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Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Registration for Miami-Dade County Public School VPK Program

(MIAMI, May 8, 2008) – Registration for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, or VPK, is currently underway. The program, administered through the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/ Monroe, with the help of Child Development Services, provides free pre-kindergarten education to all children who turn 4 years of age before September 1st. Parents or legal guardians can go to any of the registration sites below to obtain the necessary Certificate of Eligibility, or COE.

Parents or legal guardians who want to place their child in a Miami-Dade County Public School VPK program need to take a copy of the COE to the public school of their choice in order to register their child for the MDCP-S VPK lottery. MDCP-S requires the **COE be turned in no later than the Friday, May 23, 2008, as the lottery will actually be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.**

Registration Sites:

Joseph Caleb Center
5400 NW22nd Avenue
3rd Floor
Miami, FL 33142

South Dade Government Center/ Cutler Ridge
10710 SW 211th Street
Miami, FL 33189

Culmer/ Overtown Center
1600 NW 3rd Avenue
Miami, FL 33136

Miami Lakes Office
15910 NW 57th Avenue
Miami, FL 33014

Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, extended hours on Wednesday ONLY, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Parents or legal guardians must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate and one proof of Florida residency (a utility bill, a lease, a bank statement, or a paystub).

For additional questions, visit www.vpkhelp.org, or call (305) 373-3521.