

Welcome Providers!

April 2025

Teachers plant seeds that grow forever.



Agenda

- Guest Speakers:
 - Safe Families for Children Ingrid Perry
 - Tykes & Teens Janice Berry and Anne Howard
 - FLDOH Milly Ruiz (Martin)
 - Fatherhood Initiative Eric Seibenick and Michael Landrau (Martin)
- Program Quality Updates
- Finance
- Family Services
- Early Childhood Specialists
- Provider and DCF Reps



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Families

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TOGETHER



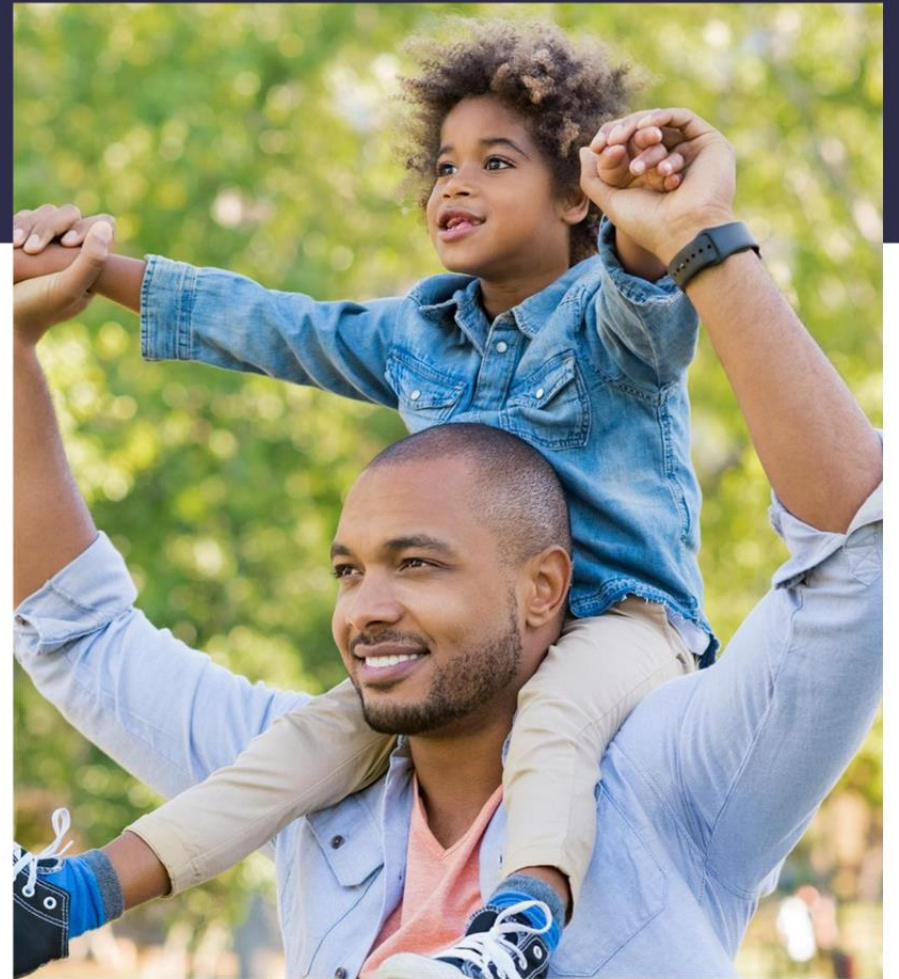
Safe Families
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Who We Are

Safe Families for Children is a family-preservation movement committed to prevent child abuse and reduce the number of kids entering the foster care system.





Safe Families Objectives



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Child Abuse Prevention

We provide an overwhelmed and resource-limited parent with a safe, temporary place for their child without threat of losing custody. By offering support, the goal is to avert potential abuse/neglect episodes.

Child Welfare Deflection

We provide a safe alternative to child welfare custody, significantly reducing the number of children entering foster care.

