

# ELCB SPRING PROVIDER MEETING

Friday, March 9, 2018



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Federal Budget
  - Passed a budget deal including an increase in the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) by \$5.8 billion over 2 years
  - Has not yet passed a FY 18 appropriations bill; next step is for Congress to pass a spending bill by March 23
  - Potential that states will receive double the amount of discretionary funding it received in FY 17



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Federal Budget
  - Can supplement, not supplant (watch closely)
  - Discrepancies between this budget and the President's budget proposal released on February 12; spending bill to be tracked as it moves forward
  - Additional School Readiness dollars may arrive quickly and be required to be spent just as fast (but no promises)



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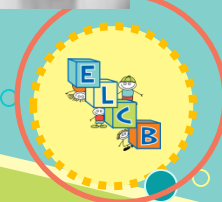
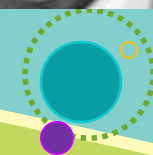
## State Budget

Flat funding for VPK and School Readiness



# EARLY LEARNING BILLS

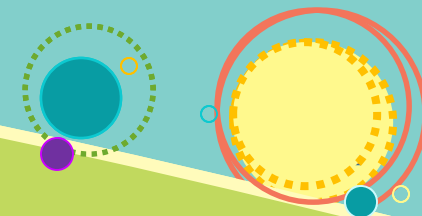
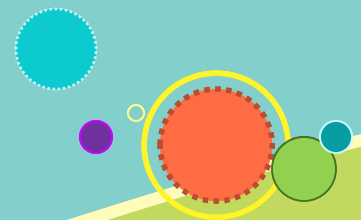








just breathe.



# HB 7055

- Large education bill (page 133 of 207)
- “...if a private prekindergarten provider has been cited for a class I violation, as defined by rule, the coalition may refuse to contract with the provider.”
- Same language referencing School Readiness providers

*Next Step: Approval by the Governor*





# HB 1091/SB 1254

- Largest of this Session's early learning bills
- Amendments along with way
- Still many unknowns:
  - Implementation timeline
  - Much will be clarified during rule development process (publicly noticed)

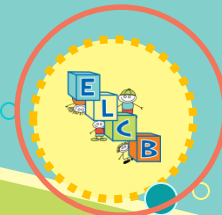
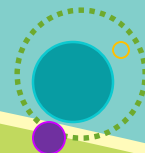
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# HB 1091/SB 1254

## School Readiness Eligibility Revisions

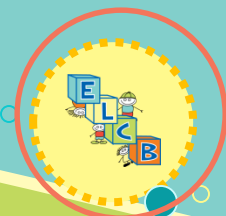
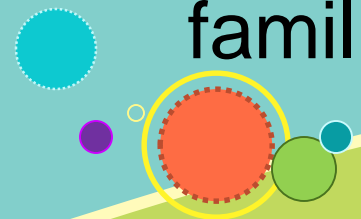
- Revises definition of at-risk child to state “a child in the custody of a parent who is considered a victim of domestic violence and is receiving services through a certified domestic violence center.”
- Previously stated that the child had to be residing in the shelter.



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## Considerations

- Potential increase in services to families experiencing domestic violence
- Are your staff trained in trauma informed care? Do you know how to best assist children experiencing domestic violence or residing in shelters?
- Do you have policies in place to address circumstances that come with serving families experiencing domestic violence?



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## School Readiness Eligibility Revisions

- Revises priorities in which School Readiness children are served:
  1. Younger than 13 from a family that includes a parent who is receiving temporary cash assistance (CareerSource)
  2. An at-risk child younger than 9
  3. Subsequent priority shall be given based on the early learning coalition's local priorities



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## Considerations

- Establishing local priorities requires approval by the ELC Board of Directors
- Of those you serve, which families are most in need that aren't currently a Priority 1 or 2?



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Child Assessment

- Requires OEL to “identify observation-based child assessments that are valid, reliable, and developmentally appropriate for use at least three times a year.”
- Must measure across all domains of early childhood development and used for determining developmentally appropriate learning gains.



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Child Assessment

- Must provide for appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities and English language learners
- Must be administered by qualified individuals, consistent with the developer's instructions
- Must coordinate with VPK standards





# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Child Assessment

- At this time, optional to administer
- If do administer and submit valid and reliable data in the domains of language and executive functioning, a payment differential would be provided



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Considerations

- Implementation date?
- Procurement process to identify tool(s)
- Staff training needs (initial and ongoing)
- Supports needed to utilize the assessment information in a manner in which it is intended (learning gains/inform instruction)



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Program Assessment

- Requires OEL to “adopt a program assessment for school readiness program providers that measures the quality of teacher-child interactions, including emotional and behavioral support, engaged support for learning, classroom organization, and instructional support for children ages birth to 5 years.”



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Program Assessment

- The assessment must include:
  - Quality measures, including a minimum threshold for contracting purposes and program improvement through an improvement plan
  - Requirements for program participation, frequency of the assessment and exemptions



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Program Assessment

- No later than July 1, 2019, OEL must develop a differential payment program based on the quality measures adopted
- Differential payment (not to exceed 15%)



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Program Assessment

- Requires provisions in the provider contract for termination for cause to include “failure to meet the minimum quality measures...for a period of up to 5 years, unless the coalition determines that the provider is essential to meeting capacity needs based on the assessment and the provider has an active improvement plan”



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Considerations

- Implementation date of FY 19.20
- Contracts to be revised (public rule process)
- OEL to procure assessment tool
- Capacity building at ELC
- Provider training and supports





# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Considerations

- Assessments required before contracting?
- Assistance and follow up?
- Decision of business owners and impact on parent choice and availability of services in the community
- Important to keep the big picture in mind



# HB 1091/SB 1254

## Family Portal

- By July 1, 2019, the system shall
  - “allow a parent to monitor the development of his or her child as the child moves along programs within the state.”
  - “enable analysis at the state, regional, and local level to measure growth over time, program impact, and quality improvement and investment decisions.”



