rates released for 2013 – 2014
- Changes in measures
 - Work Sampling System
- Concerns about 14 – 15 rates



VPK READINESS RATES

05-06: 5% POP

06-07: 10% POP

07-08: 9% POP

08-09: 7% POP

09-10: 5% POP

10-11: 18% POP

11-12: 14% POP

12-13: 8% POP

13-14: 8% POP (No
Rate)

14-15: Less than 1%
POP

Hmmm.....



Dear VPK Provider,

In late December, the Office of Early Learning (OEL) sent a letter regarding provider availability of 2014-15 VPK preliminary kindergarten readiness rates. Providers were able to log in and verify data as well as view their program's preliminary rate.

Earlier this week, the Florida Legislature agreed on a budget. There is a 72-hour period before they actually vote on it and forward it to Governor Rick Scott for his consideration. Along with the budget, there is an implementing bill with language that addresses how to implement the budget. The implementing bill directs OEL **not to adopt a kindergarten readiness rate for the 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 academic years.**

Accordingly, **OEL will not calculate or adopt kindergarten readiness rates.** The VPK provider kindergarten readiness rate website has been updated to reflect this change. When you log in and search for 2014-15 readiness rates, you will read **"No providers received a 2014-15 readiness rate."** This will become available to the public by Monday, Mar. 14.

While some providers may have shared preliminary readiness rate data, the rates were always identified as preliminary. They were not intended for public distribution until they became final and available on the VPK Program Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate website.

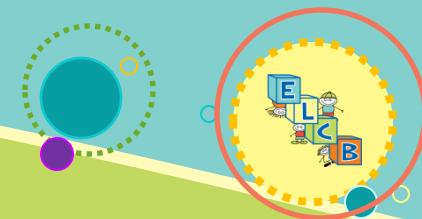
The implementing bill also specifies that any VPK provider on probation in 2013-2014 will remain on probation. Providers on probation will continue to abide by their current, approved improvement plan.

Please contact OEL with any questions at vpkquestions@oel.myflorida.com or 1-866-447-1159.

RJM

Rodney J. MacKinnon
Executive Director

Office of Early Learning
State of Florida



Dear VPK Administrator:

When the Florida Legislature agreed on a budget earlier this week, it did not include funding to continue the Teaching Strategies GOLD pre- and post-assessment for the 2016-17 VPK program year. Although the budget is not yet final, if it is approved Friday, **the loss of funding will not affect requirements for the current program year.**

Florida law requires VPK providers to complete the GOLD post-assessment (Assessment Period 3/Checkpoint 3) for the current 2015-16 program year. Since there are serious consequences for not meeting this requirement, it is important to make a full faith effort to submit results by your AP3 data submission deadline.

The loss of funding only impacts the GOLD assessment. There is no change in status or funding for the Florida VPK Assessment. Providers are also required to administer the VPK Assessment for AP3.

Should you have GOLD-related logistical questions such as how to log in or use the GOLD system, please contact the Teaching Strategies GOLD help desk. You may do so by emailing flvpk@teachingstrategies.com or calling 1-844-838-4653 (7 a.m.-7 p.m. EDT, Mon.-Fri.)

If you have VPK policy questions, please contact the VPK team at the Office of Early Learning by emailing VPKquestions@oel.myflorida.com or calling 1-866-447-1159.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Florida 4-year-olds.

Rodney J. MacKinnon

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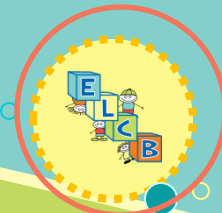
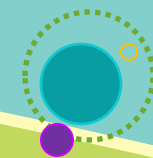
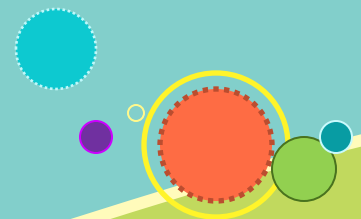
AROUND THE CORNER...

Quality Rating and Improvement System



CONTRACT REMINDERS

- School Readiness
 - Exhibit 3
 - Provider Update Form
 - Private Rates Flyer
 - Considerations?
 - Amendments
- VPK
 - Start date on or after August 10th



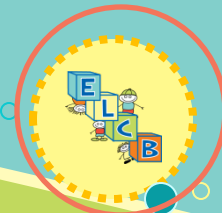
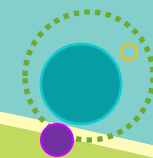
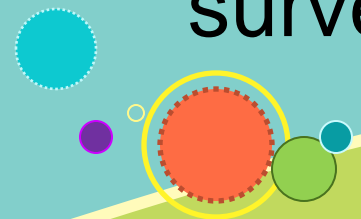
CONTRACTS REMINDERS, CONT.

- Now accepting applications
- All documents at www.elcbrevard.org
- Insurance sent by agent
- Updated Delegation of Authority
- Reminders are a courtesy
- Incomplete applications will cause delays
 - Processed in order they are received



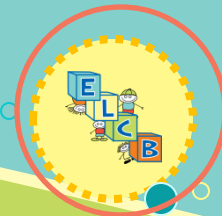
FINANCE/REIMBURSEMENT UPDATES

- Attendance **MUST** be submitted timely
- Requested monitoring documents must be submitted by date requested
- Non-compliance **WILL** result in delayed payment
- Check your email regularly!!!
- Thank you to those that participated in our survey



ABSENCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

- Who?
 - A child from birth to school entry
 - Receiving services for protection
 - Certificate will show:
 - BG1 or BG3R
- Reporting Requirement:
 - Provider must report any unexcused absence or seven (7) excused absences by the end of the business day after the day of absence.
 - Provider must consider the termination of an at-risk child as an unexcused absence and notify the eligibility specialist named on the certificate.
- Report absence by:
 - Emailing: intake@brevardfp.org
 - Calling: 321-752-4650
- Complete and submit form to:
 - Assigned ELC contact listed on form.



PROVIDER SERVICES

- Our New
- Provider Relations Coordinator:
Paula Gonzalez
- School Readiness and VPK Monitoring Training
- Early Learning Florida
- Early Learning Performance Funding Pilot
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship



DCF UPDATES

Tom Peer
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