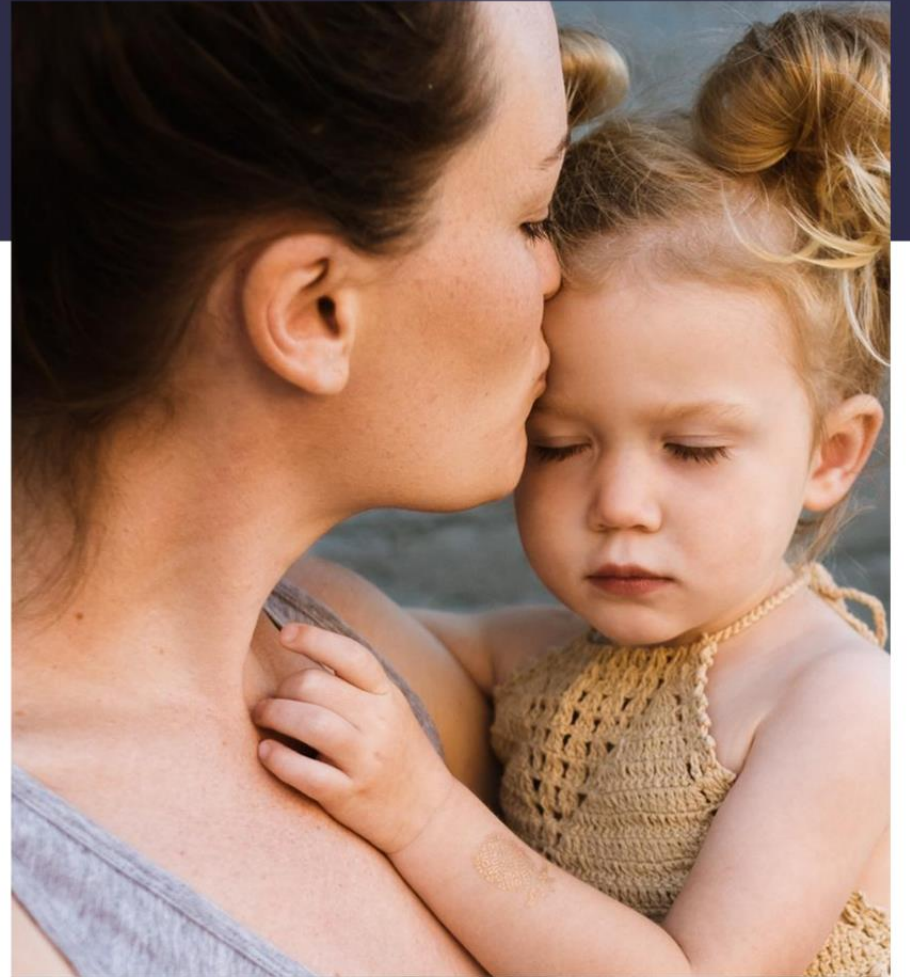
Family Support and Stabilization

Many parents struggle because of limited social support and unavailable extended family. We want to become the extended family and support system.

