



Welcome Back, Providers!

Indian River Aug. 25

Okeechobee Aug. 26

Martin Aug. 27





Agenda



Guest Speakers: Sue Curtis- The Basics of IRC, Nicole King- Little Lights Dentistry

DCF: Sherry Barr-McGahee (IR)

Board Representatives, Lorie Rudolph and Donna Reed

Family Services Updates, Samantha Reed, Family Services Manager

Finance Updates, Sean Lewis

Program Quality Updates, Jill Flanagan, Director of Program Quality

Early Childhood Specialist Updates, Andrea Asciutto, Lead Early Childhood Specialist





The Basics[™]

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

The Basics Principles

- Five fun, simple, and powerful ways that everyone can **give every child a strong start.**
- Encompass most of what experts say is important for development in the first few years of life.



maximize Love, Manage Stress



Talk, Sing, and Point



Count, Group, and Compare



Explore through Movement and Play



Read and Discuss Stories



WHY???



- **80%** of brain growth happens in the first three years.
- **90%** occurs in the first 5 years



The Good News!

Science is clear about the types of lived experiences in the early years that support brain development and learning – **with implications for lifelong wellbeing and health.**



Caregiving Builds Brains

- Brain pathways are built and strengthened through interactions that:
 - Are **loving**
 - Are **stimulating**
 - Follow **child's interests**
 - Go **back-and-forth**



Photo courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



Opportunities for your school



- Poster to display
- Staff Training
- Parent Training
- Director Training (virtual)
- Parent newsletter (theme based 4 x a year)
- Curriculum based activities for classrooms





Do The Basics every day to help your child become the amazing person you know they can be!



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Manage Stress**



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and Compare**



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Movement and Play**



Read and Discuss Stories

Start practicing at **TheBasics.org**

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**SIMPLE,
FUN
& POWERFUL!**

Little Lights Dentistry *Celebrating a Decade of Smiles*



Mission

Little Lights Dentistry provides free dental care for uninsured, low-income children from their first birthday through high school graduation.

Low income is a family income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level. The eligibility threshold changes yearly; in 2026, it is

- 🦷 \$54,096 for a family of two
- 🦷 \$68,304 for a family of three
- 🦷 \$82,500 for a family of four

Children are seen by
appointment
Monday-Thursday, 8:00-5:00

Emergencies
are the exception

Fully licensed & insured



Little Lights Dentistry
1300 East 10th Street, Suite B,
Stuart, FL. 34996
772-223-9781
www.littlelightsdentistry.org

As one of 110 Free & Charitable Clinics in Florida's Statewide Health Care Safety Net, and the **only pediatric practice in Florida** to provide a dental home and free dental care for uninsured children,

Little Lights Dentistry works to increase access to care by addressing:
affordability, transportation, and communication.



1-Affordability

*All services are provided free of charge
for eligible children*

- 🦷 A Dental Home
- 🦷 Exams, X-Rays, Fillings
- 🦷 Cleanings
- 🦷 Sealants & Fluoride
- 🦷 Extractions
- 🦷 Root canals
- 🦷 Crowns
- 🦷 Nitrous Oxide

Affordability (continued):

Health Education

- 🦷 Brushing 2x per day with fluoride toothpaste
- 🦷 Flossing daily
- 🦷 Healthy eating
- 🦷 Avoiding alcohol, drugs, smoking, & vaping

***To create healthy habits
for life!***



2- Transportation to and from dental appointments ensures that children receive dental care and minimizes no-shows & cancellations

- 🦷 Uber Health or United Way Ride United provides rides to and from Little Lights Dentistry for children in Martin, St. Lucie, & Northern PB Counties.



3- Communication:

The multilingual Little Lights Dentistry Team speaks
English, Spanish, French, Creole & Russian!

1-Dentist

1-Volunteer Dentist

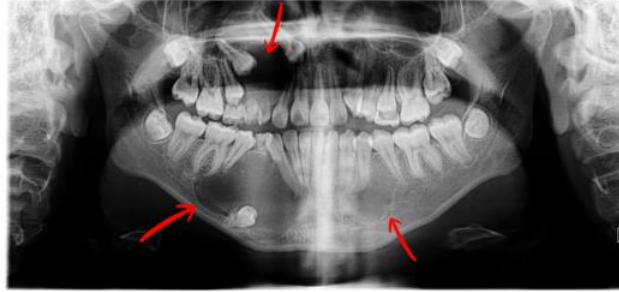
2-Registered Dental Hygienists

2-Expanded Functions Dental Assistants

1-Expanded Functions Dental Assistant/Patient Coord.



