

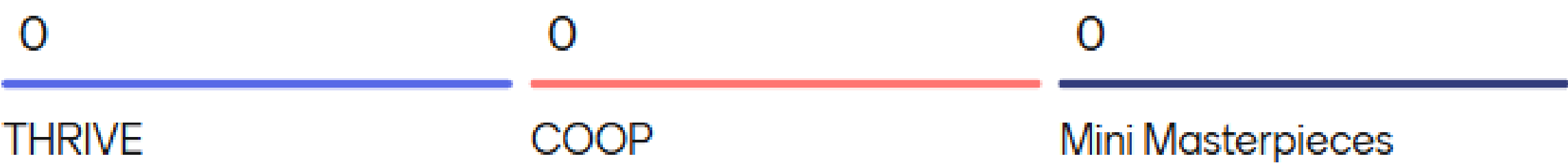


PROVIDER TOWNHALL MEETING

OCTOBER 20TH, 2026



Have you heard about all of our Initiatives?



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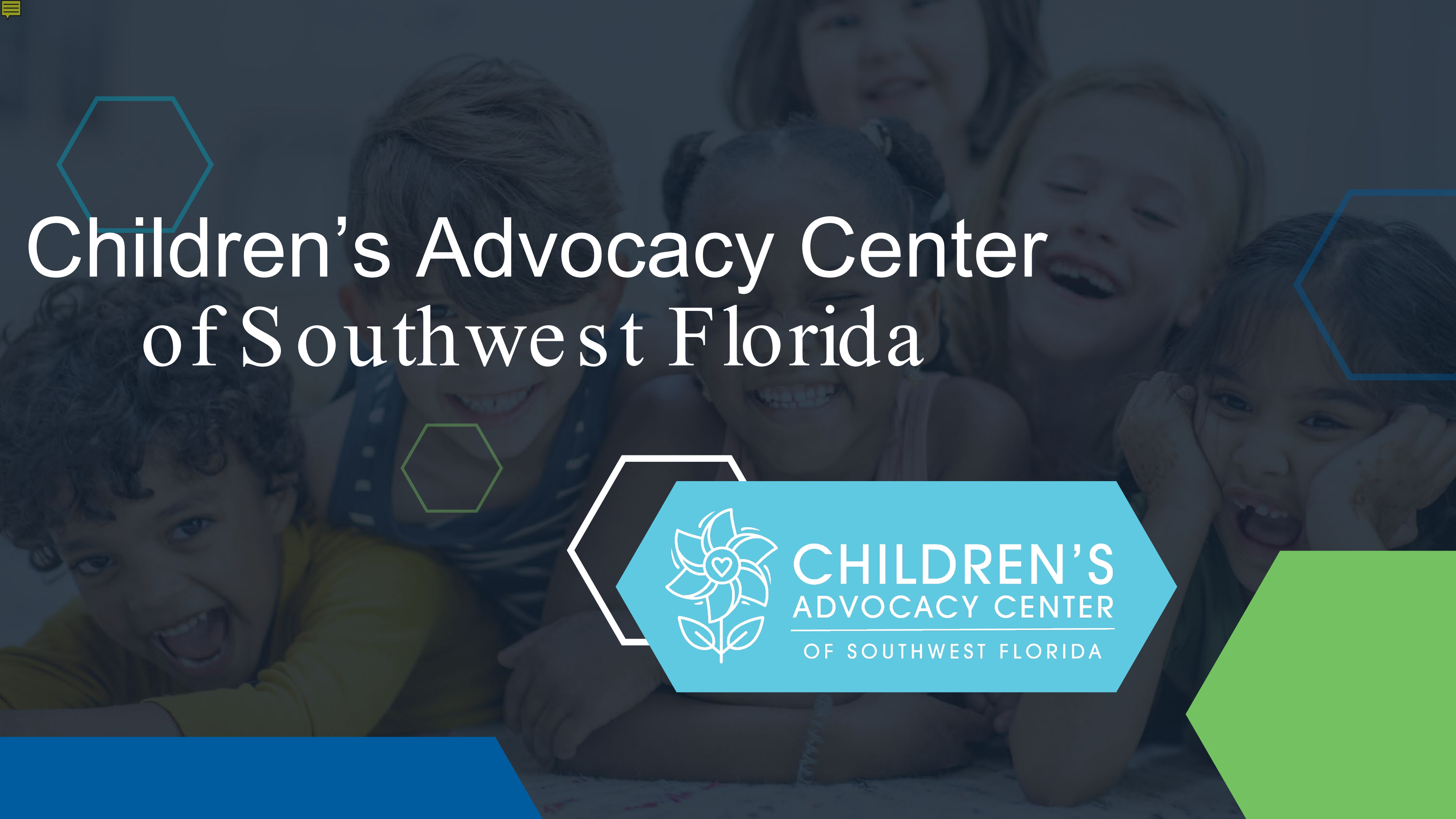
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Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida



CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CENTER
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The background is a dark, muted photograph of children playing on a carpet. One child is lying on their back, looking up, while another is partially visible below. The scene is overlaid with several geometric shapes: a large light green hexagon in the center, a smaller light blue hexagon to the left, and a larger light blue polygon in the bottom right corner. The text is white and centered within the green hexagon.

Our Mission

To create a safe and nurturing space
for children affected by abuse and
neglect, where they share their
stories, heal, and thrive with
comprehensive support.

About Our CAC



- 1 of 26 in the state of Florida, over 900 nationwide
- Our CAC is one of the largest in Florida
- Founded in 1981
- Serves Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties
- Services-ALL SERVICES ARE FREE
 - Child Protection Team
 - Family Advocacy
 - Family Alliance
 - Prevention
 - Community Outreach/Beesley's Paw Prints

Community Outreach Trainings

Equipping the community with practical tools to create safer communities.

- Monique Burr Foundation - Children/Teens
- Darkness to Light - Adults

Trainings are:

- Free to the community
- Tailored to your organization's needs
- Accommodations available upon request



Darkness to Light Trainings

Evidence-informed trainings to teach adults how to prevent abuse, recognize concerns, and respond appropriately.

- Stewards of Children-3 Hours
- Child Safety Foundations
 - From Bystander to Upstander-1 Hour
 - Conversations About Safety From Abuse- 1 Hour
 - Consent, Healthy Touch & Boundaries-1 Hour
 - Recognizing & Reporting Harm-1.5 Hours
 - Preventing Child Sex Trafficking-1.5 Hours



Monique Burr Foundation Programs

Age-appropriate prevention education designed to equip youth with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to various safety threats.

Programs Offered:

- Child Safety Matters K-5
- Teen Safety Matters 6-12
- After School Safety Matters K-8
- Mental Health Matters 6-12





Thank You

Questions?

Reimbursement Reminders

Attendance & Reimbursement

- October SR and VPK attendance is due November 4, 2026 (third business day), and VPK long/short forms are due no later than November 13, 2026 (10th business day).
- Please take a moment to review your sign-in/sign-out sheets, SR absence documentation, and VPK long/short forms for accuracy and completeness to help ensure a smooth reimbursement process.
- If you have questions or need assistance with attendance submissions, our team is happy to assist!

Contacts:

- Francisca Cardona – Francisca.Cardona@elcofswfl.org
- Nancy Moreno – Nancy.Moreno@elcofswfl.org



VPK Reminders

VPK FAST Assessments

- PM2 testing windows have been sent to providers. Please check your email and ensure all eligible children are assessed within their assigned testing window.
- If you have not received your testing dates or need assistance accessing Renaissance, please reach out. We are happy to help!