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What We Do

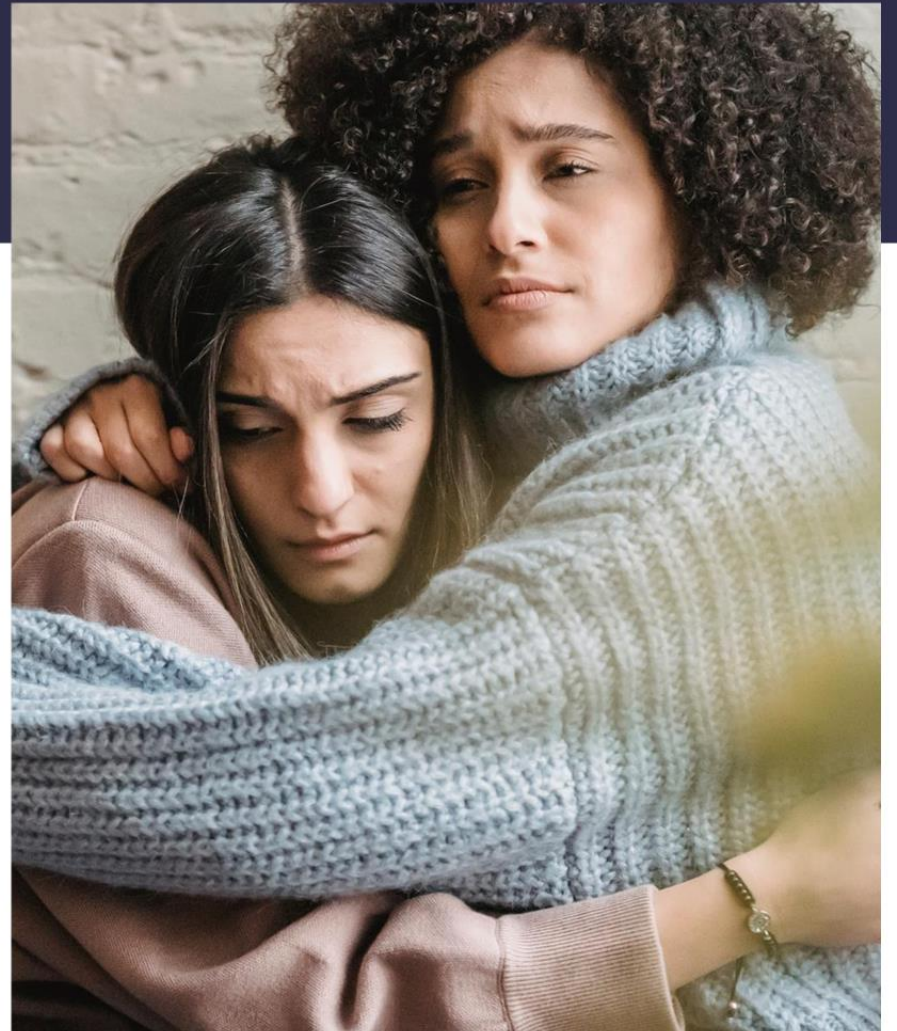
**Partnering with the local church,
Safe Families host children and offer
family-like supports to parents
facing hardship and crisis. Our goal is
to help keep children safe and
families together.**



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Who We Serve

Through a community of volunteers, Safe Families for Children desires to stand in the gap and provide a safety net for those families facing a crisis in a vacuum and in isolation.





Safe Families for Children help to build social support systems around families who are experiencing:

- Isolation
- Loss of employment
- Homelessness
- Hospitalization
- Substance treatment
- Domestic violence
- Aging out of foster care



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Our Unique Model

- We mobilize volunteers to reach those in their community who are facing hardships and crisis in isolation.



Community

Families

SFFC
Circle of Support
helps surround
families thru hosting
children and
supporting parents.



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How Safe Families Works

Wrap-Around Families



Wrapping family-like support around parents
to keep **children safe** and **families together!**



Referrals

Are you an organization that would like to refer a family?

If you know of a child or family who would benefit from the Safe Families for Children program, we're eager to help.

If the need for help is urgent, simply contact the [Safe Families chapter](#) that is closest to you. You can also utilize our [e-referral form](#) and a Safe Families representative will contact you within 24 business hours.



For referrals, call the
Intake Line: 772-217-9066

<https://sfcms.net/makeareferral/index.php>

Questions?

THANK YOU!



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Program Quality Updates



VPK Summer Bridge

- Facilitated by School Districts
- Eligible Children: Scoring below 10th Percentile on PM 3, Non-participation due to failed practice or assessment inappropriate
- Send these flyers with parent letter within 7 days of testing
- Letter of Eligibility Template forthcoming

A flyer for the VPK Summer Bridge program. It features a large circular graphic on the right side containing a photo of a young child dressed as an aviator, wearing goggles and a scarf, with a propeller visible behind them. The flyer has a blue and yellow curved border. The text is as follows:

**IS YOUR CHILD
READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN?**

Take the next step with
SUMMER BRIDGE

Your child will take the FAST Star Early Literacy assessment three times during the VPK school year. If on the third assessment they:

- Scored below the 10th percentile
- Could not complete the practice items
- Could not complete the assessment because it is inappropriate for their needs (e.g., child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) requires paper-based testing, a non-English speaking child)

Summer Bridge can help!

