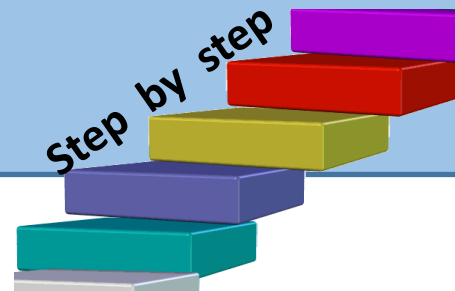




# Building Blocks for Educational Success

March 2019

The monthly newsletter of the Early Learning Coalition  
Visit our website: [www.elcirmo.org](http://www.elcirmo.org)



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of Indian River, Martin and  
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*The monthly newsletter includes information for child care providers, parents and the community.*

## Important Information about 2019-2020 Provider Contracts

We will be contacting all providers to schedule a time to meet with you to review the Provider Contracts and obtain all necessary information. Please watch for this important information.

### Reminders



- ◆ Please contact your Quality Specialist for details on child assessments.
- ◆ Birth to Five Standards training is available on-line at the DCF website. Use Reference Code SRBK.
- ◆ VPK AP3 Assessment deadline is 30 days prior to the end of the VPK program. Data must be submitted 15 days after that date. [Read more](#).
- ◆ We expect final Kindergarten Readiness Rates to be released in March—stay tuned.
- ◆ Sheila Ettehadieh, Quality Specialist in Martin County retired. Please contact Patricia Piche.

## March Provider Meetings & VPK Collaboratives for Administrators

**Indian River — 3/12/19 @ 12:30 pm**

Indian River County Administrative Complex, 1800 27th Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach

Evening Provider Meeting @ 6:00 pm

ELC IR Office, 2459 St. Lucie Avenue, Vero Beach

**VPK Collaborative for Administrators @ 11:00 am.—[MUST REGISTER](#)**

**Martin — 3/20/19 @ 12:30 pm**

Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Parkway, Stuart

**VPK Collaborative for Administrators @ 11:00 am.—[MUST REGISTER](#)**

**Okeechobee - 3/13/19 @ 12 noon**

Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th St., Okeechobee

## Professional Development for Educators

### Indian River County

**"STREAM Training" for teachers  
of children 2-5 yrs. old**

**3/5/19—ELC IR Office**

2459 St. Lucie Ave., Vero Beach  
6—8 p.m.

[Register at ELCIRMO website](#)

### Martin County

No trainings scheduled in March.

### Okeechobee County

**"Once Upon a Time"**

**3/26/19—Peace Lutheran Preschool**

750 NW 23rd Lane, Okeechobee  
6:15—8:15 p.m.

[Register at ELCIRMO website](#)

Check the ELCIRMO website calendar for any trainings that may be scheduled after the publication of the newsletter.

## Providers

Daylight Savings  
begins

March 10.

Turn your clocks  
ahead 1 hour.





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Please share the following information with your parents who have children that will attend kindergarten.

## Kindergarten Registration For the 2019-2020 School Year

The Okeechobee County School Board will be holding Kindergarten registration at the following schools:

May 21, Central Elementary School	462-5077
May 22, Everglades Elementary School	462-5108
May 23, South Elementary School	462-5087
May 24, Seminole Elementary School	462-5116
May 28, North Elementary School	462-5100

If your child will be 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2019, you should begin gathering the following information required by law to enter public school:

**Legal Proof of Birth Date**

**Up-to-Date Immunization Record**

**Health Exam Record that has been completed by a physician since September 1, 2018.**

**Proof of Residence (FPL statement; OUA statement, etc.)**

Please contact the school your child will attend to schedule an appointment for kindergarten registration. If you do not know which school your child should attend, contact the Student Services Office at 462-5000 extension 260.

## Martin County School District Kindergarten Registration

for the 2019-2020 School Year to Begin March 18, 2019

[Click here](#) for more information.



## Children's Week

March 24—29, 2019

### Hanging of the Hands

Sunday, March 24 from 12—4 p.m.  
at the Capitol Rotunda.



Deadline to submit hand artwork is March 10, 2019.  
Please submit hands to:

ELC of the Big Bend Region  
2639 N. Monroe St., Building C  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

### Provider Portal User Guide

Do you need assistance using the Provider Portal?