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## Reporting

- OEL to publish annually the number of School Readiness providers who have completed the program assessment, the number who haven't met the minimum threshold and the number of providers that have an active improvement plan based on the results of the program assessment.



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## Needs Assessment

- Coalitions shall conduct “an assessment of local priorities within the county or multi-county region based on the needs of families and provider capacity using available community data”



# DCF Child Care Regulation

*Tiffani Brown*



# Inclusion Reminders

*Kevin Carraro*



# VPK READINESS RATES

- 2/2/18-Provider Verification/Dispute Deadline
- 2/18/18-Coalition Approval Deadline
- Marchish-Preliminary Readiness Rates Posted
- Mayish-Final Readiness Rates Posted
- Rule Development Suggestions
  - [vpkquestions@oel.myflorida.com](mailto:vpkquestions@oel.myflorida.com)
- **Verification Website**
  - <https://vpk.fldoe.org>.





# VPK CERTIFICATES

- 17-18 Reenrollments
  - Child has completed less than 70% of a program
- 18-19 Enrollments
- Do not accept children without a valid certificate; when in doubt call the Coalition

## Pay Attention



# FAMILY PORTAL

Do



- Assist families with access to computers, scanners, etc...
- Explain documentation requirements

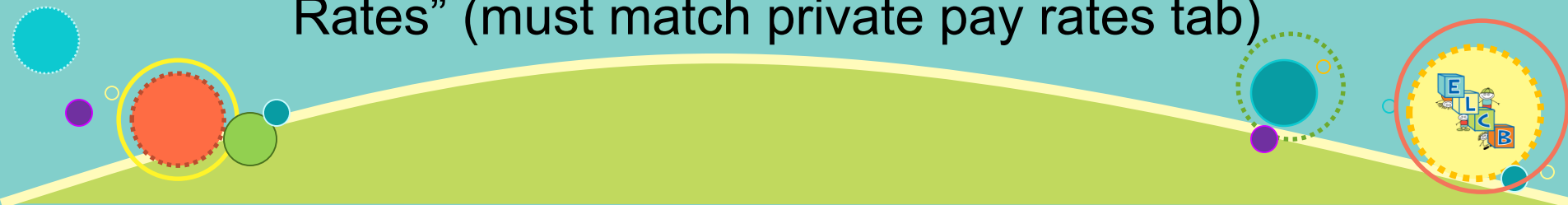
• Don't

- Create email addresses for families
- Create portal accounts for families
- Utilize YOUR email address for family account creation



# 2018-19 CONTRACTING

- Access Profile
- Click  Create 2018
- Verify all fields in each tab
  - Private Pay Rates tab
    - Review rates and click  \$ SR Daily Rate Helper
      - Failure to click this will leave exhibit 3 blank
  - Documents tab
    - New Field: Upload copy of ‘Private Child Care Pay Rates’ (must match private pay rates tab)



# PROVIDER PORTAL ACCOUNTS

Do

- Set-up unique accounts for each individual with access
  - Unique email address
  - Set User permissions

Don't

- Share user access
  - Accounts are associated with signatures; it is fraud if someone else 'signs' your name



# PROVIDER PORTAL: UPCOMING FUNCTIONALITY

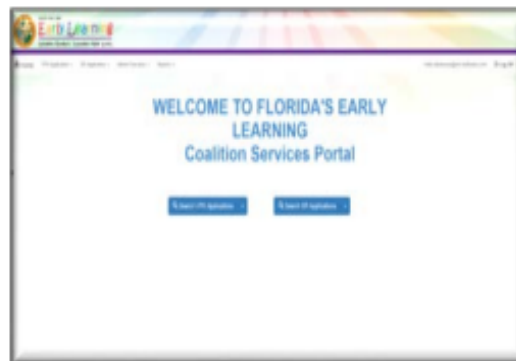


# EFS Modernization Project Components



## Development in Progress

- SR Eligibility Doc. Upload and Submission - **Release 3.0**
- SR Eligibility Verification - **Release 3.0**



## Development in Progress

- Attendance Processing - **Release 3.0**
- Child Care Application and Authorization (CCAA) Entry - **Release 3.0**
- Eligibility Determination - **Release 3.0**
- SR Enrollment - **Release 3.0**
- VPK Enrollment - **Release 3.0**
- Guardianship Transfer - **Release 3.0**
- Provider Listings - **Release 3.0**
- SR Provider Transfers - **Release 3.0**
- Redetermination - **Release 3.0**
- Reporting - **Release 3.0**



## Development in Progress

- Attendance Roster Submission - **Release 3.0**
- Credential Tracking - **Release 3.0**
- Redetermination Tracking - **Release 3.0**

# PROVIDER PORTAL

- Timeline:
  - Mayish/Juneish: Testing and training
  - July 1: Full Implementation
- Recommended Action:
  - Identify point person(s)
  - Become familiar with current functionality and prepare for expansion and further information
  - Embrace the Portal as part of your everyday work





# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PROVIDER CONFERENCE

*Renew the Passion*

Saturday, April 14

Crowne Plaza Melbourne - Oceanfront