Contact: Lexie Vasquez – Lexie.Vasquez@elcofswfl.org

SR & VPK Monitoring

- Onsite SR and VPK monitoring are underway! We encourage providers to review their records regularly and ensure required documentation is organized and available for review.
- Our monitoring team is here to provide guidance, answer questions, and help providers better understand program requirements.

Contacts:

- Moses Melloh – Moses.Melloh@elcofswfl.org
- Rena Flournoy – Rena.Flournoy@elcofswfl.org
- Cara Baumann- Cara.Baumann@elcofswfl.org

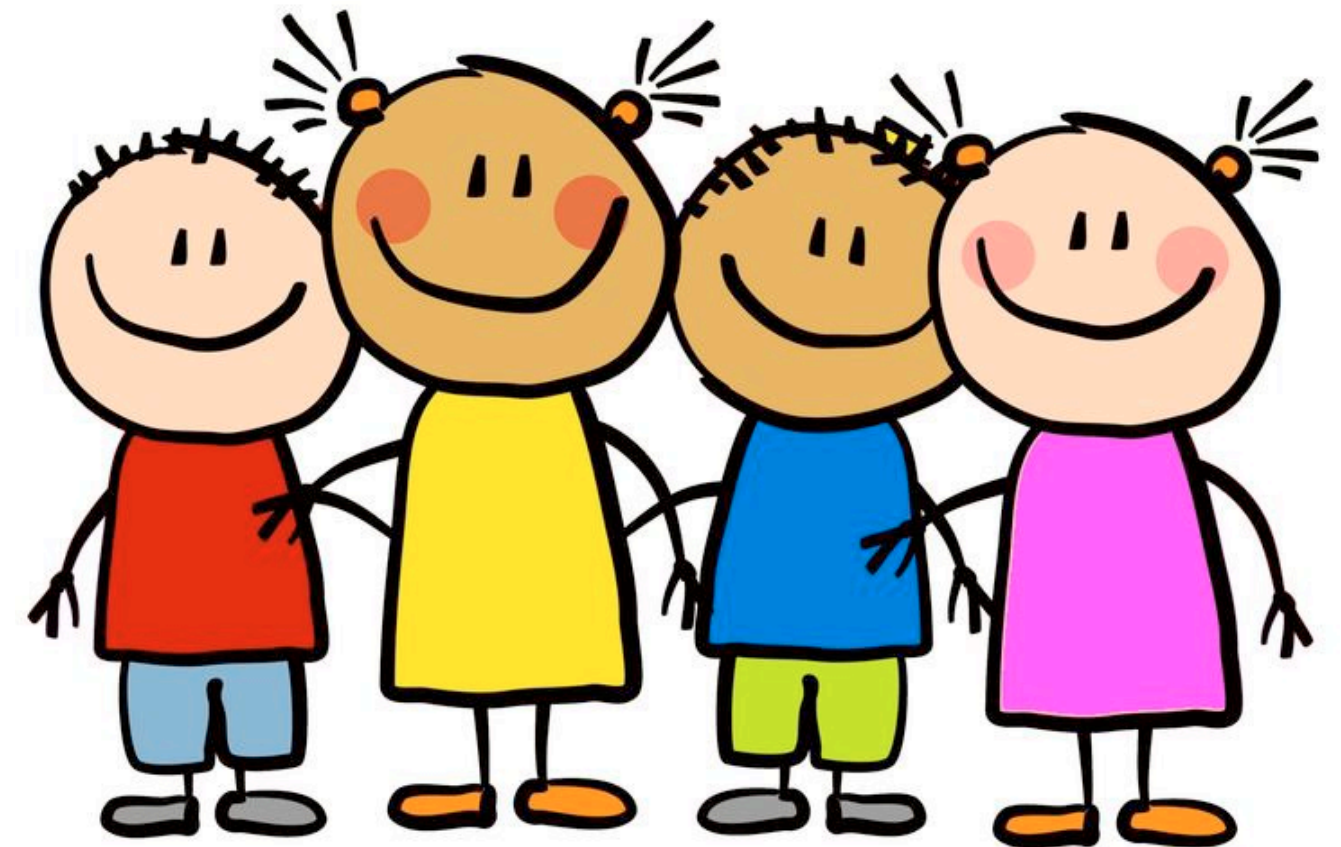
We Are Here to Help!



