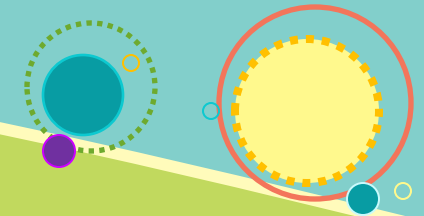
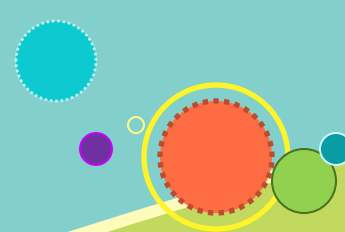
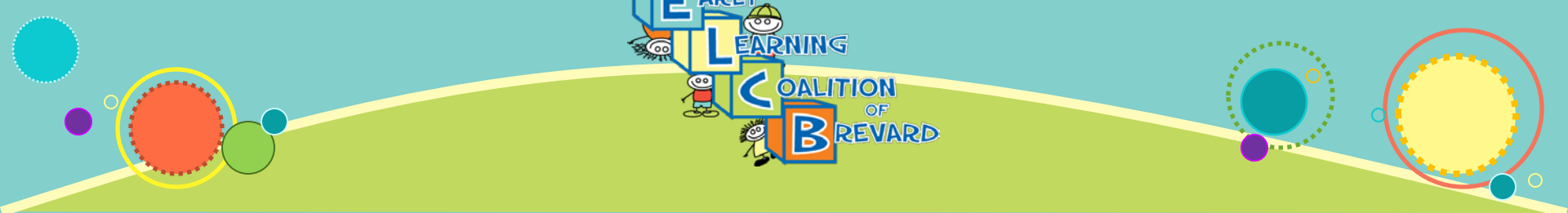


ELCB PROVIDER MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

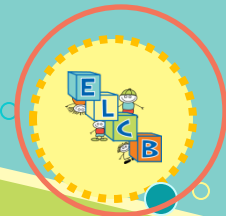
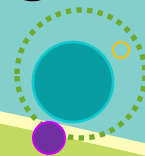
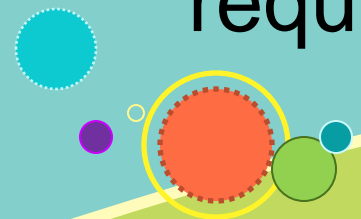


LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATES



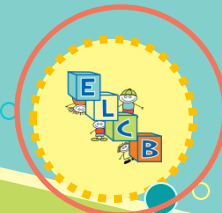
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- March 3 – May 1
- Bill tracking
 - SB 7006
 - HB 483/SB 518
- Continued focus on health and safety and requirements of child care providers



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

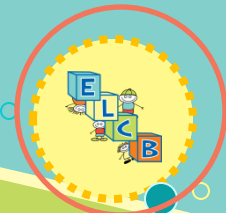
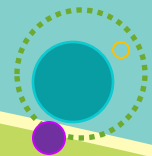
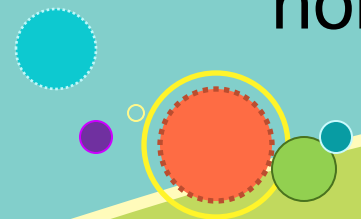
- Governor's Budget
 - \$30m in non-recurring dollars for SR services (to reduce waiting lists)
 - \$4m for expansion of Help Me Grow
 - Increase in VPK per student funding by \$46
 - \$7m to continue the Performance Funding Pilot
 - \$2m to University of Florida for continued implementation of Early Learning Florida



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SB 7006

- Non-licensed providers would need to demonstrate “substantial compliance” with health and safety standards
- Employers must conduct employment history checks and document findings
- Transfer of ownership limitations
- Substitute requirements for family child care homes



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SB 7006

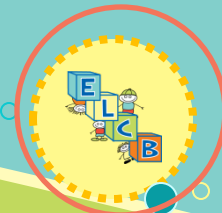
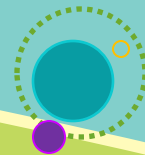
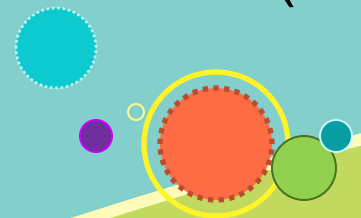
- By July 2017, develop best practices for providing parental notifications in parent's native language
- VPK provider to be denied initial eligibility if they have been cited for a Class I violation in the 12 months before seeking eligibility; an existing provider that is cited for a Class I violation may not be renewed for 12 months (and parent notification of violation)



