Important Dates

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Board of Directors Meeting
    - Tuesday, September 8, 2020
    - Join Zoom Meeting
      - https://zoom.us/j/94313303566
  - Provider Services Committee Meeting
    - Thursday, September 24, 2020
    - Join Zoom Meeting
      - https://zoom.us/j/96812047506
Communications

- https://www.facebook.com/groups/EarlyLearningPartners/

Early Learning Partners Facebook Group

Private group - 3 members
Communications

Questions and Answers from July 2020 Early Care and Education Partners Meeting

https://bit.ly/3au1z35
Communications

#HeretoTeach #HeretoCare #HereforYou

Ask your child care provider what extra steps they are taking to provide a safe environment, such as:

- Frequent Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Smaller Group Sizes
- Frequent Hand Washing
- Wearing Face Coverings
- Daily Temperature Checks
- Virtual & Distance Learning

Questions about child care? Call us at 305-646-7220
Pregunte a su proveedor de cuidado infantil qué medidas adicionales está tomando para ofrecer un ambiente seguro, como:

- Limpieza y desinfección frecuentes
- Grupos más reducidos
- Lavado de manos frecuente
- Uso de mascarillas o tapabocas
- Control diario de la temperatura
- Aprendizaje virtual o a distancia

¿Preguntas sobre el cuidado infantil? Llámenos al 305-646-7220
**Goals**
- To allow VPK parents to have the same choice as the K-12 district plan and to allow parents to rejoin the workforce.
- Structure safeguards that will encourage and shift families to in-person learning.

**Participation Requirements**
- Miami-Dade and Monroe public schools and private VPK providers may deliver their VPK program **consistent** with their school district’s approved K-12 reopening plan. Miami-Dade and Monroe’s District Flex plans have been approved.
- Must be in good standing with the Statewide VPK Provider Contract, have NO Class 1 violations within the past two years and not have a contract with the ELC terminated for cause within the past five years.

**Assurances**
- Assurances will be submitted through EFS Mod (*Proposed release date of assurances – August 26th*)
- REMINDER – You cannot start VPK Flex until your program has been approved.

**Providers on Probation**
- Providers on Probation must continue to implement their approved improvement plan.

**Questions/Concerns**
- VPKTeam@elcmdm.org
Purpose

The purpose of this document is to support and private providers and early learning coalitions (ELCs) in the development, submission and approval of the private provider’s plan for delivering the VPK School Year Program, if opting use a flexible, innovative delivery option. This is an added feature to in-person instruction, but not a replacement. This option is available through December 31, 2020 for private providers that meet the requirements below.

The following assurances and additional information must be completed and submitted (through EFS Mod) to OEL and the ELC for review and approval.

I. ASSURANCES AND VPK PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The VPK provider, and the ELC where appropriate, agree to the following assurances. The provider will describe how each of these assurances will be met.

Assurance 1: The provider and ELC will ensure that flexibility proposed for the fall 2020 VPK School Year Program is consistent with the district’s 2020-21 Optional Innovative Reopening Plan approved by the Department of Education.

Assurance 2: The provider will ensure that participating students will have equal access to the learning and any required materials, including technology.
Assurance 3: The provider will ensure that the 2020-21 School Year program delivers the required 540 hours of instruction by qualified staff (s. 1002.55, F.S.) including daily contact with the enrolled student and their family. The portion of the VPK program implemented through a flexible, innovative model shall not exceed a total of 270 hours. The provider must allow students attending the flexible, innovative program in fall 2020 to return to the face-to-face delivery model for the remainder of the school year program.

Assurance 4: The provider will maintain the ability to track daily attendance of both students and staff. (s.1002.71, F.S. and 6M-8.305, F.A.C.)

Assurance 5: The ELC will ensure that tools used in the innovative option are aligned with VPK standards and are developmentally appropriate. (s. 1002.67, F.S) ((Describe the tools to be used and upload examples of instructional plans under Documents in the VPK Flex Application folder.)

Assurance 6: The provider will monitor the student’s performance towards meeting the VPK standards using the VPK Assessment. (s. 1002.67, F.S)

Assurance 7: The provider will ensure that the assigned instructor is appropriately trained and knowledgeable of how the selected system works. (Describe the qualifications and training of the staff.)
Assurance 8: The provider will ensure that parents are reminded of the opportunity to withdraw and transfer to another VPK program if they choose to do so. (Describe how families will be notified.)

Assurance 9: The provider will ensure the systems in use are secure and will not allow for the release of protected student or staff information. (s. 1002.72, F.S.) (Describe the technical requirements of the system to be used.)

Assurance 10: The provider will ensure that the ELC and OEL staff will be provided access to the innovative learning program implementation for monitoring purposes.

II. CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCES AND VPK PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name Date

Title __________________________ Email
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The 2020-2021 School Year for Miami-Dade is schedule to begin on Monday, August 31, 2020, and for Monroe on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Therefore, the Breaks & Holiday Full Time schedule for the summer will end on Friday, August 28, 2020 for Miami-Dade and for Monroe on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

For School-Aged Children, we have three different type of enrollment schedules each automatically following the Public School Districts Calendars:

- 1- Child attends one provider for After School Care and School Breaks & Holidays.
- 2- Child attends a provider for After School Care Only.
- 3- Child attends a provider for School Breaks & Holiday Only.
Under the School Readiness Program, the *Child enrollment schedule* with *Care Level* and assigned *Unit of care* drives the *Attendance*.

- **1-** Child attends *one provider* for After School Care and School Breaks & Holidays.

  \[\text{Child Enrollment Schedule} = \text{Monday} – \text{Friday} = \text{PT and FT for Breaks & Holidays}\]

- **2-** Child attends *a provider* for After School Care Only.

  \[\text{Child Enrollment Schedule} = \text{Monday} – \text{Friday} = \text{PT}\]

- **3-** Child attends *a provider* for School Breaks & Holiday Only.

  \[\text{Child Enrollment Schedule} = \text{FT for School Breaks & Holidays Only}\]
School Readiness providers offering *Full-Time* services for School-Aged children not attending brick and mortar schools, will be reimbursed the approved *Full-Time* School-Aged rate. Upon reinstatement of *parent fee* requirements, parents will be responsible for the *part-time* parent copayment (DEO EO-20-06).

- After School Care providers under *child enrollment Schedules* scenarios 1 and 2 have the functionality to change the *Unit of Care* from *Part Time (PT)* to *Full Time (FT)* before submitting attendance.
Payments
Update on Reimbursement and Attendance Processing for School-Aged Children During COVID-19 Temporary Closures

Providers under child enrollment Schedule scenario 3 do NOT have the functionality to alter or change the Child enrollment Schedule. Therefore, a transfer request will need to be completed by the parents and submitted to the Coalition’s Transfer Unit.

For instance, if the school-aged child is currently enrolled with MDCPS for after school care, and the district is going virtual for the first quarter, the parents have the option to transfer the child to a private provider that is open. If the transfer is processed the child will get enroll with the private provider for after school care (which is PT) and we will be able to reimburse the provider FT during the COVID-19 epidemic. The provider would just need to change the unit of care from PT to FT prior to submitting attendance.
## Payments

If you should have any question or concerns, please give us a call. My direct extension is 2257 and my email is jhernandez@elcmdm.org

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Eligibility
School Readiness
Families

• Suspended all termination of SR families’ eligibility to **Aug 15th**
• Extended redetermination timelines (implemented in 60 day increments, 2 times) added additional 30 days from July 15th to allow parents a 45 day notice waiver end date **Aug 15th**
• Waive required parent School Readiness copayments regardless of income until **Aug 31st**
• Provide flexibility for eligibility for School Readiness child care (i.e., job search) waiver until **Sept 30th** for initial eligibility and redetermining families
• Reduced 20 hours per week requirement to meet initial purpose for care for initial and redetermining families until **Sept 30th**
• Response to first responder/health worker referrals for child care scholarship within 3 days (**over 3,050 children enrolled**)
Eligibility Requirements

- Referral Application form must be completed and sent to info@elcmdm.org for review.
- If referral application is incomplete or missing information (employer info or parent signatures) parent can make corrections and resubmit the form for review within 10 days.
- They can obtain a new referral or rollover to BG8 if income eligible.
- Reminders to REDE went out 45 days from last day of service.
- Last day to apply for initial applications was July 31st, 2020 however existing families receiving services can reapply every 90 days (same as a BG1 referral).
- Reminder for providers to report all absences of children identified as “at risk” on a daily basis via At Risk Child Unexcused Absence Report
- Providers are encouraged to complete a Transition Checklist prior to the transfer of “at risk” child from one setting to another with copy to case manager, CPI or Prevention provider as applicable
Contracts

- **Voluntary Pre Kindergarten (VPK):**
  - Managers are currently processing calendar changes.
  - Providers may change start date, (to align with districts), but are not required.

- **School Readiness:**
  - Providers that have not been assessed for CLASS continue on their 2019-2020 extensions.
  - September 30: implementation deadline for curriculum

- **Contract Documents:**
  - Uploading to OEL portal new or renewed documents to the provider profile is now mandatory prior to expiration
  - Contract Managers will no longer accept documents via email.
  - Failure to submit the requested documents may result in termination of your VPK and/or School Readiness contract.
  - Call 305-359-5550 for assistance in uploading documents

- **Change of Ownerships:**
  - Provider must notify both DCF and ELC regarding changes.
  - DCF Contact: Mr. Jeffrey R. Hurst (jeffrey.hurst@myflfamilies.com and 561-302-1501)