ASQ Developmental Screenings

- Please keep an eye out for ASQ screening reminder emails and complete all required screenings within the designated timeframes.
- Staying current with screenings helps support children's developmental progress while keeping your program in compliance.
- If you need assistance or anticipate any challenges meeting a deadline, please reach out ahead of time so we can work together to address any concerns.

Contact: Ivonne Orenge, Developmental Screening Specialist – Ivonne.Orenge@elcofswfl.org



Program Services Reminders

DEL has notified Early Learning Coalitions that a system update is scheduled for 10.22.2026. One of the changes that they will be making during this update is a change to the School Readiness Payment Certificate. DEL plans to remove Gold Seal and Differentials from the Provider Daily Fee listed on the Payment Certificate. At this time, we do not have an example of what the new SR Payment Certificates will look like - but we did want to make you aware that Certificates may look different after the system update.

The ELC of SWFL staff remain available to answer questions as they come up after this change is made.





**Early
Learning
Coalition**
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

SYNAPSE 2.0: THRIVE

Connecting People, Practice, and Systems

NOVEMBER 7TH | 9:00 AM
Crowne Plaza Ft. Myers Gulf Coast

Your Golden Ticket Awaits!

Each provider site in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket to use at the Vendor Marketplace for materials and resources that support the THRIVE initiative. Explore a variety of offerings, invest in your program, and put new ideas into practice to create a lasting impact.

RSVP TODAY
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Continuity Plan Workshop

Submitting Plan

If you have attended a training you should have received a SharePoint link to upload the center's plan.

If you have not received the link, lost the link, or the link is not working please reach out to;

Cheryl.Carpenter@elcofswfl.org

Elizabeth.Mcbride@elcofswfl.org

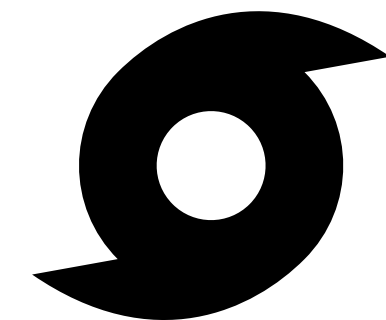
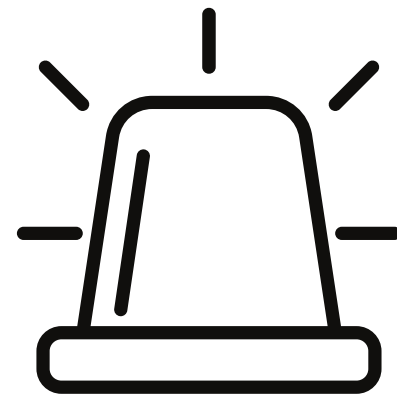


Continuity Plan Office Hours

Have questions about how to complete your center's **Continuity of Operations Plan**?
Join the Health Planning Council's information session **Thursday, October 29, 2026** starting at
1:30 pm on ZOOM and become confident in completing and submitting your plan.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 884 8746 9642

Passcode: 878711





Professional Development

Upcoming Training Opportunities



Currently on the website:

Effective Interactions with Infants and Toddlers-English

October 22 | 6:30 PM

Transitions in Preschool-English

November 10 | 6:30 PM

CPR/First Aid (Monthly)

STAY CONNECTED!

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





Have a new director ?



Join Us on the Third Friday of Each Month!

We offer New Provider School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Orientations to help new providers get started and learn more about our programs.

