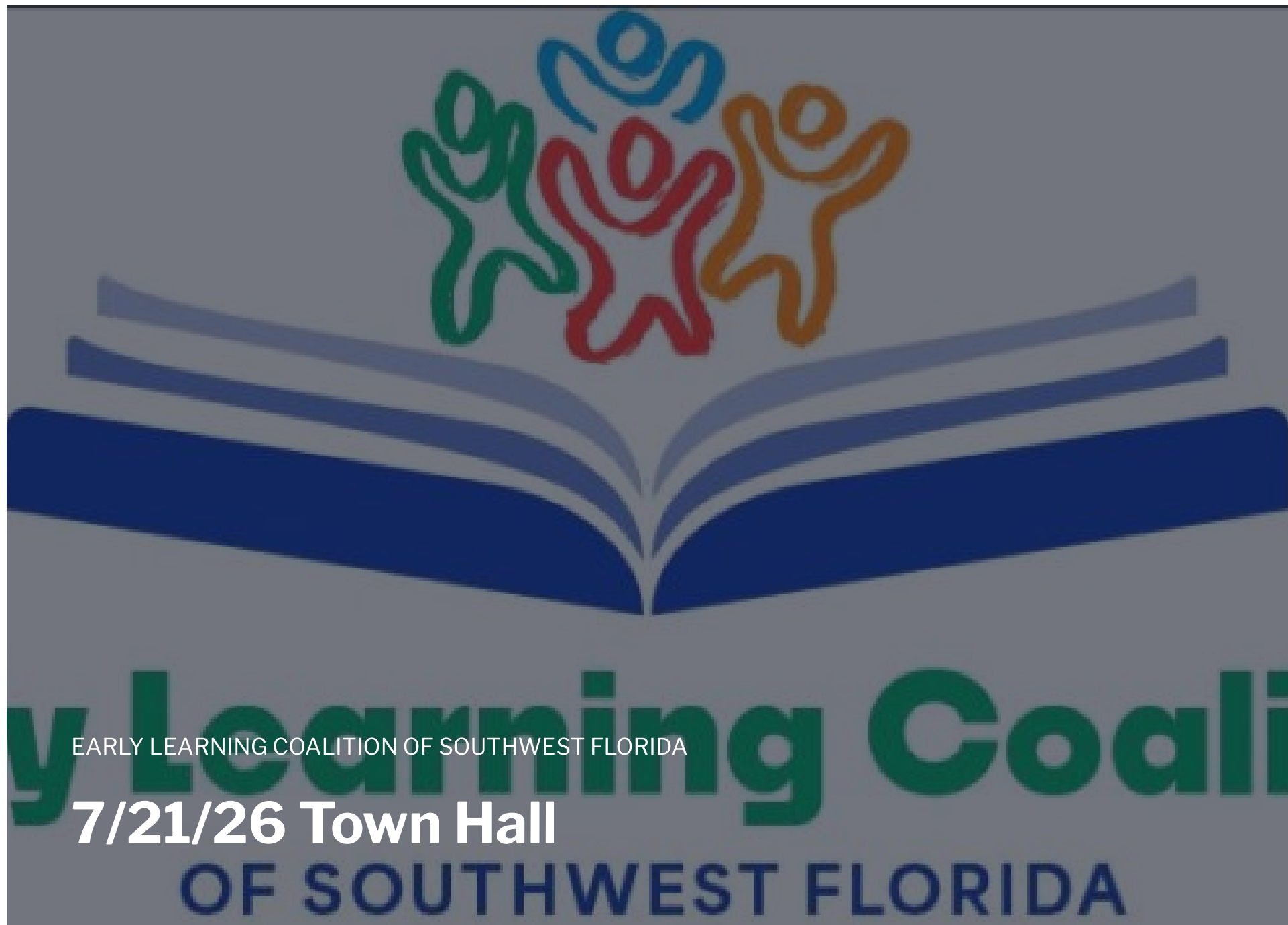




EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

7/21/26 Town Hall

OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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Contracts

VPK Contract

As a reminder your VPK App can't be certified until your contract is certified.