Maria's Story



During a routine annual recall appointment at Little Lights Dentistry, 12-year-old Maria began complaining of pain on the lower right side of her jaw. Her mother also confirmed that Maria's face had become swollen.

Maria was evaluated immediately by Little Lights dentist, Dr. St-Preux, and a panoramic X-ray was taken during the visit.

Following the evaluation, Maria was immediately referred to a local oral surgeon, who recommended that she be seen at a larger medical institution for further evaluation.

Dr. St.-Preux requested a CT scan through Maria's pediatrician at Cleveland Clinic-Martin. The CT scan was performed at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Fort Lauderdale.

The following day, Maria was referred to Nova Southeastern University for further diagnostic testing and appropriate treatment. After evaluation, Maria was diagnosed with Nevroid Basal Cell Carcinoma Syndrome.

With financial assistance from Cleveland Clinic-Martin, surgery was performed, and Maria is currently receiving ongoing care and follow-up treatment at Little Lights Dentistry and Nova Southeastern University.

**Since opening in 2016,
the value of free dental care
provided by
Little Lights Dentistry is**

\$13,832,570!



Celebrating a Decade of Smiles!



***We believe that no child
should go to bed with a toothache***

www.littlelightsdentistry.org





DCF Counselors

IR Sherry Barr-McGahee

OK

MC Kristen Jones

Updates

Reminders:

Daily Safety Checks of Premises

Must hold baby and bottle while feeding

No blankets/stuffies in crib

Must be in ratio at all times

Transportation Logs, Child Restraints



Board Representatives

Faith-Based Rep: **Lorie Rudolph (IR)**

Provider Rep: **Donna Reed (OK)**





Family Services



- Submit VPK enrollment requests through the portal.
- Contact Samantha Reed at sreed@elcirmo.org if you receive an error message while submitting an enrollment.
- Upload completed VPK certificates in Revver.
- End enrollments for VPK & SR when children are no longer attending.





Finance

VPK Reimbursement Rates:

School year rates are set as following :

Indian River - Hourly Rate: \$5.56

Martin - Hourly Rate: \$5.58

Okeechobee - Hourly Rate: \$5.34





Contracts & Compliance.

Attendance must be submitted by
the 3rd business day.

Late attendance or missing
documents can result in delayed
payment. We will not hold
everyone's payment if you are late.





Sign-In Sheets: Must be submitted in alphabetical order matching the portal records.

Court Order if
applicable (SR)

Enrollment Payment
Certificates *(SR)*

Proof of Parent Co-
Payments *(SR)*

Excuse Notes *(SR)*

Daily sign-in/sign-out
sheets

OEL-VPK 03 Short form

RWA BG1 Tracking Log
(SR)

Transportation Log if
applicable

Substitute Tracking Log
(VPK)

New or re-enrollment
VPK Child Certificate of
Eligibility (Form VPK-
02)

Long Form *(VPK if
applicable)*



Excuse Note & Incorrect coding:

Please review all attendance records before submission to prevent delays and rejections caused by common mistakes like incorrect coding or incomplete excuse notes. Always use the correct attendance codes for every child's absence.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

Incorrect coding: Using the wrong code for a child's absence leads to rejected attendance.

Incomplete excuse notes: Missing details on excuse notes result in rejected records.

Rushing submission: Submitting unreviewed data causes processing delays.

- Missing proper documentation will result in an unexcused absence

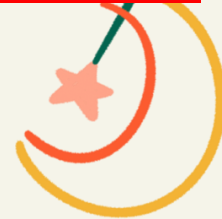
Best Practices for Submission

Check records: Review all attendance data carefully before you submit.

Match codes: Use the correct coding guide for every absence.

Complete notes: Ensure every excuse note has all required information.

