



## Early Learning Coalition Treasure Chest

# September 2011



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

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

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please keep your staff informed of trainings that we are offering. Because we may not hold the Treasure Coast Children's Conference this year, it will be more important than ever for your staff to be aware of the trainings that we are offering.

Developmental Screens - ASQ-3 screen is required on all SR children; deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup> or 45 days after a child is enrolled; ASQ-SE not required, but please use for any child with possible social/emotional needs.

Child Care Providers are to ensure all SR children have health records and immunization forms on file when a child begins services.

### Professional Child Care Providers and Parents

#### September 2011 Trainings

Indian River County - 9/20/11  
*Birth to 4 Standards*  
6:00-8:30 pm @ United Way

Martin County - 9/27/11  
*Birth to 4-Year Old Training*  
12:30-3:00 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm  
@ Temple Beit Ha Yam, Stuart

Okeechobee County - 9/1/11  
*Everything You Want to Know About ITERS/ECERS!*  
(New Staff Only)  
6-8 pm @ Rock Solid Christian Academy, Church Fellowship Hall

Okeechobee County — 9/22/11  
*Transition Training* by Ron Mohl  
6-8 pm @ Freshman Campus Auditorium



**Reminder – No Provider or Advisory Meetings in September.**

We hope your school year is off to a great start!  
Be sure to contact us if you would like to request a walk through of your classrooms.

### Birth to Four Standards

To access the Birth to Four Standards, go to the website [www.flbt4.com](http://www.flbt4.com) and scroll to the bottom section of the page titled "Documents - downloadable PDFs." Go to: "View Complete Standards - English" where you can view or print the document. There is also an option to view and print the Spanish version.



### From your Data Manager, Johanna Maltez

To all our VPK Providers, we would like to thank you for all your hard work in submitting the required documents for the new school year. We understand it's time consuming. We would like to remind you of the following:



- ◆ VPK Directors - Print & read Instructions for VPK10/VPK11A/VPK11B forms, as incomplete forms will not be processed, causing payment delays or interruption.
- ◆ Please ensure VPK personnel update the DCF transcript website to include email addresses, in order for ELC personnel to access information.
- ◆ Please ensure VPK personnel credential verification and background results have been received by the center before submitting to ELC.
- ◆ Please ensure VPK attendance sheets reflect the correct calendar (calendar can ONLY be changed twice unless an emergency closure is involved).



## MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE TREASURE CHEST



### Children's Week Starts Early - January 29 to February 3, 2012

January 29th—Hanging of the Hands in the State Capitol.



If your center plans to have the children make hands, you might want to mark your schedule, as this is much earlier than past years.



### BEYOND CANDLES AND CUPCAKES

Consider celebrating birthdays in your classroom by setting up centers on those special days.

Hang streamers or a birthday banner

Provide empty boxes, wrapping paper, scissors, tape and bows.

Housekeeping can be turned into an ice cream or cake making shop

Have a "How Old Math Center" by placing party bags with numbers on them, have the children match number cards to put in matching bags.

Match color bows with color construction paper.

Place old birthday cards, drawing paper, envelopes with markers or special pens.

Children can cut out pictures from old catalogs and toy store ads to glue on a piece of construction paper for the birthday child. Make into a book for the birthday child to take home.

Cut birthday plates to make puzzles.

Fill balloons with sand or flour and let children dip them in tempera paint to make balloon pictures.

For a healthy snack take pretzel sticks as candles and place cheese on top for the flames.

Place birthday themed books in a decorative wrapped box or special basket for children to read. A few books are: *The Secret Birthday Message* by Eric Carle, *The Fairytale Cake* by Mark Sperring, *Spots Birthday Party* by Eric Hill, *A Birthday Basket for Tia* by Pat Mora.