If you need help please contact:

Angelica.Zavala@elcofswfl.org or Yanely.Cruz@elcofswfl.org

VPK Apps: Grant.Thompson@elcofswfl.org

Reimbursement

Reimbursement Reminders

Attendance documentation is due by the 3rd business day of each month.

Please submit the following:

School Readiness (SR)

- Monthly attendance in the portal
- Parent sign-in/sign-out sheets or timecards
- Required documentation for applicable excused absences (needs to be added to the attendance in the portal as an attachment)

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

- Monthly attendance in the portal
- Parent sign-in/sign-out sheets or timecards
- Monthly Parent Attendance Verification:
 - Short Form (03S) – if using a parent sign-in/sign-out system
 - Long Form (03L) – if using another attendance method (ex: attendance log)

Where to upload your document:

Reimbursement cont.

- Document library (A1- Sign in out sheet VPK or SR); or
- SharePoint.

Please contact us beforehand for any questions you may have prior to submitting to better assist you.

If you have any questions, please contact the Reimbursement team:

- Lexie Vasquez: lexie.vasquez@elcofswfl.org
- Francisca Cardona: francisca.cardona@elcofswfl.org
- Nancy Moreno: nancy.moreno@elcofswfl.org
- Talya Zapata: talya.zapata@elcofswfl.org

Program Services

VPK Reminders

VPK providers need a minimum of 4 child enrollments in each VPK classroom before they can be approved.

Providers should cancel VPK enrollments (not terminate) if a parent notifies them that the child will not attend. Please use the Orange button that says Remove - Child Never Enrolled, and do not terminate the child enrollment.

The same process can be used if you are removing a child from one classroom to enroll them in another before the start of the VPK academic program.

CLASS Assessment

If you have questions about your CLASS assessment you can reach out to Michelle Aguiar or Sarah Bedard.

Same CLASS at heart- sharpened for today's classrooms

Why the updated?

The original Pre-K CLASS guided observations for more than a decade. The 2nd Edition reflects 15+ years of research and field feedback while protecting the core focus on meaningful teacher–child interactions.

Pre-K CLASS® 2nd Edition • Educator Guide

Get Ready for PreK CLASS® 2nd Edition!

Exciting training opportunities are coming your way! Join us as we explore the **PreK CLASS® 2nd Edition** through two sessions designed for **PreK teachers and directors**. Whether you're learning about the **Crosswalk Key – PreK 2nd Edition Updates** or discovering

1

Center on equity

Reflect and support the diverse children, families and communities you serve

2

Increase access

Clearer definitions, broader examples, and videos that mirror real classrooms

3

Measure for impact

Sharper guidance so feedback drives the interactions that matter most

strategies for **Effective Interactions in the PreK Classroom**, you'll leave with practical tools, helpful resources, and ideas you can use right away to strengthen teacher-child interactions and support high-quality learning experiences.

Crosswalk Key – PreK 2nd Edition Updates (English)

July 23 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **August 3** | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **August 6** | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **August 27** | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Crosswalk Key – PreK 2nd Edition Updates (Spanish)

July 30 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **August 6** | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Effective Interactions in the PreK Classroom (English)

September 10 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **September 24** | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Effective Interactions in the PreK Classroom (Spanish)

TBD | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Don't miss out! These engaging sessions are a great opportunity to build your confidence with the **PreK CLASS® 2nd Edition**, connect with fellow educators, and walk away with strategies that make a difference in your classroom every day.

We can't wait to learn with you—register today on the ELC website!

VPK Child Assessment

VPK FAST Test Administrator Training

For the 2026-2027 program year, Educator Academy is open. VPK FAST Test Administrators must have this training **each year**, before VPK begins. Current training expires on June 30, 2026. If you plan on having or teaching a Summer VPK, you will need to have a new training completed before Summer VPK begins. If you get to take off for the summer, do your training now! Upload to the Portal, Documents Tab, VPK FAST Test Administrator file.



