



Building Blocks for Educational Success

May 2019

The monthly newsletter of the Early Learning Coalition
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Early Learning Coalition
of Indian River, Martin and
Okeechobee Counties, Inc.

The monthly newsletter includes information for child care providers, parents and the community.

Provider Appreciation is May 10, 2019. We want you to know that each day of the year we recognize your tireless efforts caring for the children and the tremendous impact you have on our children, families and communities.

Thank you for what you are doing for the future in providing quality care for our children today!



ASQ-3 News for SR Providers

We will now be notifying providers of upcoming screenings of new enrollees via e-mail to be completed on-line within 45 days of enrollment. Also, look for monthly birthday screen notification reminders.

ASQ screen results will be sent with improvement activities to parents/guardians via e-mail of those children who have 2 or more below cut-off in areas of the ASQ.

Any questions, contact Karen Kravitz, 772-223-3856, kkravitz@elcirmo.org.

May Provider Meetings

Indian River — 5/14/19 @ 12:30 pm
ELC IR Office, 2459 St. Lucie Avenue, Vero Beach

Evening Provider Meeting @ 6:00 pm
ELC IR Office, 2459 St. Lucie Avenue, Vero Beach

Martin — 5/15/19 @ 12:30 pm
Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 SE Central Parkway, Stuart

Okeechobee - 5/8/19 @ 12 noon
Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th St., Okeechobee

We Are Enrolling in all Three Counties!

Please notify your parents or any families that you know that we are currently enrolling in all three counties for the School Readiness Program. Parents must apply online through the Family Portal in order to receive services.

Parents may enroll from the comfort of their homes or may come to any of the offices for assistance with the computers and uploading documents.

Professional Development for Educators

Indian River County

No trainings

Martin County

**"Language and Vocabulary
Development for Preschoolers:
Scaffolding"**

5/16/19—First United Methodist
Preschool

1500 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart
1:00-3:00 p.m.

[Register at DCF website](#)

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Okeechobee County

No trainings

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

**WE ARE
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School Readiness Portal Attendance—Key Dates

School Readiness attendance is now working—April attendance will be done in the portal.

- July attendance is past due for entry into the portal.
- Due May 1—August and September Correction Forms
- Due May 8—October and November Correction Forms
- Due May 15—December and January Correction Forms
- Due May 22—February and March Correction Forms

Keep your eye out for more emails from Marsha Powers, Chief Executive Officer.

2019-2020 Provider Contracts

- Please complete your profile in the portal no later than May 20th.
- Bring any questions regarding the SR contract to the May provider meeting. Individual meetings will not be scheduled as previously mentioned.
- Contracts will be initiated after May 22nd. This is due to rule promulgation, which may affect the contract.

Staff Updates

New Staff Members:

- ♦ Samantha Burrowes—Quality Specialist, Martin County
- ♦ Erica Lopez—Reimbursement Data Specialist
- ♦ Anavel Aguirre—Family Services Specialist, Martin County
- ♦ Del Hall—Receptionist/Office Assistant

Promotions/Transfers:

- ♦ Allie Chase—Operations Manager
- ♦ Maureen Zackey—Receptionist/Office Assistant

Providers



Register Today!

Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers

An exciting new training series offered by the Office of Early Learning is now available! Four new interactive, instructor-led modules will walk participants through key instructional strategies to help increase language and vocabulary development in young children. These training modules are appropriate for educators working with preschool-age children, and the content is aligned with Florida's recently revised early learning and developmental standards.

Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers:
(Four instructor-led modules)




- 📖 Scaffolding (LVP1)
- 📖 Book Embedded Vocabulary Instruction (LVP2)
- 📖 Dialogic Reading (LVP3)
- 📖 Think, Show, Tell, Talk (LVP4)



These two-hour modules are offered free of charge, and 0.2 CEUs will be awarded upon successful completion.

Registration is available through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Care Training System at <https://training01-dcf.myflorida.com/studentsite/admin/login.jsf>.

For questions about training, contact the VPK Team at vpkquestions@oel.myflorida.com or call 1-866-447-1159.

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Step Into Kindergarten is a summer transition enrichment program offered by the School District of Indian River County. This is a FREE program. [Click here for more information.](#)

Kindergarten Registration: Please be sure to contact the school district that your child will attend to register them for kindergarten. Check out the requirements such as physicals and immunizations which may be required.

Do you have a concern about your child? The Warm-Line helps families with:

- ◆ Concerns about your child's growth or development
- ◆ Concerns about your child's behavior
- ◆ Classroom accommodations and intervention strategies
- ◆ Referrals to other agencies

Call the Warm Line at 772-223-3852 (Martin County) or 877-220-1223 X252 Indian River and Okeechobee Counties) and an Inclusion Specialist will assist you.

ELC Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day.



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](#)

Parents

Early Learning Parents' Pages

— [April 2019](#) edition

includes the following:

- ◆ Week of the Young Child
- ◆ Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ◆ Autism and Milestones



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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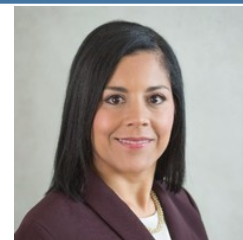
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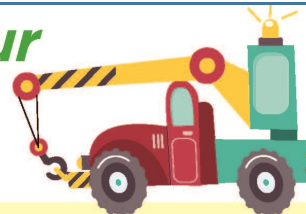
New board member— Dr. Nivea Torres

Dr. Torres is the Executive Director of the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative in Indian River County. She previously served as the Superintendent of Schools in the Connecticut Technical High School System.



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Thank you to everyone for your **TERRIFIC SUPPORT** of the 5th annual Touch-A-Truck!



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