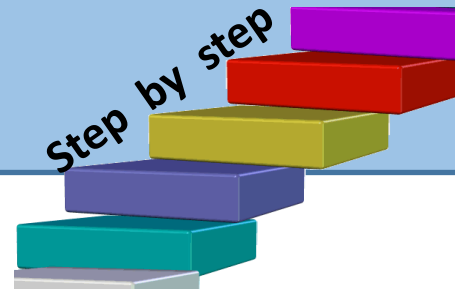




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The monthly newsletter of the Early Learning Coalition
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The monthly newsletter includes information for child care providers, parents and the community.



♦ **Florida VPK Assessment**—Assessment Period 1 (AP1) - administer within the first 30 calendar days of the VPK class schedule. Submit within the first 45 calendar days of the VPK Class schedule.

♦ VPK Providers must set up **VPK Assessment Wizard** to set up classrooms, teachers, etc.

♦ **ASQ's**—Remember to enter your newly-enrolled children into the system and screen within 45 days. Continue to screen children annually on their birthdays. You will NOT receive reminders from ELC. It is important to complete the follow-up action on the information summary sheet. Any questions, please contact Karen Kravitz, 772-223-3856, kkravitz@elcirmo.org.

♦ Please review your OEL-SR 20A Amendment, so that you are aware what requires an Amendment to your SR Contract.

Unusual Incident Notification

(Excerpt taken from Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract)

#70. PROVIDER agrees to report unusual incidents to COALITION by no later than the close of business on the next business day of the unusual incident and to submit a written report to COALITION within three (3) business days from the date of the incident. For licensed providers, sending a copy of the incident report submitted for DCF to COALITION shall constitute compliance with this paragraph. An unusual incident is any significant event involving the health and safety of children under PROVIDER's care. Examples of unusual incidents include: accusations of abuse or neglect against PROVIDER or PROVIDER's staff; the injury of a child which requires professional medical attention at PROVIDER's site or written notification from the child's parent that the child received professional medical attention; and when PROVIDER receives notice of litigation where PROVIDER is named party or defendant and which relates to the PROVIDER's operation at any location at which SR services are being provided.



There are NO Provider Meetings in September.

Professional Development for Educators

Indian River County

"Implementing Florida Standards in Preschool Classrooms: 3-Year-Old to Kindergarten"

9/18/18 @ ELC Indian River Office
2459 St. Lucie Ave., Vero Beach
1:00—4:00 p.m.
Register at www.myflorida.com/childcare
Ref # 8352

Martin County

"Frame Their Learning"

9/12/18—Location changed to ELC Main Office 2:00—4:00 p.m.
[Register at ELCIRMO website](http://www.elcirmo.org)

"Talk With Me Baby"

9/13/18 @ Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
2450 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
[Register at ELCIRMO website](http://www.elcirmo.org)

Okeechobee County

"Talk With Me Baby"

9/18/18 @ Peace Lutheran Preschool
750 NW 23rd Lane, Okeechobee
6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Providers



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Provider Meeting Schedule for remainder of 2018-19

Okeechobee @ noon

Okeechobee County Public Library
206 SW 16th St.
Okeechobee

- ◆ October 10, 2018
- ◆ January 9, 2019
- ◆ March 13, 2019
- ◆ May 8, 2019

Martin County @ 12:30 p.m.

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

- ◆ October 17, 2018
- ◆ January 16, 2019
- ◆ March 20, 2019
- ◆ May 15, 2019

Indian River County @ 12:30 p.m.

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

- ◆ October 9, 2018
- ◆ January 8, 2019
- ◆ March 12, 2019
- ◆ May 14, 2019

Evening meetings at 6 pm—ELC
Indian River Office, 2459 St. Lucie
Avenue, Vero Beach.

Resources

[Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning](#)

[Florida Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

[Florida Children's Forum](#)

[Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards](#)

[Florida Family Child Care Home Association](#)

[Florida's Office of Early Learning](#)

[National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

[PNC Grow Up Great](#)

[T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program](#)

[VROOM](#)

myTeachstone Learning Resource Module for SR providers

Please take advantage of this free resource to learn about the CLASS tool. Sign up new teachers by submitting full name and e-mail addresses to Karen Kravitz at kkravitz@elcirmo.org. Access will be available on October 15th. If you have already submitted teachers, access will be available on the Teachstone website, www.teachstone.com, on September 15th.