Educator Academy Website

https://vpkflorida.northpass.com/auth/auth_url_email/login

VPK programs are required to have a qualified test administrator administer the assessment to students.

The below Ren-U courses meet VPK FAST training requirements:

- VPK Test Administrators Getting Started with FAST Star Early Literacy Assessment (English)

- VPK Test Administrators Getting Started with FAST Star Early Literacy Assessment (Spanish)

You do not need to take both classes, just one. A **Certificate of Completion** or an individual's **Department of Children and Families(DCF) Child Care Training Transcript** reflecting the Imported Course, along with the filled out and signed, with wet signature, **Prohibited Activities Agreement** and **Security Agreement** must be uploaded to the Provider Portal Documents Tab, "VPK FAST Test Administrator" folder before VPK begins.



VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Planning Targeted Instruction

Course

VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Planning Targeted Instruction

Learn how to use Star Early Literacy data to identify learning gaps and plan targeted... instruction for your pre-K students.



VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Screening Data and Reports

Course

VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Screening Data and Reports

Learn how to administer the STAR Early Literacy assessment to measure pre-K... students' reading readiness skills.



VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Test Administrators (English)

* Expires 6/30/26

Course

VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Test Administrators (English) - Exp 6/30/26

Learn how to administer the STAR Early Literacy assessment to measure pre-K...



VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Test Administrators (Spanish)

* Expires 6/30/26

Course

VPK FAST Star Early Literacy Test Administrators (Spanish) - Exp 6/30/26

Aprenda cómo administrar la evaluación STAR Early Literacy para medir las...

Teaching Strategies Child Assessments

Child Assessment 2026-2027

Thinking Ahead to 26-27

We will hold an orientation for any provider that chose Child Assessment in August.

Checkpoints Due:

Fall: October 31

Winter: January 31

Spring: April 30

Professional Development

Reminder: If you are requesting CEU and the form of payment that you are using is declined and you have to resubmit payment, it will be processed in the next processing cycle.

New CLASS trainings will be added to the calendar soon.

New MarcoPolo trainings have been added to the training calendar and tablets are still available for the trainings.



<https://www.elcofswfl.org/provider-events-trainings>

Connect with Your Class

"Connect with your class" 2026-2027 English & Spanish Sessions

Connect with your class

Practical strategies. Meaningful interactions.
Building Stronger Classroom Interactions.

Join our monthly virtual sessions designed to support teachers, aides, and directors with practical ideas you can implement immediately.

Benefits

- Improve classroom interactions
- Gain fresh teaching ideas
- Connect with other educators

When?
Where?
Time:
Topic:

Scan this QR Code to join the session or press the link below:
[Join the meeting now](#)

For more information please send an email to your ECS.



Conéctate con tu clase

Estrategias prácticas. Interacciones significativas.
Construyendo interacciones más sólidas en el aula.

Únase a nuestras sesiones virtuales mensuales diseñadas para apoyar a maestros, asistentes y directores con ideas prácticas que pueden implementar de inmediato en su entorno de aprendizaje.

Beneficios

- Mejora las interacciones en el aula
- Descubre nuevas ideas y estrategias de enseñanza
- Conéctase y aprenda junto a otros educadores

¿Cuándo?
¿Dónde?
Hora:
Tema:

Escanea el código QR para unirte a la sesión o presiona el siguiente link:
[INICIAR SESIÓN](#)



Purpose of the sessions

- 👉 To foster connection among teachers from different schools, creating a collaborative learning community.
- 🌱 To promote teachers' professional growth through reflection and the exchange of experiences.
- 🔧 To provide practical, concrete tools that can be directly applied in the classroom.
- 💡 To strengthen the quality of interactions between teachers and students.