	Enrolled/Present
	Absent
	Non-Reimbursable Day
	Non-Scheduled Day
	Paid Holiday
	Terminated/Enrollment Ended
	Closed
	Reimbursable Temporary Closure
	Non-Reimbursable Temporary
	Attendance has not started

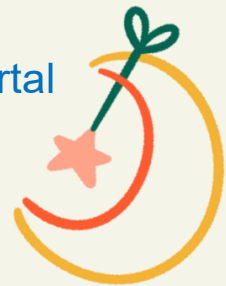




Ending Enrollments in the Provider Portal

Why Prompt Termination Matters

- **Accurate data:** Keeps enrollment counts precise for your center.
- **Correct funding:** Ensures error-free reporting and accurate provider payments.
- **Waitlist movement:** Frees up slots quickly for new families.
- **Impact on Assessments and QPS:**
 - **Accurate assessment counts:** Ensures your roster matches active children for evaluations.
 - **QPS data alignment:** Reflects true compliance and attendance metrics for quality ratings.
 - **Funding security:** Prevents penalties caused by outdated or inaccurate portal rosters.



Profiles

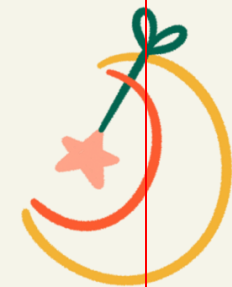


You must email IRMO The system does not automatically notify us when information is modified. Address discrepancies prevent disruptions in funding .If changes are **not reported within 14 days, Technical Assistance and a Correction of the Plan will be implemented.**

Staff Changes for VPK application to Report Promptly Notify IRMO immediately of any new hires or departures with personnel including Directors.

Mandatory Document Update Schedule Document TAB

- **Certificate of Licensure / License Status:** Update annually.
- **E-Verify Supporting Documents:** Update annually.
- **W-9 Form:** Update annually.
- **Proof of Liability Insurance:** Update annually.
- **Proof of Unemployment Insurance:** Update annually.
- **Sunbiz Documentation:** Update annually.
- **Proof of Automobile Insurance:** Update annually (required only if transporting children).
- **Private Child Care Pay Rates:** Update immediately whenever your rates change.
- **Gold Seal Certificate:** Update every 5 years.
- **Certificate of Accreditation:** Update every 5 years.





Program Quality

VPK Teacher Requirements 2026-2027

Lead Teacher:

- CDA/Staff Credential/FCCPC/Degree: [SchYearVPKInstructCredOpts.pdf](#)
- Summer VPK has different requirements: [SummerVPKInstructCredQual.pdf](#)
- 45 hours DCF training: [Child Care Facility Training Requirements | Florida DCF](#)
- Background screening: [Background Screening | Florida DCF](#)
- Attestation of Good Moral Character: [Affidavit of Good Moral Character - DCF.pdf](#)
- Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classrooms: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten (online VFSP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs or (SPC3TK) instructor-led 3 hours; 0.3 CEUs
- **Three** 5-hour Emergent Literacy Trainings (within 45 days as the **lead instructor**): (Expire after 5 yrs - Must take different courses)
 1. Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (online VPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 2. Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (online LVPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 3. Phonological Awareness Development for Preschoolers (online VIPA21; in-person and virtual instructor-led PAP21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 4. Phonological Awareness Development for Preschoolers (online VIPA21; in-person and virtual instructor-led PAP21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 5. Dialogic Reading: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led DRP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 6. Book Embedded Vocabulary Instruction: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led BEP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 7. Scaffolding and Think, Show, Tell, Talk: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led STSTP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 8. NEW Course! Building a Strong Foundation for Emergent Literacy (virtual instructor led BSFEL) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs

OR

Successful completion of one of the following courses can fulfill the emergent literacy course requirements:

1. Preschool Language Development (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs - Lastinger Learning
2. The Building Blocks of Preschool Literacy (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs - Lastinger Learning
3. Completion of Competency 1 of the Florida Reading Endorsement - submit documentation to Aurora Rogers Aurora.Rogers@del.fldoe.org



Aide:

- Background screening: [Background Screening | Florida DCF](#)
- Attestation of Good Moral Character [Affidavit of Good Moral Character - DCF.pdf](#)

Substitute Teacher:

- 45 hours DCF training: [Child Care Facility Training Requirements | Florida DCF](#)
- Background screening: [Background Screening | Florida DCF](#)
- Attestation of Good Moral Character [Affidavit of Good Moral Character - DCF.pdf](#)

Substitutes cannot sub more than 30% of the VPK program and must complete and upload substitute tracking every month, regardless of substitute being used





Indian River VPK Performance Celebrations!