Summer Bridge is a FREE summer program offered by the school district to help eligible VPK students get ready for kindergarten. Your district's Summer Bridge program includes:

- Qualified instructors
- Four hours of instruction a day
- Small class sizes
- Developmentally appropriate instruction
- Focus on emergent literacy skills

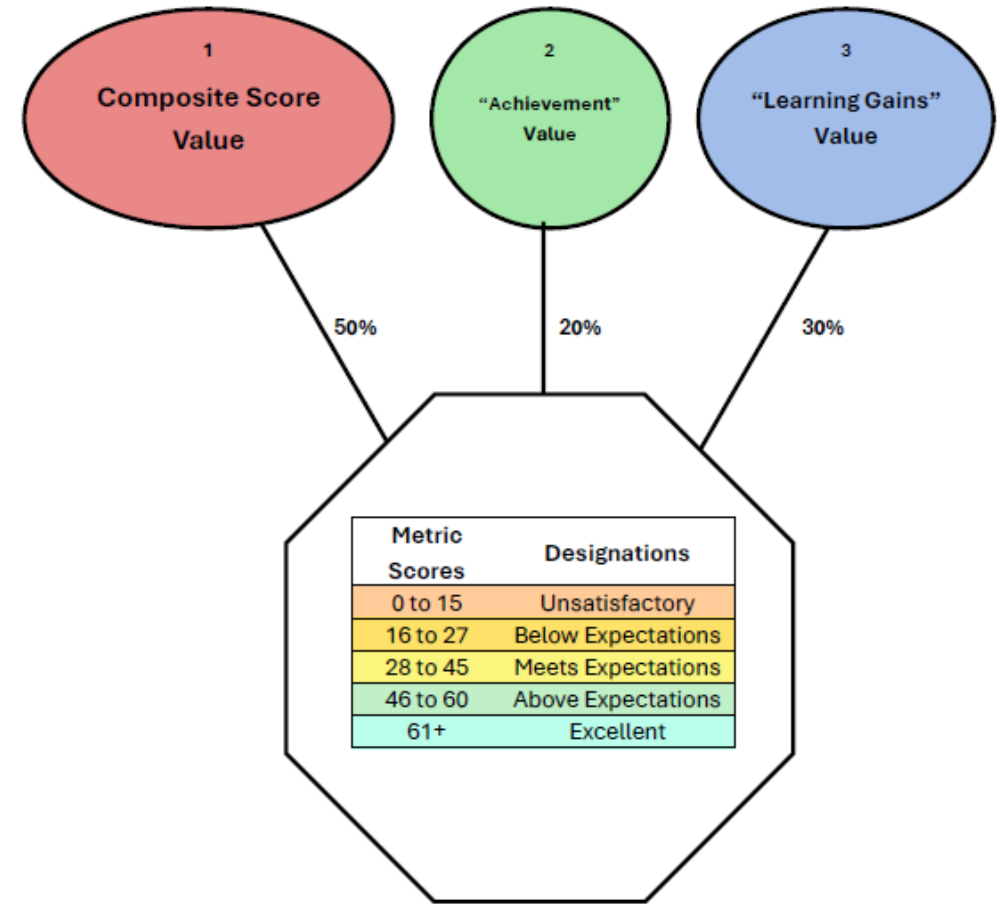
Contact your school district to enroll.

At the bottom left is a QR code. At the bottom right is the logo for the Division of Early Learning, which includes a stylized sun icon and the text "DIVISION OF Early Learning" and "LEARN EARLY. LEARN FOR LIFE."