You can access the [OEL Provider Portal User Guide](#) on the Provider Resources page of the ELC's website and also on the Provider page.

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## We changed our phone system to better serve you!

When calling our office, please ask the staff member that is serving you for their direct line. Should you need to call back with additional questions or to provide additional information that is required, you will go directly to them instead of being transferred. This will help speed up the process for you and make sure you speak with the same person that assisted you originally.

A copy of all staff members and direct lines is available on our website. [Click here](#)



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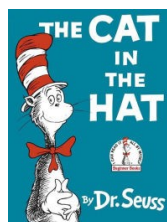
### WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for each family member and working adult.
- ☐ W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, and other forms.
- ☐ Childcare provider name, address and tax ID, if applicable.
- ☐ Bank routing and account numbers for checking or saving account (if you qualify for refund via secure direct deposit).
- ☐ Last year's tax return.
- ☐ A valid email address.

Parents

**National Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day)** is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss is best known for his children's books.



Read some of his famous books to your children!

## VPK Registration

All VPK registration must be done on the Family Portal @

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

If you need assistance, staff is available in each of our offices to assist you. Each of the offices is equipped with a kiosk where you can apply online and upload your documents.

The program is free for 4-year-olds who reside in Florida and were born on or before Sept. 1 of the year they would enter the program. Parents of 4-year-olds with birthdays from Feb. 2 through Sept. 1 may postpone enrolling their child until the following year when they are 5.

**Enroll Now before classes are full!**





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## Community

### New Board Chair



**Leigh C. Giunta**  
**First Vice President – Investment Officer**  
**PIM Portfolio Manager**

Leigh has been a licensed investment professional for more than 24 years. She specializes in customized investment and estate planning strategies for affluent families and businesses. She plays a leadership role in the team business and marketing development strategies.

Leigh is firmly committed to establishing long term relationships through a mutual trust and high level of service. Her primary focus is to provide client solutions to long and short term financial needs and concerns.

Leigh holds her series 7, 63, 65, Life, Health and Variable Annuity Licenses.

Leigh is a native Floridian. She formed a family advisor practice with her husband David. She was and is active in many local organizations: Martin County Taxpayers Association, Soroptimist International of Stuart, Hibiscus Children's Center, Leadership Martin County, The Historical Society of Martin County and The Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties. Leigh is the proud mother of high school twin daughters. She enjoys movies, music, golfing, decorating, arts and crafts, cooking and traveling with her family.



*1,000+ Attendees at the 2016 event!*  
**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

#### BIG RIG ..... \$2,500

- Event Naming opportunity and lead recognition.
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- Day of Event
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#### BULLDOZER ..... \$1000

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- Sponsor Name on all Event Press Releases
- Sponsor Name/Logo on website
- Sponsor Name/Logo on Thank You Ad
- No fee for booth space
- 10 Complimentary Tickets

#### DUMP TRUCK ..... \$500

- Sponsor Name on Event Press Releases
- Sponsor name on event banner displayed prior to event and day of event.
- Sponsor Name/Logo on Website
- Sponsor Name on Thank You Ad
- No fee for booth space
- 6 Complimentary Tickets

#### HANDY HELPER ..... \$250

- Signage at event.
- Sponsor Name/Logo on Website
- Sponsor Name on Thank You Ad
- No fee for booth space
- 4 Complimentary Tickets

Booth Space available at no charge for Non-Profits of Martin and St. Lucie Counties. Booth space available for \$25.00 donation to Early Learning Coalition to promote your For-Profit business at event, or sell items.

Company Name/Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_



All Proceeds to benefit the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties.

Please mail this form and payment to:

**Early Learning Coalition**  
**10 SE Central Pkwy, Suite 200 • Stuart, FL 34994**  
**Please email all logos in a jpeg form to Lisa Holland -**  
**lisa@teamholland.info**

Sponsorship Forms for the Touch-a-Truck event are available on the ELC website at [www.elcirmo.org](http://www.elcirmo.org). [Click here](#)



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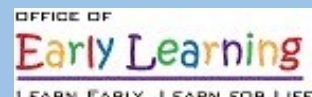
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