

Early Learning Coalition Partner Weekly Webinars for Miami-Dade and Monroe Early Childhood Partners September 2, 2020 Meeting

Questions and Answers

General

Are we going to be able to see this slideshow in the future?

The Power Point can be found at: <https://www.elcmdm.org/Content/Uploads/elcmdm.org/files/communications/ECandE%20Meeting%2009022020%20final.pdf>

Can you please repeat the date that the blast mail regarding the 10% increase provider rate?

The alert was posted on August 19, 2020 and can be found at: <https://www.elcmdm.org/newsroom/news-updates/investments-in-early-care-and-education-partners>

VPK Flex

I have questions about the VPK Flex because I tried signing up for it and the web site did not let me.

Please email us at VPKteam@elcmdm.org with your center name to review the status.

I know I have to set a plan but I need help with someone guiding me in the process.

Please email us at VPKteam@elcmdm.org.

Please explain what the Blended VPK FLEX option is?

A blended class includes face-to-face and virtual instruction.

Can we resubmit to update information if we already submitted our application?

Applications that have been submitted cannot be resubmitted unless the center's application has been granted access to resubmit.

Our school applied for VPK FLEX, but I am trying to update the assessment portal , and it is not allowing me to put the name of the children because it says that my class is inactive. Is because we haven't started yet?

For technical issues with the Bright Beginnings website, please contact the VPK Assessment Help Desk 1-844-545-4777.

Does our VPK Flex program have to run the same hours as our in person class

Your VPK FLEX class may have a different calendar than your in person VPK Class.

With VPK Flex option can we start with virtual then move into hybrid instruction?

Yes, please ensure to include that information on the center's VPK Flex application.

¿El VPK Flex en línea puede tener 20 niños con 2 maestras y en persona solo 1:10 niños?

Correcto, VPK Flex puede tener 20 estudiantes con 2 maestras. Pero por favor tenga en cuenta que cuando vuelvan en persona tienen que seguir las órdenes del Condado 1:10 además de no pasarse de la capacidad del cuarto que les ha dado DCF.

Payments

Will the child need to have one day of attendance in the month in order to receive payment for 10 days? Will we get paid for 3 absences a month if the child does not attend at all in the month?

This past Friday, we all received an update from the Office of Early Learning (OEL) stating that we will be extending the payment on enrollment through the month of September.

If a child is absent from day 4-10 because of COVID can parents send us that note and we can submit that as an "excuse note"? If a child is out because he was tested positive with covid19 and has to be out minimum 14 days will we get paid for the 14 days if we have positive test result?

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If the center has to close 14 days due to covid19 will we get paid for the 14 days we have to close?

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Parents are working from home and are not bringing children to center, will provider be paid?

This past Friday, we all received an update from OEL stating that we will be extending the payment on enrollment through the month of September.

What happens to our elementary school students who are on school readiness, but are currently virtually receiving instruction.

If the students are enrolled in your center for afterschool care, you will be able to get reimbursed the full time rate. Just change the Unit of Care in the attendance from PT to FT prior to attendance submission.

Does Virtual learning count as attendance for School Readiness children?

No. The Department of Education and Office of Early Learning have not approved the School Readiness program for virtual learning.

The registration fee was paid in August for all enrolled children for \$75.00 if our fee is \$100 are we allowed to charge the parents the difference?

No. We will need to decide if you are going to charge the parent or if you would continue to follow the terms in your contract.

Please can you clarify the reimbursement code "NS".

The "NS" in the attendance means "No Enrollment Schedule." The NS is most common with School-Aged children enrolled with a provider for school breaks and holidays only.

How can the parents sign the long form from the 24 to 28 that the school was open we closed the class on August 31 today is the last day to send it?

According to rule, parents have up to a week after the end of the month to sign the VPK Long Form. We always honor tardy submissions.

Will we be paid for SR children who are in the Flex class?

Virtual or Flex Learning has not been approved by the Department of Education for the School Readiness Program. School Readiness children will not be reimbursed for the flex learning class.

¿Como seria el pago para un proveedor que está cerrado por 14 días por corona virus?

El mes de agosto será el último mes que podremos pagar proveedores que estuvieron cerrado.

¿Si estuve abierto a partir del 10 de agosto, recibiré pago por agosto completo?

Si. El mes de agosto será el último mes que podremos pagar proveedores que estuvieron cerrado.

¿Para los estudiantes de VPK que comenzaron el día 8/31 por clase virtual Zoom, la Coalición nos reembolsara aun si no somos aprobados todavía por VPK Flex?

Negativo. Proveedores no pueden iniciar el programa si no están aprobados per OEL.

¿Clarifique lo que menciono anterior que las notas de un padre serán aceptadas si el niño está en casa para pagar días del 4-10?

La nota escrita de los padres puede ser aceptada como documentación durante la epidemia.

Estuve serrada por COVID-19 en mi centro 14 dias, ¿me pagarían?

Si. El mes de Agosto sera el último mes que podremos pagar proveedores que estuvieron cerrado.

School Readiness

If I have kids that have not come for over a month, should I contact parent and let them know that non attendance can affect SR status?

Definitely contact the parent when it's been a month and they have not attended. Offer them the option of temporary suspension of services (up to 90 days). Form must be signed by parent and provider and send immediately to transfers@elcmdm.org.

Will families that do not use the program be terminated? Who do the parent contact to request a suspension in SR and TCT programs?

The provider will need to make contact with parent to determine if parent is still interested in keeping their SR program. If they have fear of bringing children back due to COVID, they have the option to complete a temporary suspension of services (up to 90 days). Parent and provider must sign the form and send immediately to Transfers@elcmdm.org. We would not like to see families lose their SR program.

Where is that form for "All About Me"?

The All About Me form is available at: https://www.elcmdm.org/Content/Uploads/elcmdm.org/files/eligibility/At%20Risk%20Transition%20Form%208_20_2020.pdf.

If parent request for temporary suspension of 90 days, is the parent changes their mind and return to on-site services sooner?

If a parent wants to return sooner than the dates listed on temporary suspension form, yes, they can call us back to reinstate their services sooner.

El padre pudiera perder la beca School Readiness si el niño no está en el centro. Ya que el padre no tiene otro lugar donde ponerlo.

Los padres si no quieren regresar al centro por razón de COVID, pueden pedir una suspensión de servicios (valido por máximo de 90 días). El padre y proveedor tienen que firmar el formulario y enviar inmediatamente a Transfers@elcmdm.org

Children First Conference

Do we get CEU points for the conference on 09/12/20?

0.40 CEUs for attending the Children First Conference on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8 a.m.

¿Cuántos puntos de CEU por la conferencia del 09/12/20?

Recibirán 0.40 CEUs (unidades de créditos continuos) por participar en la Conferencia Annual -- Children First Conference el sábado, 12 de setiembre a las 8 a.m.