



VPK News Flash

2009-2010 Application Process

Applications are being accepted for the next school year. All current VPK providers who are interested in providing a program for 2009-2010 must re-apply by submitting a complete package (Forms 10, 11, Provider Agreement, and the Notification Guidelines/Attachment A). VPK providers will be notified by mail once their application has been approved.

Please note: Attachment A is a new requirement for the application process. Providers must submit three (3) sets with an original signature. Providers who have already submitted their applications without this form are required to complete and submit it to the Coalition as soon as possible.

Pre-Payment

*To be eligible for VPK August pre-payment, providers must submit their applications to the Coalition no later than **June 11, 2009**. This will give the VPK unit enough time to review a provider's application package and determine if he/she meets the certification requirement.

*Once a provider is certified, the Certificates of Eligibility (COE) must be submitted to CDS in order for children to be enrolled in the system. If this does not occur, a pre-payment will not be issued.

*If a provider does not wish to receive pre-payments, he/she can inform the Coalition in writing by sending the letter to the VPK Director, Ms. Roseline J. Philippe.

Low Performing Provider (LPP)

*The completion of periodic progress reports is a requirement set by the Department of Education (DOE) and Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI).

*If you are an LPP for 2006-2007, please make sure you have completed all four (4) progress reports.

*If you are an LPP for 2007-2008, your improvement plan was due April 18, 2009. If you have not completed your plan, you must submit one ASAP.

*The first progress report for 2007-2008 LPPs is due **May 31, 2009**.

*Please remember that the Coalition is obligated to stop payment for the current program and

cannot approve next year's application (2009-2010) until the provider has met the requirements.

VPK Standards Training - Summer 2009

*2008 VPK Education Standards***

DCF Reference # 244

Thursday, June 18, 2009; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Apostle School

479 E. 4th Street, Hialeah

*What's New in VPK**

DCF Reference # 245

Wednesday, June 24, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. John the Apostle School

479 E. 4th Street, Hialeah

*2008 VPK Education Standards***

DCF Reference # 246

Thursday, July 2, 2009; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

United Way, Ryder Room

3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue, Miami

*What's New in VPK**

DCF Reference # 247

Thursday, July 9, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

United Way, Ryder Room

3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami

*2008 VPK Education Standards***

DCF Reference # 248

Thursday, July 23, 2009; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Apostle School

479 E. 4th Street, Hialeah

*What's New in VPK**

DCF Reference # 249

Thursday, July 30, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. John the Apostle School

479 E. 4th Street, Hialeah

*2008 VPK Education Standards***

DCF Reference # 270

Thursday, August 6, 2009; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Miami-Dade College, Homestead Campus

500 College Terrace, Homestead

*What's New in VPK**

DCF Reference # 271

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Miami-Dade College, Homestead Campus
500 College Terrace, Homestead

To REGISTER for training, please visit <http://www.myflorida.com/childcare/> and select 'Training Requirements' from the menu.

**What's New in VPK* is for VPK teachers and directors who have a *2005 VPK Standards* book and a 2005 VPK Education Standards Certificate of Completion.

***2008 VPK Education Standards* is for VPK teachers and directors who have never taken the 2005 VPK Standards training.

It's Okay to Play in VPK! Training - Summer 2009

It's Okay to Play in VPK! training is available for VPK directors and/or assistant directors. Each training listed below will be held in the **board room** of the **Early Learning Coalition** at 2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 500, Coral Gables. Please note that the Coalition will *not* provide parking.

It's Okay to Play in VPK!

*DCF Reference #250

Tuesday, July 14, 2009; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*DCF Reference #251

Tuesday, July 14, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*DCF Reference #252

Tuesday, July 22, 2009; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*DCF Reference #253

Tuesday, July 22, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*DCF Reference #254

Friday, August 7, 2009; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*DCF Reference #255

Friday, August 7, 2009; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

To REGISTER for training, please visit <http://www.myflorida.com/childcare/> and select 'Training Requirements' from the menu.

KidVision VPK: A Free and Innovative Online Resource for VPK Educators and 4-Year-Olds

KidVision VPK has teamed up with the Coalition to ensure VPK teachers in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties are offered innovative tools that adhere to Florida VPK Education Standards. Developed by WPBT2, KidVision VPK delivers a free, online resource for VPK teachers and four-



year-olds at www.kidvisionvpk.org.

This e-learning environment provides free professional development CEUs for VPK educators, as well as virtual field trips that take students and teachers to a railroad museum, fire station, and recycling center among other locations. Each module is a unique adventure where children watch, learn, play, and integrate the VPK Standards in their daily lives resulting in increased achievement on the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS).

A New VPK Resource: *What I Learned in VPK!*

The DOE has released helpful new resources for VPK providers, *What I Learned in VPK! Child Portfolio* and *What I Learned in VPK! Teacher's Guide*. Both are available for download at our website at <http://www.vpkhelp.org/resources/resources.html>.

Seminar for Afterschool Providers on The Florida Standards for Quality Afterschool Programs

The Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) is pleased to announce it has received sponsorship from AWI's Office of Early Learning to host 15 regional seminars throughout Florida featuring The Florida Standards for Quality Afterschool Programs.

WHO: Afterschool providers from all venues, serving children grades K-5

WHAT: Participants will receive a print copy of The Florida Standards for Quality Afterschool Programs and will be introduced to all seven categories and 45 elements

WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2009; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Trinity Church
17801 NW 2nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33169

Registration is FREE to all afterschool providers who register through FAN's website at www.myfan.org or by submitting the registration flyer available for download at <http://www.elcmdm.org/events/trainings/MiamiRegForm.pdf>.

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