EXCELLENT

BRIDGES EARLY LEARNING CENTER
GLOBAL LEARNING OF VERO BEACH
IRSD BEACHLAND
IRSD DODGERTOWN
IRSD FELLSMERE
IRSD GLENDALE
IRSD INDIAN RIVER ACADEMY
NORTH COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL
RCMA WHISPERING PINES CDC
ST. HELEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
THE LEARNING NEST



ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

KENDALL ACADEMY
CHILDCARE RESOURCES
DOUGLAS HEAD START
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL
GRACIE'S PRESCHOOL
KID CITY USA VERO BEACH
RCMA ROBERT COVILL CDC
ST. HELEN'S HEAD START CENTER
ST. PETER'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL
VERO BEACH PRESCHOOL





OKEECHOBEE VPK Performance Celebrations!





EXCELLENT



Reed CHILD Care and Learning
Center of Okeechobee
Rock Solid Christian Academy





ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

LITTLE LEARNERS CHILDCARE OF OKEECHOBEE
PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL
WORLD CLASS ACADEMY OF OKEECHOBEE





MARTIN

VPK Performance Celebrations!



EXCELLENT

APPLE TREE ACADEMY II

APPLE TREE ACADEMY IV

BETHEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

GERTRUDE WALDEN CHILD CARE CENTER

HIGH HOPES PRESCHOOL

KIDDIE ACADEMY OF STUART

MCSO BESSEY CREEK

MCSO CITRUS GROVE

MCSO JD PARKER

MCSO WARFIELD

PEBBLESTONE ACADEMY

REED CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER II

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL





ABOVE EXPECTATIONS



ALPHABET FARMS PRESCHOOL

APPLE TREE ACADEMY III

APPLE TREE ACADEMY V

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

HOBE SOUND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HOBE SOUND EARLY LEARNING
CENTER

IMMANUEL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

LITTLE EINSTEINS

LITTLE FEET LEARNING CENTER



MCSD FELIX A. WILLIAMS

MCSD HOBE SOUND

MCSD JENSEN BEACH

MCSD PALM CITY

MCSD SALERNO LEARNING CENTER

MCSD STUART LEARNING CENTER

PALM CITY PRESCHOOL

RIVERSIDE MONTESSORI

TEMPLE BEIT HAYAM ECLC

THE GRACE PLACE PRESCHOOL





VPK Instructional Hours Scenarios



Is this acceptable?



Some children go to the playground for 45m of soccer Tues/Thurs

All children and VPK staff have music daily with Ms. Jodi

VPK Aide goes to 3s classroom to cover a 10 minute break

Nap time

Charging fees for special projects/activities





Star Early Literacy VPK Fast

- PM Windows, calendar changes
- Quality Assurance Visits
- Cannot test without uploading FAST Test Administrator certificates, 2 signed agreements into Document Library in Portal.
- Parent letter must go out within 7 days for EACH child, based on when they were tested.





VPK Enrollments in Portal

Home Business Profile Contracts **Enrollments** Attendance Documents Sites: Profile: 2026 - 2027 Hello 4655-kdotts@ekirmo.org! Sign Out

Manage VPK Enrollments Request/Change Enrollment
Manage SR Enrollments Bulk File Upload

[Request/Change VPK Enrollment](#) [Bulk VPK Enrollment](#)

VPK Program Year: VPK Session: VPK Class: Class Start Date: Class End Date:

Max Class Size: 0 VPK Enrollment Limit: 0 VPK Class Enrollment Count: 0 Non-VPK Children Count:

Please Note: Based on the VPK session and instructors assigned, the maximum class size is 0. The class must have a minimum of 4 VPK children to start.

Certificate Number: Child First Name: Child Last Name: Child DOB: MM/DD/YYYY [Enroll to this Class](#)

Actions	Certificate Number	Child First Name	Child Last Name	Child DOB	Child Age	Student ID	Anticipated Start Date	Actual Start Date	Termination Effective Date	Status
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Please choose valid program year, session and class from drop downs to see results.

