

For your information...

- Applications for **Summer VPK** are currently being accepted. Please check our website at www.vpkhelp.org for the forms, teacher requirements, and step-by-step guides. **Deadline for applications is April 13, 2007.**
- If you have made changes in your VPK program (director, teacher, assistant), you have 10 business days to notify the coalition by submitting the appropriate form 10 or 11 with the Notification Form.
- Live Scan is still available at:
 - Neighbor to Family**
17801 NW 2nd Ave., Suite 204, Miami, FL - Phone: (786) 248-5300
Price: \$45
 - Statutory Fingerprint and Notary**
4141 NW 5th St. Suite 100, Plantation, FL - Phone: (954) 585-8899
Price: \$62
 - Kids Hope United**
10720 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 600, Miami, FL - Phone: (786) 712-0676
Price: \$45
- The VPK Emergent Literacy and the VPK Director Endorsement Course are available online at www.dcf.state.fl.us/childcare by clicking on training. If you need additional information, please call Kerry Allen, VPK Regional Facilitator at (305) 646-7220 ext. 239.

Important Housekeeping for Directors/Owners

Please review your VPK files. Some of your staff may have expired background screenings and/or Affidavit of Good Moral Character. You must submit the updated information to the coalition along with the Notification Form as soon as possible, otherwise **your program will be out of compliance and may lose funds.**

Thought of the Month: *Is Your Classroom Literacy Rich?*

- Do you provide daily experiences of shared reading with storybooks and big books?
- Do you allow children to choose the stories to be read during story time?
- Do you have a classroom library that is well stocked with a variety of materials: books, magazines, and newspapers? Do you allow time for children to enjoy the library area independently?
- Do you have reading materials in other areas of the classroom beside the library?
- Do you encourage children to join in reading by letting them complete rhymes or repetitive lines and tell favorite parts of stories?
- Do you listen attentively when children begin to read emergently (pretending to "read" aloud from a book)?
- Do you take time to answer children's questions about reading such as why do you read from left to right?

If these activities are not happening in your classroom, think about how you can incorporate some of these suggestions into your daily routine to help children develop their literacy skills.

VPK Standard Trainings

Spanish sessions

Tuesday, March 6, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
David and Mary Alper JCC
11155 SW 112 Ave. - Art Gallery
South Miami, FL

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Miami Lakes CDS Office
15910 NW 57 Ave.
Miami Lakes, FL

Tuesday, April 3, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Miami Lakes CDS Office
15910 NW 57 Ave.
Miami Lakes, FL

Tuesday, April 10, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd./5th Floor
Coral Gables, FL

English sessions

Tuesday, March 20, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Miami Lakes CDS Office
15910 NW 57 Ave.
Miami Lakes, FL

Tuesday, March 27, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
David and Mary Alper JCC
11155 SW 112 Ave. - Art Gallery
South Miami, FL

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd./5th Floor
Coral Gables, FL

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe
2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd./5th Floor
Coral Gables, FL

These sessions are for VPK teachers and directors only. Please do not register if you are an assistant or infant/toddler teacher. You need to register by calling (305) 646-7220 ext. 273. Space is limited and walk-ins are not allowed.