



PROVIDER TOWNHALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026



AGENDA

01 | Department Updates/ Reminders

02 | Assessment Information

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04 | Professional Development

05 | Upcoming Projects

Reimbursement Reminders

September VPK and SR attendance is due 10.5.26 and VPK long and short forms are due 10.14.26, which is the 10th business day.

Any providers who still need VPK Fast PM windows and login credential assistance contact the compliance department, Lexie Vasquez | lexie.vasquez@elcofswfl.org



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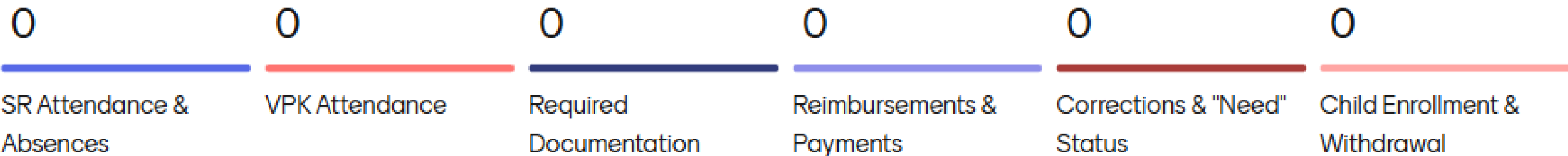
Program Services Reminders

VPK Classroom Transfers & Enrollment Terminations

Please submit all VPK classroom transfers and terminations for approval throughout the month for approval. If you submit VPK attendance before they are approved, the portal will block approvals and removals. This means that we may need to reject attendance to correct your attendance rosters. Submitting throughout the month allows our staff time to process the changes before you submit your attendance.



Which topic would you like us to spend more time explaining?



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Waiting for participants

Program Assessments (CLASS)

Throughout the program year, if any of the following change,
PLEASE UPDATE QPS

- Number of classrooms- open or closed
- Age of the classroom
- Teachers assigned to the classroom
- Language

If you have any questions regarding program assessment,
please reach out to Michelle.Aguiar@elcofswfl.org or
Sarah.Bedard@elcofswfl.org



Emergent Literacy Training Expiration

As Emergent Literacy Training beings to expire staff will need to take an additional 5 hours of literacy training .
As a reminder, educators cannot retake a training they have previously completed to meet the 5-hour renewal requirement.

Current Online Emergent Literacy Options

The following fully online 5-hour courses will continue to be available, along with the 3-hour online Phonological Awareness training with the Virtual Reflection (VR):

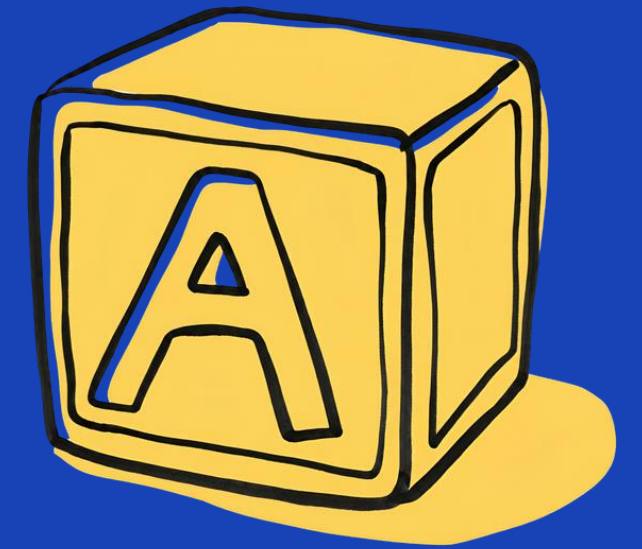
- Building a Strong Foundation for Emergent Literacy (VIEL21) – 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (VPK21) – 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (LVPK21) – 5 hours; 0.5 CEU

Lastinger Learning Early Childhood Courses

Educators can also register for the [Lastinger Learning Early Childhood Courses](#). The following courses meet the Emergent Literacy training requirements:
Preschool Language Development (PLD)
The Building Blocks of Preschool Literacy (PLIT)



Emergent Literacy Mico-Credential



Educators may also be interested in the Lastinger Learning Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential.

Fall Term B registration: September 7–25, or until the capacity is reached

Fall B term begins: October 12

Participants may be eligible for a \$1,000 stipend upon successful completion of both parts.





Professional Development

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Currently on the website:

Effective Interactions in the Pre-K Classroom– English

September 24 | 6:30 PM

Effective Interactions in Infant and Toddler Classrooms-Spanish

October 8 | 6:30 PM

CPR/First Aid (Monthly)

STAY CONNECTED!

Visit the ELC Website regularly for the training calendar and registration information.



Professional Development

Connect with Your Class

Spanish will be on September 23rd at 1:00 PM.



October is all about activities.

Infants, Toddlers, and PreK

October 14th at 1:00-2:00 PM in English

October 28th at 1:00-2:00 PM in Spanish



Provider POST

Connecting Providers. Sharing Resources. Strengthening Early Learning.



Our Mission

We champion and foster high-quality early learning opportunities across Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties, preparing children for kindergarten, supporting families, and building a stronger, more vibrant, and prosperous community.

VPK FAST Assessments PM1

The VPK FAST Star Early Literacy PM1 assessment must be completed within your class's designated testing window. Please ensure your test administrator has completed all required training and agreements and submitted documentation through the Provider Portal prior to testing. Remember that FAST assessments must be administered by a qualified test administrator, students should be tested during the PM1 window, and results must be shared with families within seven calendar days. For questions, contact the ELC Compliance Department.

About the Provider POST...

Your source for important provider updates, deadlines, resources, training opportunities, and compliance information. Our goal is to keep providers informed, connected, and supported in delivering high-quality early learning services to children and families.

93% of VPK providers contracted with the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida met or exceeded expectations for the 25-26 school year! The results speak for themselves: Southwest Florida's VPK performance designations officially surpassed the state average!



New Provider POST

We Heard You! Based on provider feedback, we've created the new Provider POST to serve as your go-to source for important updates, upcoming training opportunities, deadlines, program resources, and Coalition news. Delivered bi-weekly to your inbox, the Provider POST is designed to keep VPK and School Readiness providers informed, connected, and equipped with the latest information to support high-quality early learning programs.



Mini Masterpieces

A special gallery showcasing the creativity, imagination, and talent of our youngest artists. Each month, one VPK or School Readiness provider site will be featured in our main lobby for all visitors to enjoy. The display will include up to 20 pieces of student artwork along with a brief provider spotlight highlighting your program and its impact.



Continuity Plan Workshop

October 17th, 2026
from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Help keep your center working during a disruption.

Workshop includes:

- Importance of continuity planning
- Plan development
- Plan testing
- Community resources



Provider Thrive Launch

November 7th, 2026

Provider THRIVE Launch will establish a shared understanding of the THRIVE framework, the Coalition's Multi-Tiered System of Supports, partner roles, referral pathways, and the coordinated system being developed to support children, families, and early learning providers.



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Next Townhall Meeting

October 20th,
2026