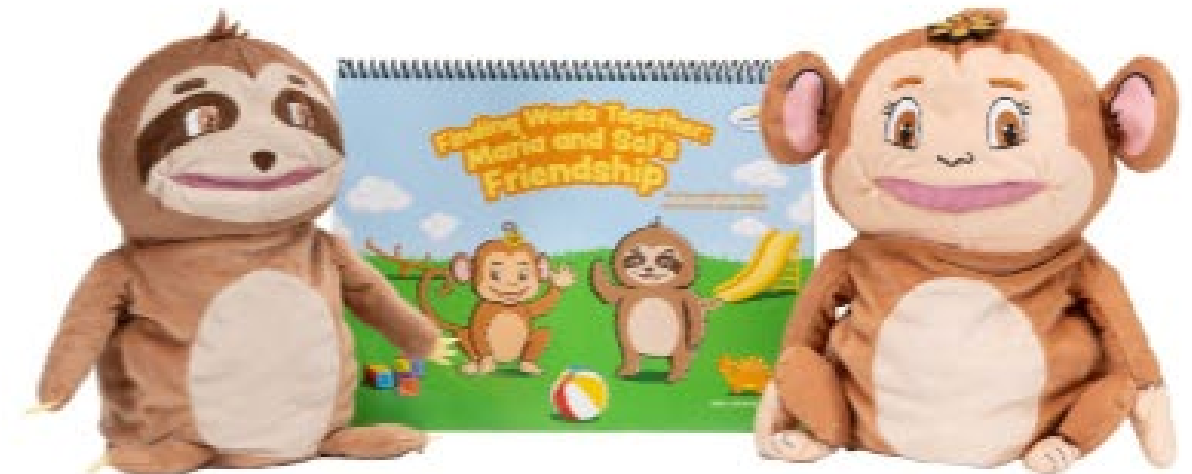
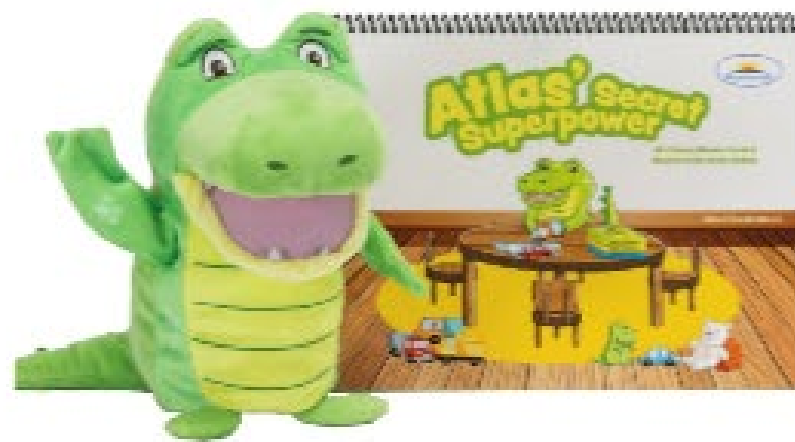
Monthly Orientation Schedule:

School Readiness (SR) Orientation: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Orientation: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Neurodiversity Hand Puppets and Books



Professional Development

Connect with Your Class

September was a great month for Connect with Your Class! We had 40 teachers join our English session and 64 teachers join our Spanish session to learn, connect, and share ideas together. Thank you to everyone who participated!

October is all about activities.

Infants, Toddlers, and PreK

English has been completed

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

November is Open Ended Materials

November 4th at 1:00-2:00 PM in English

November 18th at 1:00-2:00 PM in Spanish

We hope you'll join us for another month of learning, sharing, and connecting with your class!



Small Business Survey

The Federal Reserve, policymakers and community organizations use the collected data to understand credit gaps and make informed decisions about economic policies affecting small business.

Closes November 13th, 2026



What Trainings would you like to see in the New Year?

Responses can be up to 200 characters and will appear here.

You can group responses if you get more than 10.

Turn on voting so people can flag their favorite responses.



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Next Townhall Meeting

November 17th, 2026-**Cancelled**

December 15th, 2026