Enrollments->
Manage VPK Enrollments->
Request/Change Enrollments
Select the program year, VPK session,
VPK class.
You will then enter the students
information-> certificate number, child
first name, child last name, child DOB.
Press enroll in the class and select the
child's first day of attendance.





CLASS Assessments (Program Assessments)

New Process

- I will send a notification that Program Assessments for your site will occur within the next 2 months
- Assessor (ELCIRMO or Children's Forum) will reach out via email and phone call
- Follow-up email to confirm discussed details (2 week window, up to 3 blackout dates, closure/NonVPK dates, schedules, etc.)
- Night Before/Morning of Phone Call
- Providers are required to notify ELCIRMO of teacher changes, CLASS tool updates, classroom changes





Mock Observations

- Please contact your Quality Specialist ASAP to request mock observations. If your school is working with a coach, please request the mocks be done by the coach.
- Prioritize- NEW staff, NEW age levels
- **Sign up for PD opportunities**



Aligned with CLASS

Frame Their Learning Training

Who: Preschool Teachers (All Counties)

When: (choose only 1)

Nov. 10 12:30–2:30pm VIRTUAL

Nov. 12 3–5pm VIRTUAL

What: Receive a Frame Their Learning kit
and implementation training

REGISTER HERE



GRANT OPPORTUNITY **OKEECHOBEE**



**\$200
Stipend**



Self-Regulation and Problem-Solving for Toddler and PreK Classrooms

3 Lunch and Learn Virtual Trainings
Complete Cozy Corner Materials
Follow-up Classroom Support

Interested?
Sign Up Here



Questions?
Contact Michelle Alkire
malkire@elcirmo.org

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*Dates and Sign Up
Coming Soon!*

frogstreet

Joyful Learning. Kinder World.

Indian River Frog Street Professional Learning



Join us in this 2-part
series: one track for
Infant/Toddler
Teachers and one for
Preschool 3-5
Teachers

This will build on the Frog Street
training from 2026-2027!



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October 2026

Infant&Toddler: Curriculum
Implementation PART 2
Preschool: Curriculum
Implementation Part 2

February 2027

Infant/Toddler: Developing
Language and Communication
Skills
Preschool: Words, Words, Words:
Strategies to Increase Vocabulary
in Young Children



School Readiness and VPK Monitoring

- Selected Providers were notified this past Monday
- Character Development under services in profile
- Use correct folders in REVER Monitorings Fiscal Year 26-27
- 5 Year and Current Info will be sent From Kelly Dotts in 1 email.
- Reply "I acknowledge this email." and sign Attachment A and return to Kelly Dotts via email.
- Deadlines are firm per contract. In case of emergency, please contact Kelly Dotts immediately.



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The Wonder Years

Early Education Conference

DATE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2027

Check in: 8am

Conference End: 3:30pm

LOCATION

IRSC MASSEY CAMPUS

3209 Virginia Ave
Fort Pierce, FL 34981



**Tri-county
community**

Learning together, growing together.

**ONE
BUILDING.
MORE TIME
TOGETHER.**

The 2027 conference
will be held entirely
in **Building V** - *no
walking between
buildings this year!*



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to download our **sponsorship form**.

NEED MORE INFO?

Karley Justice - Operations Manager
kjustice@elcirmo.org

NEXT CONFERENCE

2027 Registration coming soon



Child Screening and Referrals

- ASQ deadlines
- Incomplete Screeners email (child's initials)



Provider Name	Director Name
Child Name	Child DOB/Age
SR/VPK (circle 1)	Classroom Name/Teacher

Please email the following information and documents to Michelle Alkire, Child Screening and Referral Specialist (malkire@elcirmo.org):

- Most recent ASQ. *Email Michelle with DOB for appropriate ASQ questionnaire.*
- ABC Checklist, completed for 1 week minimum <https://www.elcirmo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/ABC-Checklist.pdf>
- Classroom Daily Schedule, including typical arrival/nap/dismissal time for this child
- When was the child first enrolled and when were they placed in the current classroom?
- Have there been any staff changes affecting this child?