VPK Designations

- PM 3 will determine Learning Gains (30%) and Achievement (20%). Composite score is 50%.
- Performance Designations expected within 30 days of first day of school, ideally much sooner
- Designations are Public Information and will be posted on FL DOE VPK Accountability website
- ELCIRMO website: Star Training Video (How to Plan with Star Reports), Provider on Probation Rule Update Video

VPK Provider Performance Metric & Designation



Provider on Probation Rule Update

- Anticipated approval by SBOE 4-9-25
- Designations of Below Expectations or Unsatisfactory will be POPs
- Education Improvement Plan (3 parts)
- POP Training on Website and emailed from Quality Specialists



Provider on Probation Improvement Plan

Anticipated approval from SBOE 4-9-25

Curriculum

- Select + Implement Approved Curriculum*
- Provide evidence of staff curriculum training

Staff Development

- Develop a plan
- Use approved staff development activities*

Communication

- Plan to notify families in writing of designation and improvement plan within 14 days of Coalition-approved plan, or child's enrollment

*Recording and
Slideshow on
ELCIRMO
website*

*To be listed on DOE's VPK Accountability website

<https://origin.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/vpk-accountability.stml>

Marco Polo Superstars

The ELC of IRMO would like to highlight the following providers for being our top MarcoPolo For Families users this month!

- 1 Vero Beach Preschool
- 2 North County Charter
- 3 Bethel Lutheran Preschool

Teacher Tip: Connect your families to the MarcoPolo For Families educational app for FREE! Use the **Spring Choice Board** to promote continued learning at home!

MarcoPolo
For Educators



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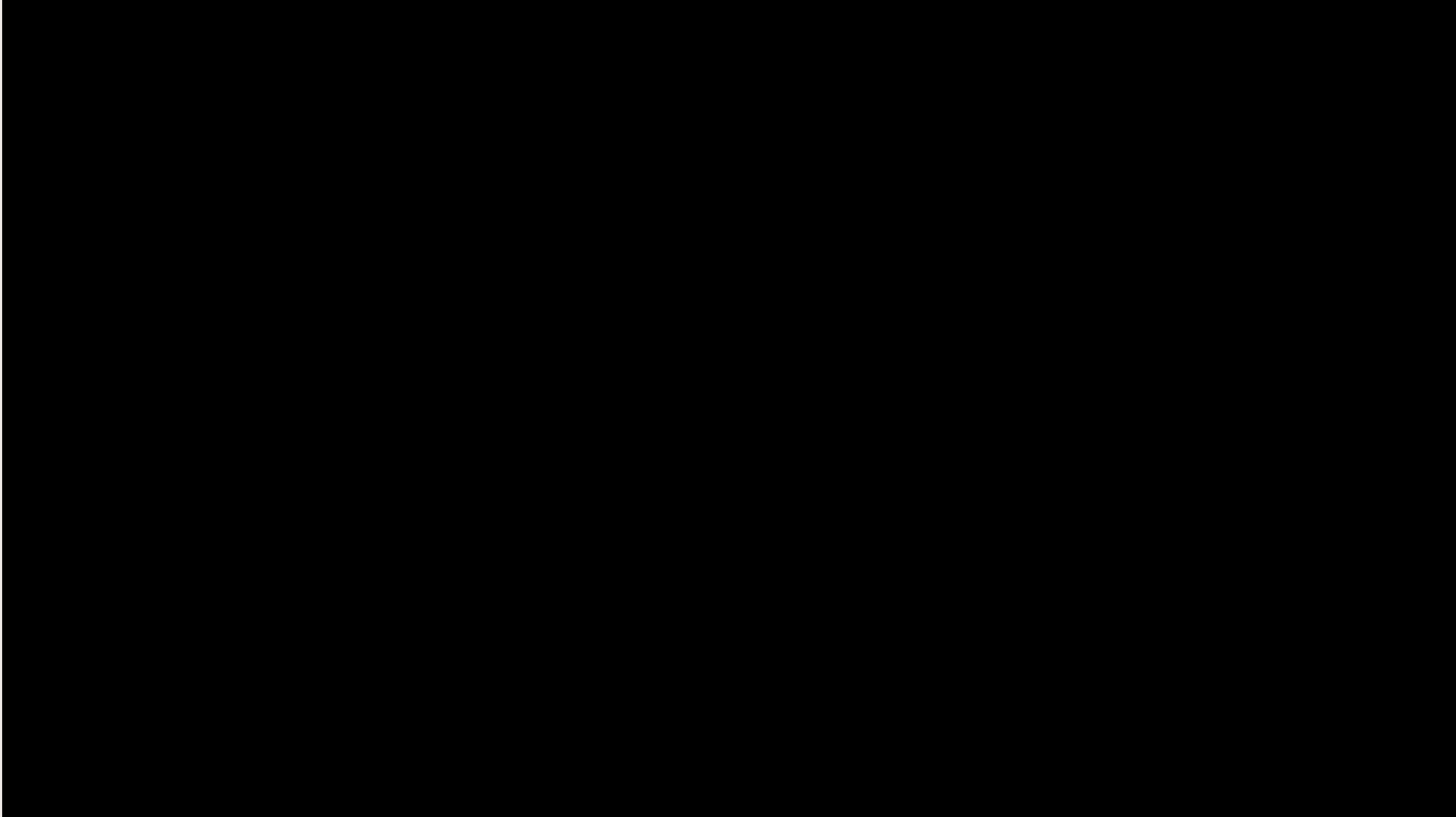
National Institute for Child Care Management