Don't miss the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and grow with other educators.

We can't wait to see you at our next Connect With Your CLASS session!



<https://www.fldoe.org/myfloridaschools/>

Email myfloridaschools@fldoe.org for an activation link so you can update your profile.

Information on site is pulled from your Provider Portal, site shares VPK/SR CLASS scores with the public.



Early Learning

Search by location
Fort Myers, FL

Filter by program name

Save this search

Saved searches

English

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Age

Provider Types

Budget / Child Care Certificate

Program Offerings

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Child Care Center

FORT MYERS

PALMER PRESCHOOL

VPK Provider • SR Provider

2 months - 11 years • 6:30am - 5:30pm



Child Care Center

FORT MYERS

Joseph H Messina Children's Center

VPK Provider • SR Provider

1 month - 8 years • 6:30am - 6:00pm



Child Care Center

FT. MYERS

IMPACT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION...

SR Provider

2 years - 5 years • 7:00am - 5:30pm



Private School

FORT MYERS

Fort Myers Christian School

VPK Provider

4 years - 14 years • 7:00am - 6:00pm



Child Care Center

FORT MYERS

Chico's FAS Early Education Center

VPK Provider

1 month - 12 years • 7:30am - 6:00pm



Child Care Center

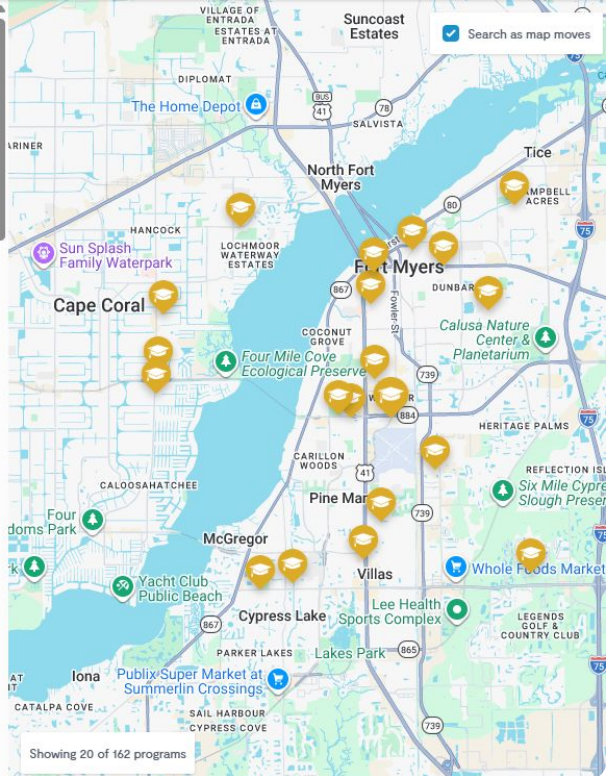
FORT MYERS

Little Kids #1 Academy

VPK Provider • SR Provider

2 months - 11 years • 6:00am - 6:00pm

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CDA
Child Development Association
National Credentialing Program

2026 – 2027
CDA® Renewal Amnesty
Your Experience Doesn't Expire!

What Is CDA® Renewal Amnesty?

CDA® Renewal Amnesty allows anyone with a CDA credential expiration date as far back as January 1, 2016, an opportunity to complete the renewal process and make their credential active again. Renewal Amnesty reflects the Council's commitment to keeping the CDA credential strong, relevant, and supportive of educators at every stage of their career.

Requirements & Eligibility

- Expiration date as far back as January 1, 2016
- Must meet **all** current renewal requirements
- Apply online using the YourCouncil platform: [click here](#) to access your account
- Cost: \$250

Disaster Relief Grant Opportunities

Disaster Relief Grant

Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP)

- Upload your COOP to your ELC COOP SharePoint link.
- The Coalition will only accept COOPs through the specific link sent to you after the training.

Next Meeting

August 20, 2026 at 1:30 PM

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