Questionnaire:

1. Describe the behavior/referral concern.
2. How long have you noticed the behavior? Has it increased? Include times of day.
3. Has the family reported similar concerns?
4. Has the family reported any changes at home (divorce, new baby, move, etc.)?
5. What strategies has the teacher implemented and how has the child responded?
6. How long have the above strategies been used?
7. Has this child been referred previously (include outcome).
8. Is he/she currently receiving any services, if so, from whom?

Once all documentation is received and reviewed, Michelle will be in touch with the provider to develop an action plan.

REFERRAL FLOWCHART

Michelle Alkire
Child Screening and Referral Specialist
malkire@elcirmo.org 772-220-1220 ext.
513

Have you completed a
Referral Protocol form for this
child?

No

Complete
ASQ and
Referral
Protocol
Form

Yes
(Choose 1)

Is the concern
related to trauma,
emotional distress,
and/or mental
health?

Yes

Contact Michelle
Alkire for strategies
and a possible referral
to Mental Health
Services (Tykes &
Teens Martin, Indian
River, New Horizons for
MC, IR, OK)

Is the concern
related to a
suspected
developmental
delay (cognitive,
physical, speech,
etc.)?

Yes

Contact Michelle
Alkire for a possible
referral to Early
Steps/FDLRS (all
Counties)

Is the concern
related solely to
behavior?

Yes

Contact Michelle
Alkire for strategies
and a possible
referral to Helping
People Succeed
(MC, OK)



MEET YOUR EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALISTS:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COACHING
FOR ALL TEACHERS**



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Global
Early Childhood Specialists

All Counties

Andrea Asciutto



Nicala Tyo





Indian River

Early Childhood Specialist

Chelsea Polk



NEW

Year long
Coaching Program
for Indian River



LaRhonda Brown



Cristina Proffitt



Martin County Early Childhood Specialists



Erica Kelley



Grace Dixon



Lisa Bradley



Indiantown Early Childhood Specialists Martin County



Erica Kelley



Grace



UNITED WAY
Martin
County



Early Childhood Program Specialist and Operations Manager

Rhiannon Kump



Karley Justice





CLASS 2ND EDITION

PreK


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Intro to Interactions for Educators


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Course Information

 VIRTUAL via Microsoft Teams

SECOND OFFERING!

CLASS 2ND EDITION
PREK-3RD INTRO TO
INTERACTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

Unpack how interactions drive classroom impact. Educators will learn:

- How CLASS supports continuous quality improvement
- What happens during a CLASS observation, and how it impacts improvements in interactions
- How to apply CLASS interactions to daily practices

TRAINING INCLUDES

CLASS Interactions Dimension Guide & Educators Participant Guide

Register Now! 



\$150 Stipend for first 60 participants

* IF NOT an ELCIRMO contracted PD day

Class is Full


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Course Information

September 21st
8:30am - 4:00pm
First United Methodist Church
1505 S Kanner Hwy, Stuart, FL
MUSIC ROOM

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Course Information

 VIRTUAL via Microsoft Teams

Monday Aug. 31st - Thursday, Sept. 3
12:30pm - 2:00pm

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Course Information



VIRTUAL via
Microsoft Teams



Tuesday, Sept. 22,
2026



4:00pm - 8:00pm



INFANT OR TODDLER INTRO TO CLASS

Unpack how interactions drive
classroom impact. Educators
will learn:

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- What happens during a CLASS observation, and how it impacts improvements in interactions
- How to apply CLASS interactions to daily practices



TRAINING INCLUDES

CLASS Interactions Dimension Guide
& Educators Participant Guide

Register Now!



Infant Intro to CLASS & Toddler Intro to CLASS

**No Stipend*



CLASS Group Coaching

(2nd Ed. PreK - Interactions Essentials for Educators)





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Course Information

 **VIRTUAL via Microsoft Teams**

 **TUESDAYS:**
9/29, 10/6, 10/13,
10/20, 10/27, 11/3,
11/17, 12/1, 12/8,
12/15, 1/12, 1/19

 **12:00PM - 2:00PM**

INTERACTIONS ESSENTIALS FOR EDUCATORS

2ND EDITION PREK



Educators will:

- Learn how teacher-child interactions support children
- Explore the PreK CLASS 2nd Edition domains and dimensions and what effective interactions look like in practice
- Practice recognizing and applying effective interaction strategies during everyday classroom routines and activities
- Identify ways to strengthen interactions and create more meaningful learning experiences for young children.

