

## VPK Summer

- o Please submit the Certificates of Eligibility (COE) for the children you have already recruited (only if you have been certified). This will make the payment process so much smoother.
- o Providers with pending summer applications need to submit all missing items as soon as possible.
- o Remember that VPK pays only for instructional hours. During the summer the meals can only be included as part of the instructional hours if the teacher remains with the children AND is engaged in activities around the domains (such as language & communications, social & emotional development).
- o Nap/rest time is not covered by VPK. We do expect that children are given a rest time during a long day because it is developmentally appropriate.

## School-Year 2007-2008 is just around the corner!

There are three provider trainings sessions provided for your convenience. The training sessions will assist you in completing your application and developing your class schedules.

### Tuesday, May 1, 2007

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
South Dade Government Center  
10710 SW 211th Street

### Wednesday, May 2, 2007

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
CDS Miami Lakes  
15910 NW 57th Ave.

### Thursday, May, 3, 2007

1:30 pm to 3:30 PM  
Frankie Shannon Rolle Neighborhood Ct.  
3750 S. Dixie Hwy. (off US 1)

Application period for school-year 2007-2008 is from April 30, 2007 to June 30, 2007. Providers that need assistance in completing applications can call the VPK Helpline at (305) 644-4046 for an appointment.

**Saturday, April 28, 2007** is the kick-off of VPK registration for the upcoming school-year. **Please alert your parents.**

You may get a complete schedule from our website [www.vpkhelp.org](http://www.vpkhelp.org).

## School Readiness

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, together with Miami Dade County, has been hard at work managing the funding and enrollment levels for child care subsidy programs in our community. We are pleased to report that we have reached our enrollment capacity based on current funding.

In light of our proposed provider rate increase and our level of enrollment, effective April 30, 2007 the coalition will limit new enrollments into the School Readiness program to families with infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months and their siblings to age 12. This policy will apply strictly to the income eligible (BG8) funding category. Children who are "at-risk" and families in the TCC and TANF funding categories will not be affected.

We will continue to interview families in need of care with children ages 2 or older. Those who are determined eligible will be placed in the "ready pool" and contacted as slots become available. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 305-644-4046.

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