3-day Fast-Track in person or virtual

<https://niccm.com/General/cda-fast-track.html>

Marco Polo

Transition to Kindergarten Summer
Back to School Family Events



Finance Updates



New Portal



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FDOE Single Sign-On

The Single Sign-On (SSO) Portal provides users within Florida's educational community with a convenient way to log into multiple state resources with one account.



SELECT AN OPTION BELOW TO GET STARTED



EDUCATORS



GUEST ACCESS

2025–2026 Provider Profiles Are Now Available in the Provider Portal!

To complete your 2025 Provider Profile, please follow these steps:

1. Log in to your Provider Portal account.
2. Complete the 2024 – 2025 Cost of Care Survey (if not already completed)
3. Open your current Profile and click the blue “Create 2025” button at the top.
4. Review each section of your Profile for accuracy and make any necessary updates.

Please note that most of your current information will carry over automatically, except for your calendar closure dates. As you review and update your Profile, keep the following in mind:

- If you plan to increase your rates for the 2025–2026 program year (effective July 1, 2025), be sure to:
 - Update the “Private Pay Rate” tab.
 - Use the SR daily rate helper button at the bottom of the screen.
 - Upload a new rate sheet using the updated template.
- Once all sections are updated, submit your profile for Coalition review.



Note: DO NOT remove any documents from your Document TAB, we need backup documentation for accountability purposes.

Documents

- To remain compliant with your SR and/or VPK contracts, ensure that all required documents are valid. If any documents expire before June 30, 2025, please upload updated versions as soon as possible.
 - W-9: Upload a signed copy dated 2025
- E-Verify: Upload a fully completed, signed, and notarized form for 2025–2026
- Sunbiz: Upload the latest annual report.

Important Deadlines

All Provider Profiles must be completed and made Active (with no further revisions needed) by April 30, 2025.

Rule Updates as of 4/9/25

Parent Co-pays

- Youngest child will have the only co-payment
- Co-payment may not exceed 7% of household income

QPI Differential

- 4% differential for composite scores between 4.5–4.99 has been removed from the rule



