VPK Summer 2011

Providers who wish to offer a summer VPK program may submit their applications beginning March 21 through May 13, 2011. Please visit www.vpkhelp.org and click on the "Forms and Policies" link under the Providers menu. The new AWI forms are located in the "Summer 2011 Forms" section.

Please remember the following about the summer program:

* Teachers must have a minimum BS in early childhood education, pre-k or primary education, or family and consumer science (home economics).

* Teachers and directors must have passed level-two screening within the past five years (FBI, FDLE, and local); these background checks as well as your license must all remain valid and up-to-date during the duration of your program. Additionally it is required that each teacher and director have an Affidavit of Good Moral Character on file.

* Classroom capacity is 12 and reimbursement is $7.34 per hour.

* It is the Coalition's policy that a program lasting six (6) or more hours should include a minimum of 30 minutes of rest time for children. This time is not covered under VPK for reimbursement.

VPK School Year Program

If you are current VPK provider for the school year program all you need to submit are AWI VPK Forms 11 A & B. If you are a first-time applicant this school year you must submit AWI VPK Forms 10, 11 A & B, and the Provider Agreement. We strongly encourage providers to submit their applications by email to their respective VPK certification specialists at the ELC. Further instructions will be provided at a later date as we develop your online account.

Low Performing Providers (LPP)

Final 2009-2010 Readiness Rates can be viewed at http://vpk.fldoe.org. Any provider with a score below 140 is listed as an LPP. To complete an acknowledgement of your score,
please log into the website using your ID and password. Please note that the survey is only regarding your VPK program and not your business as a whole.

You will also be required to complete an improvement plan. You can obtain additional information and/or clarification by attending one of the following meetings for Low Performing Providers. Please contact Elizabeth Machado at 305-646-7220 ext. 229 to reserve a space at one of the sessions.

Trainings for LPPs

LPPs must attend a training at the Early Learning Coalition’s Coral Gables office. Please consult the schedule below for the session that is most appropriate for you and your center.

First-time LPPs
Tuesday, March 29th - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 30th - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 30th - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Year 2 LPPs (2 years in a row)
Thursday, March 31st - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Year 3 LPPs (3 years in a row) and ALL others
Tuesday, April 5th - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 5th - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.