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SB 7006

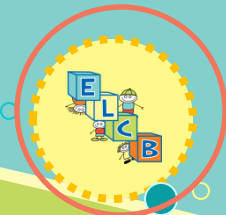
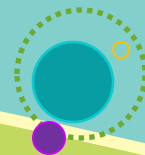
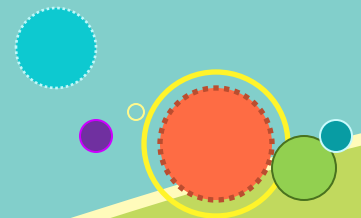
- By January 2016, 50% of instructors employed who are responsible for the supervision of children are to be trained in first aid and infant and child CPR
- Beginning January 2017, providers must employ personnel who hold a high school diploma and are at least 18 years of age (unless not responsible for children)



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HB 483

- Requires VPK assessments to be:
 - Observation based
 - Based on performance standards
 - Be appropriate for English language learners and students with disabilities
 - Have a process for ensuring ongoing reliability
 - Include professional development
- To be administered during the first and last 2 weeks of the program



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HB 483

- Requires parents to submit their child for assessment
- Pre-post assessment data shall be used in calculating the provider's VPK readiness rate

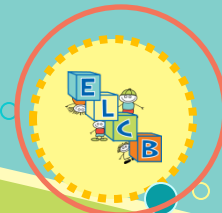


Services to School Age Children



SCHOOL READINESS CONTRACT AND MONITORING

- New Statewide School Readiness Contract effective March 1 for any new provider and July 1 for all providers
- New corresponding monitoring tool
- Utilizes sample sizes for number of providers and child files to be monitored
- Requires review of documentation not monitored before (ex. collection of parent copayments)



REQUIRED PARENT CO-PAYMENT

- Rule 6M-4.400
- Provider is responsible for collecting the parent co-payment from the parents.
- Parent co-payment shall be collected within 10 calendar days of the provider's due date.
- Provider shall provide written notice of the co-payment due date.



REQUIRED PARENT CO-PAYMENT

- Provider shall provide written notification to the parent of the current outstanding co-payment balance within 15 days of the due date. Written notification to be provided at least monthly as long as there is a co-payment balance.



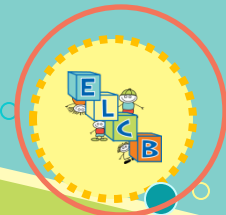
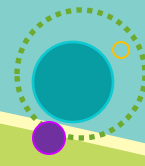
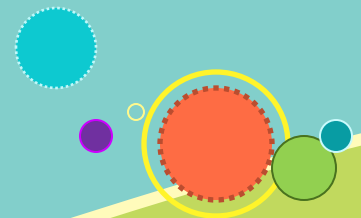
REQUIRED PARENT CO-PAYMENT AND TRANSFERS

- Parent must satisfactorily fulfill the co-payment obligation
- “Satisfactory fulfillment” means immediate payment of the outstanding co-payment obligation or establishment of a repayment plan for the outstanding co-payment obligation



VPK READINESS RATE UPDATE

- Delay due to changes in the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) and technical issues with the implementation.
- Change in the tools used to calculate rates
- Will be using FLKRS data (Work Sampling System only) and data from the VPK Assessment tool (13.14)



VPK READINESS RATE UPDATE

- February – Providers verify enrollment data
- March/April – Rule workshops
- Early May – Preliminary readiness rates released
- May – Approval of rates by State Board of Education and final rates released



VPK ASSESSMENT

- Rule development underway requiring two child assessment instruments to be implemented during the VPK program year.
- Difference of legal opinion related to the statutory language related to VPK child assessment.
- Coalition opinion: There should be one valid, reliable VPK pre- and post-assessment that addresses all domains of learning. Administering two assessments places inappropriate demands on VPK children and VPK providers.



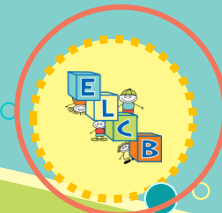
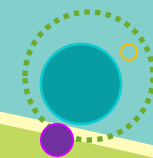
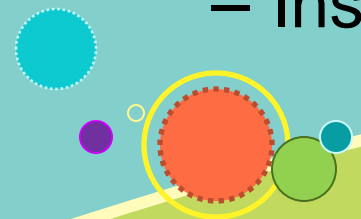
VPK ASSESSMENT

- VPK Assessment to continue as you know it
- Addition of Teaching Strategies GOLD as a required assessment tool with full implementation in Fall 2015
- Online training available in Summer 2015
- Some facilitator lead training supports available



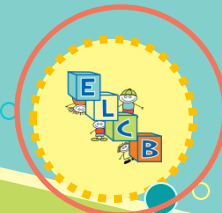
PROVIDER SERVICES REMINDERS

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted
 - Appts. Are only 1 hour; an attempt to make corrections if time allows. If it can't be corrected another appt. must be made.
- No Strike-through or white out
- When completing the VPK10 and 11A follow supporting documents exactly
 - License
 - Instructor Credentials