Teachstone
Delivering on the promise of CLASS®

VPK Snapshots

Check out the [August issue](#) of "VPK Snapshots".
Articles include:

- ◆ Back to School
- ◆ First Day of Florida VPK
- ◆ We're So Happy You Asked...advise column

Grandparents are a special gift to children—
Magnetic & Priceless ! ♥

Happy
Grandparents
Day



**Sunday,
September
9th**



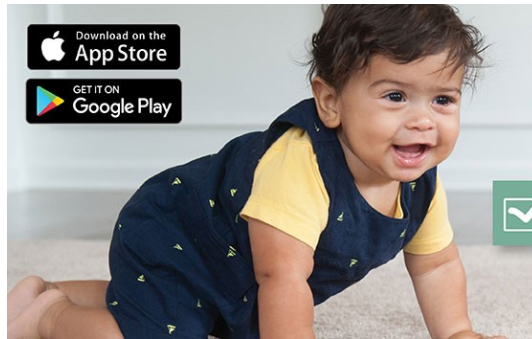
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Track your child's development using the Milestone Tracker.



Download CDC's FREE Milestone Tracker App



Track Milestones



Share a Summary



Get Tips & Activities

Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker

Family Engagement

Research shows that family engagement increases motivation, reduces behavioral problems, and improves social-emotional development of children. [Read More.](#)

About SIDS and Safe Infant Sleep

Evidence shows that breastfeeding reduces the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and has many other benefits for baby and mom.

[Find out more.](#)



Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Health research throughout the lifespan

Why talking to your baby matters. Check out the link below.



TALK WITH ME BABY

Early Learning Parents' Pages

— [August 2018 edition](#)

includes the following:

- ◆ It's Back to School Time!
- ◆ Skills for School Readiness
- ◆ Special Dates in September



Community Resources

- ◆ DCF Office of Homelessness
- ◆ Public housing agencies
- ◆ Early Head Start and Head Start programs
- ◆ Early Learning Coalitions
- ◆ Military child care assistance
- ◆ The Gardiner Scholarship Program
- ◆ Temporary Cash Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- ◆ Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- ◆ Early Steps and Children's Medical Services
- ◆ Exceptional Student Education
- ◆ Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System
- ◆ Florida KidCare and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- ◆ Social Security Administration
- ◆ Medicaid
- ◆ Employ Florida
- ◆ Reemployment Assistance
- ◆ 2-1-1

[Click here for information about each of these programs and contact information.](#)

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Welcome NEW CEO, Marsha B. Powers

The Board of Directors of Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties appointed Marsha Powers as the new CEO, replacing Interim CEO, Migdalia Rosado. Ms. Powers joined the ELCIRMO team on July 16, 2018.

Over her career, Ms. Powers has served in both private and public sectors. She is a current member of the Martin County School Board, and was appointed to the newly-created statewide Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Safety Commission. Ms. Powers currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Indiantown/Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce. She is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Martin County Farm Bureau, the Education Foundation of Martin County and Tykes & Teens.



Back to School Expo—Okeechobee

Coalition staff participated in the Back to School Expo on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Okeechobee High School.



Thank you to Our Village Okeechobee for hosting the event, which provided backpacks filled with school supplies to the children.



Family Service Specialists, Maureen Zackey and Carmen Hurtado.

Coalition receives grant award to promote Literacy in Indian River County!

The Children's Services Advisory Council of Indian River County has awarded a grant to the Early Learning Coalition in the amount of \$56,606 to promote language development in young children in Indian River County. The program begins October 1st and will target child care provider classrooms with three- to five-year old children.



TALK WITH ME BABY

A workshop for community partners: Talk With Me Baby offers a Language Nutrition training program. Learn how to model and effectively communicate Language Nutrition messages and practices to families, and support parents and caregivers as a child's first and best teacher. September 13, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Children's Services Council of Martin County. [Register here.](#)

Community

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