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9/29, 10/6, 10/13,
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11/17, 12/1, 12/8,
12/15, 1/12, 1/19

 **12:00PM - 2:00PM**

CLASS GROUP COACHING INFANT/TODDLER



Educators will:

- Strengthen understanding of effective teacher-child interactions that support infants' and toddlers' development and learning
- Explore the Infant/Toddler CLASS 2008 dimensions and what high-quality interactions look like in everyday practice
- Use reflection, discussion, and practice to build strategies for more responsive and intentional interactions
- Apply CLASS strategies to daily routines, caregiving moments, and learning experiences with infants and toddlers

TRAINING INCLUDES

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STARTING YOUR TEACHING JOURNEY

All courses will be offered **VIRTUALLY**. Course seats are limited. Active participation is required to receive a stipend. If you took a *Starting Your Teaching Journey* course and received payment in a previous year, please do not sign up for that course as you are not eligible.

Choose the path of the age level you teach.

Tiny Voices

\$150

For teachers of children ages 0-24 months

1 Developmental Stages



Monday, September 28
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Explore stages of development from birth to 24 months and learn how to support infants and toddlers in reaching their milestones.

2 Effective Facilitation



Monday, October 12
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Gain the skills to create developmentally appropriate activities, guide exploration, and encourage thinking skills with infants and toddlers.

3 Language Modeling



Monday, October 26
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Learn how to use routines, play, and meals to build vocabulary and encourage communication. Strengthen read-alouds to promote language skills, comprehension, and emotional connection.

Rising Voices

For teachers of children ages 24 months to 5 years

1 Classroom Basics



Monday, September 28
12:00pm - 2:00pm

\$50

Explore practical strategies for classroom schedules, organization, centers, circle time, & lesson planning. Leave with simple tools, examples, and strategies you can use right away.

2 Classroom Management



Monday, October 12
12:00pm - 2:00pm

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This course provides educators with practical strategies to create positive learning environments through effective routines, smooth transitions, and positive approaches to preventing and responding to challenging behaviors.

3 Mastering the ASQ: Understanding Child Development



Monday, October 26
12:00pm - 2:00pm

\$50

Learn about the power of ASQs (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) and boost your knowledge of child development.

***Tiny Voices** is a three-part series requirement. To receive a stipend, **you must complete all three courses.**

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9/2/26
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EVENT LOCATION:
North County Charter School
6640 Old Dixie Highway
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2026-2027 Provider Meetings



Month	In Person or Virtual	Indian River Locations Change, See Below	Okeechobee Okeechobee School District 700 SW 2 nd Ave, Okeechobee 34974	Martin Children's Services Council of MC 101 SE Central Parkway, Stuart 34994
August	In Person	Tuesday, August 25, 2026 12:30pm Gracie's Preschool 1150 41 st Ave, Vero Beach 32960 Guests: Sue Curtis, The Basics, Nicole King, Little Lights Dentistry	Wednesday, August 26, 2026 12:30pm Guests: Nicole King, Little Lights Dentistry, Marializ Gonzalez and Helen Garcia (HPS)	Thursday, August 27, 2026 12:30pm Guests: Nicole King, Little Lights Dentistry
September	Virtual	Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 12:30pm CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING Guests: Erica Hughes, ABA Centers		
October	Virtual	Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 12:30pm CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING		
January	In Person	Tuesday, January 12, 2027 12:30pm Child Care Resources 1339 20 th St, Vero Beach 32960	Wednesday, January 13, 2027 12:30pm	Thursday, January 14, 2027 12:30pm
February	Virtual	Wednesday February 24, 2027 at 12:30pm CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING		
April	Virtual	Wednesday, April 21, 2027 at 12:30pm CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING		
May	In Person	Tuesday, May 11, 2027 12:30pm Child Care Resources 1339 20 th St, Vero Beach 32960	Wednesday, May 12, 2027 12:30pm	Thursday, May 13, 2027 12:30pm