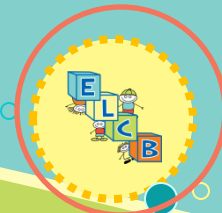
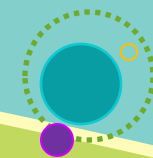
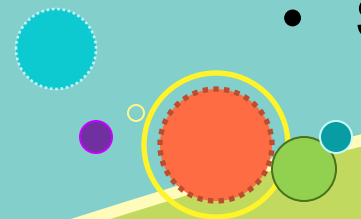
REMINDERS CONT...

- When completing the W-9 follow up with your tax professional for accuracy
- Good Moral Character
 - Must be on new 2-page version; 3 page not acceptable
- If banking info is the same do not bring a voided check or direct deposit form
 - Still need a payment option form
- Certificates of insurance (ACORD CERTIFICATE) must be received from the carrier directly
 - Liability
 - Auto (if applicable)
 - Workers Comp (if applicable)
- NO FAXES



2015-16 APPLICATION PROCESS

- Appointment Dates
 - April 2-May 21
- Upon application approval an invite to the VPK and/or SR agreement signing will be sent via email
 - Separate dates for VPK and SR
 - Dates TBD
- Provider Relations Coordinators
 - A-K
 - Karen Heinly - Ext 2005
 - L-W
 - Selena McNeely - Ext 2026



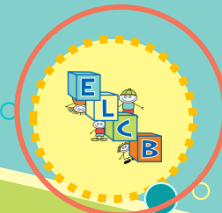
VPK ON-LINE

- VPK Online Stats:
 - 2015-16 875 approved applications
 - 2015-16 1167 applications submitted
 - 292 have been rejected, under review or created



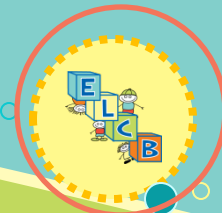
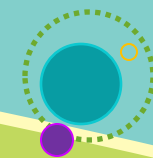
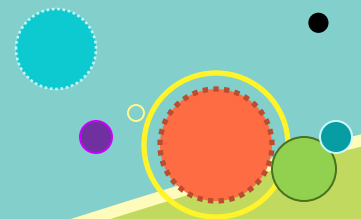
VPK ONLINE CON'TD

- Issues:
 - Reenrollments will need to be done in ELC office
 - Email validation issues
 - Size of uploads
 - Use of Ipads in Rockledge, Melbourne, Titusville
 - No Paper Apps



REIMBURSEMENT - VPK REMINDERS

- OEL VPK03S – Short Form
 - Parent **MUST** sign child in/out **EVERY** day using sign-in/out sheet or computerized system with unique code/password
 - 1 form per child per program year
 - **OR** – If using teacher sign-in log, you **MUST** use:
- OEL VPK 03L – Long Form
 - Parent must check block for daily attendance on form and sign at month end
 - 1 form per child per month



REIMBURSEMENT - SR

NEW RULE 6M-4.50, F.A.C.

- No payment before 1st day of attendance or after last day of attendance
- Excessive Absences – Voluntary Form
 - Written notification to ELC if NO parent contact after 5 consecutive absences
- Correction notification within 60 days of payment transmission date with supporting documents

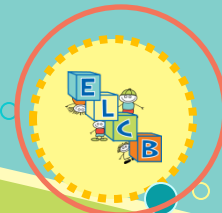
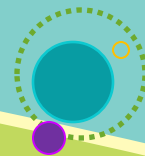
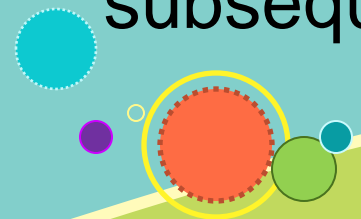


REIMBURSEMENT - SR 6M-4.50

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SIGN IN/SIGN OUT FORMS MUST INCLUDE:

- Provider Name
- Child's First AND Last Name
- Time in and out
- Date AND
- Authorized signature or other identifier that verifies EACH child's attendance
- Electronic systems MUST be backed up regularly
- No changes to attendance after Dec. 31 of subsequent year



VPK TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Ginny Gleason

Brevard Public Schools



ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

- Inclusion Library- available for resource lending to all contracted providers
- Annual ASQ training: April 16, 2015
 - Rockledge and Melbourne
 - Session 1- 12:00-1:30pm
 - Session 2- 6:00-7:30pm



GOOD-BYE!!!

THANKS FOR ATTENDING

