



## Early Learning Coalition Treasure Chest



# October 2011



Early Learning Coalition  
Of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties, Inc.

Visit our website: [www.elcirno.org](http://www.elcirno.org)

### From Your Environment Assessment Specialists

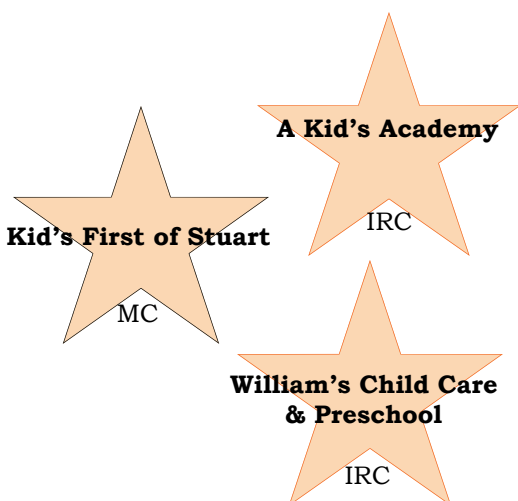
Letters of upcoming assessments are sent out in early October for your unannounced visits occurring in November or December. Please remember to notify us as soon as possible of any unusual events at your site. If you have any questions, please call Karen or Patricia at 772-223-3856 or 3841.

### VPK Bulletin

by Jennifer Mitchell,  
VPK-Compliance Monitor

- ◆ Verify VPK attendance as soon as it is received for calendar accuracy. {Only two changes per year are allowed for non-emergencies. Refer to VPK 60BB-8.204 (4) & (5)}.
- ◆ Verify document expiration dates to avoid non-compliant issues.
- ◆ Report VPK changes as soon as they take place to avoid non-payments.

### September Star Performers



### DID YOU KNOW?

As a way of informing the community about ELCIRMO and the services we provide, we participate in various outreach events.

In September, ELCIRMO was represented at the Community Day Fair sponsored by Martin County School District/ Head Start.



In October, we will participate in the Okeechobee Halloween Festival. If you are aware of any outreach events in your community, please forward the information to Loretta Toth at [ltoth@elcirno.org](mailto:ltoth@elcirno.org). Although we cannot participate in all events, we try to attend a variety of functions and represent all counties.

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### Professional Child Care Providers and Parents

#### October 2011 Trainings

#### Phonological Awareness Trainings

To register, you must go to:  
[www.fldoe.org/earlylearning](http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning)

- Trainings (on the left)
- Instructor led courses
- Sign in
- Enter ref. code # to register (the course is hidden and you must have the reference code to register).

Indian River County - 10/25/11  
"VPK Phonological Awareness Training"  
See registration information above.

Ref. code 1393  
6:00-8:30 pm @ United Way  
1836 14th Avenue, Vero Beach

Okeechobee County - 10/20/11  
"VPK Phonological Awareness Training"  
See registration information above.

Ref. code 1392  
6-8 pm @ Peace Lutheran Church  
750 NW 23rd Lane, Okeechobee



#### Provider & Advisory Council Meetings

Indian River - 10/11/11  
Provider Meeting @ 12:30 pm.  
Advisory Meeting @ 2:00 pm.  
United Way of IRC, 1836 14th Ave.,  
Vero Beach

Martin County - 10/19/11  
Provider Meeting @ 12:30 pm.  
Advisory Meeting @ 1:30 pm.  
**Blake Library**, 2351 Monterey Rd. Stuart

Okeechobee County - 10/12/11  
Provider /Advisory Meeting @ 12:00 noon  
**Church of Our Savior**, 200 NW 3rd St.



## MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE TREASURE CHEST



### From your Resource Coordinators:

Happy Fall! I am sure you are all looking forward to some cooler weather that this season usually brings.

#### New Process for Developmental Screens this Year:

As you know, **ASQ-3** Screens are to be completed on all School Readiness children in your care. A screen is completed WITHIN 45 days of enrollment. If your children have been with you since the start of the new school year, screens are due to us no later than **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Beginning this year, we will need to have the **COMPLETE screen** turned in on SR children, instead of just the summary sheet. Because this will increase the volume sent, please do not fax screens this year. Instead, **please make arrangements to deliver screens to the local ELCIRMO office, or mail them to ELCIRMO in Martin County, attention Sheila.**

Also, please note that your center's name should be on the screen in order for us to identify where the child is attending.

**ASQ-SE** screens are done only on children that you have concerns about. We will need the **COMPLETE screen** for those children, as well.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about this event and get some ideas on promoting it at your center check out this website  
<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fire-safety/about.html>

### Meet your Board Members

This is the beginning of a new two-year cycle and we have many new Board members:

- Jacque Crighton**, Acting Chair - Private Sector Martin County, Advanced Health Care for Women
- Sandy Akre**, Representative of Programs for Children with Disabilities, FDLRS of the Treasure Coast
- Amy Blechman**, Faith-Based Provider Representative, Martin County, Temple Beit HaYam
- Leonard Edwards**, Head Start Director
- Susan Green**, Private Sector Indian River County, Piper Aircraft
- Dave Heaton**, Children's Services Council of Martin County, Executive Director
- Louise Hubbard**, Indian River Board of Commissioners Appointee, Treasure Coast Homeless Services, Exec Dir.
- Nancy Kline**, Superintendent of Martin County School District
- Tom Peer**, DCF Childcare Licensing Supervisor
- Alfonso Perez**, Private Sector Martin County, Bank Atlantic
- Juelie Perry**, Private For-Profit Provider Representative, Indian River County, TLC Preschool
- Donna Rivett**, Dean, Indian River State College
- Cheri Sheffer**, DCF Administrator
- Barbara Spilman**, Private Sector Indian River County, Coastal Deck & Pools
- Richard Stetson**, Workforce Board of the Treasure Coast, CEO
- Joelle Wilmott**, Indian River Health Department, Personnel Manager