Family Services



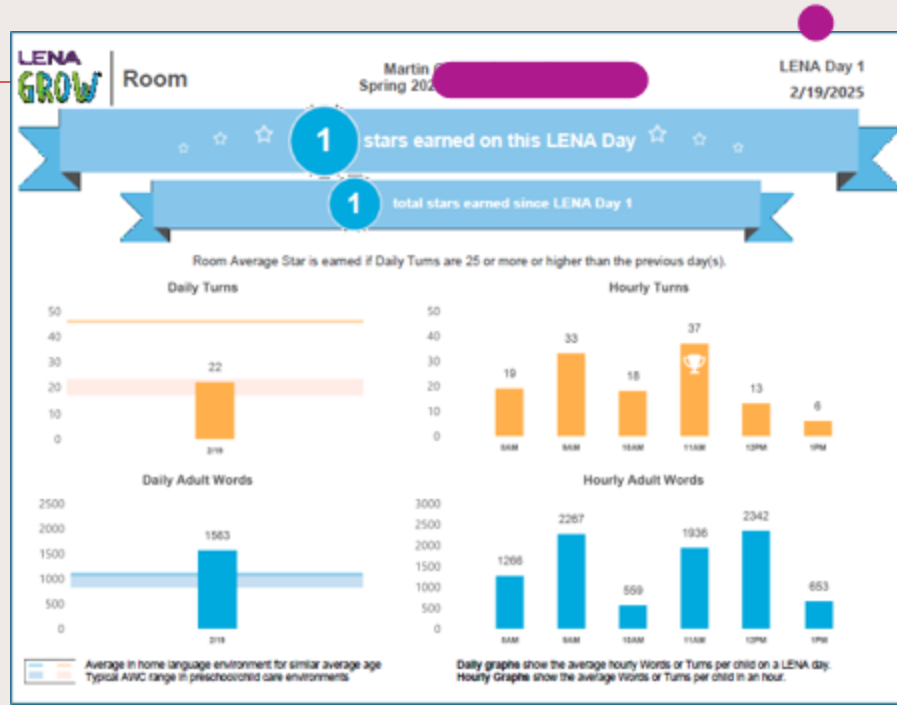
Family Portal

- Please have families contact their Family Services Specialist to assist with reregistering their accounts.

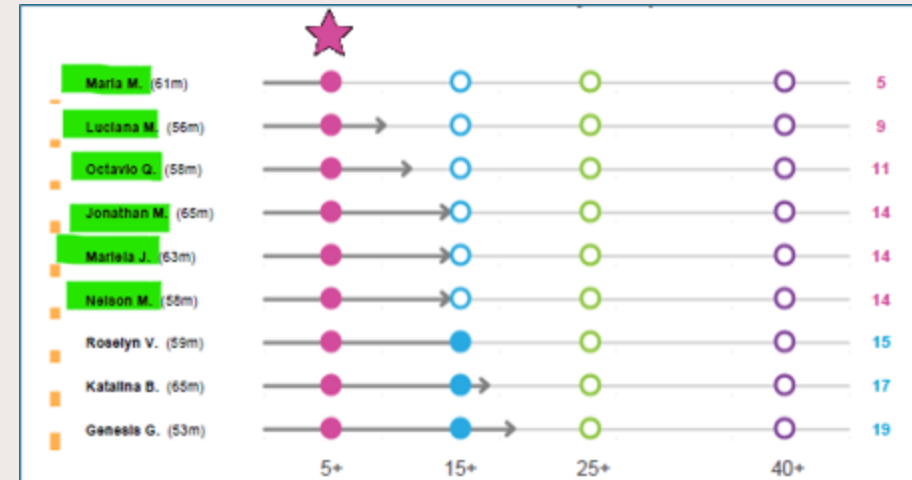


Early Childhood Specialists





LENA IS
COMING
to Indian
River
County!



Bring it with Big Talk Teachers

Community of Practice

YOU'RE INVITED TO
**USING BIG
TALK OUTSIDE**



A REFLECTIVE COMMUNITY OF
PRACTICE GATHERING

WEDNESDAY APRIL
30TH

VIRTUAL: 12-2PM

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- FREE MATERIALS FOR YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

PLEASE EMAIL [KJUSTICE@ELCIRMO](mailto:kjustice@elcirmo) TO
REGISTER BY **APRIL 1ST**. SUBMIT ANSWERS
TO TWO REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS TO HOLD
YOUR SPOT!



Provider Representatives

Lorie Rudolph, Faith Based Rep.

Rachna Handa, Private Provider Rep.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

Private Childcare Provider Board Representative –
Okeechobee County

Term of Office: 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2029

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Faith-Based Childcare Provider Board Representative –
Indian River County

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Please email nomination form to Jill Flanagan by
4/30/25 jflanagan@elicrmo.org

DCF Representative

Avida Rosa, Child Care Regulations Supervisor

Kristen Jones, Child Care Regulation Counselor

Temina Jefferson, Child Care Regulation Counselor

Marie





May Provider Meetings

IR 5/13/25

OK 5/14/25

MC 5/16/25

Provider Appreciation

