

Kite tales

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Letters to ELCFV... Success Stories

ELCFV has implemented a number of services so that children ages birth to five have the opportunity to experience a safe and quality early learning environment. Services such as Provider Mentoring, Child Screening and Assessment, Reading Makes Me Smile, Training and Technical Assistance, Warm Line services and others have not only strengthened the communication between the Coalition and participating child care programs, but have provided an avenue for those programs to work together with parents to establish a learning plan to best fit the individualized needs of each child.

ELCFV asks you to write in and share how its services have impacted your program. Please include what program(s) you participated in, what you have learned from the experience and how you have utilized these skills in your program to better care for the children and families you serve. Each month we will showcase one of your letters of success in an edition of Kite Tales.

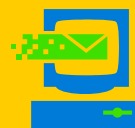
Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
~ Henry Ford

Send your letters to:



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News & Updates

Volusia County Schools: Meal Applications are available



The Volusia County Schools Free/Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program's 2010-2011 Meal Applications are available.

To apply visit the School Way Café website at: <http://myvolusiaschools.org>, click on the **Parent/Student** tab, then click on **Free Reduced Meal Applications** (under **My Student**).

Community Educational Opportunities:

Information about Community Educational Opportunities offered by Flagler Technical Institute Adult Education and Daytona State College are listed on our website at www.elcfv.org/trainingcalendar.asp.

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Service Area News

Reimbursement: Banked Absence Policy

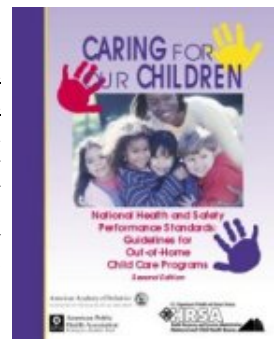
Please keep in mind the School Readiness Banked Absence Policy has been effective since July 1, 2010. Banked Absence Requests are for extraordinary circumstances only and need to be documented on the Provider Request for Reimbursement of Banked Absences form. This form is available on our web site www.elcfv.org.

Inclusion & Behavior Services: What did you really say?

Did you know that over 90% of communication has nothing to do with the words we say? According to a famous study conducted by Dr. Albert Mehrabian, over half (55%) of the message we communicate is conveyed by the body language we use, such as eye contact, gestures and facial expressions. Approximately 38% is conveyed in the quality, tone and inflections of our voice. Only 7% is conveyed in the words we use. Therefore, it is very important when trying to communicate with children, and adults, to pay attention to our body language and tone as well as our words. The younger the child, the more important this is. For more information, visit www.changingminds.org.

Quality Assurance: ERS Tip!

Some information in the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) is based on research found in Caring for Our Children- National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out of Home Child Care Programs. To obtain a copy of this guide visit the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education website at <http://nrckids.org/CFOC/index.html>. ELCFV highly encourages providers attempting to gain and/or maintain a



School Readiness Contract with ELCFV use this, in conjunction with the ERS program assessment tools, as a supplemental guide when preparing for program assessment. Additionally, it is the provider's responsibility to stay abreast of ERS updates by accessing the following link: <http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ECERS/>.

Professional Development & Education: "Discovering the Joy"



Have you registered for the annual Discovering the Joy (DTJ) conference? If not, register in advance and take advantage of our special low **Early Bird Registration price of only \$25.00!** This price includes lunch and .5 CEUs; offer will **expire August 13th**. DTJ will be held on **Saturday, September 25th** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flagler Palm Coast High School in Palm Coast.

You will not want to miss this year's keynote presentation by **Ron Mohl**, Regional Manager for Lakeshore Learning Materials. You will have a **choice of a featured presentation and two (2) breakout sessions** offered from a variety of quality and exciting presenters on an assortment of topics. Also, this year's DTJ will have even **more vendors and exhibitors** than last year! **REGISTER NOW** at: <http://elcfv.org/calendar/calendardisp.php>.

There are no charges/fees associated with a provider listing in the Resource & Referral Database or for parent referrals to your program. If you are asked to provide a payment for a referral or for a listing in the CCR&R database, please contact the AWI-OEL R&R Network 1-866-357-3239 or www.flready.com.

Service Area News (cont.)

Child Development Services: *A sincere "Thank you"...*

The Screening and Assessment Team, Child Development Services, would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for all your hard work on behalf of the children we serve. Thanks to your assistance in completing the *Ages and Stages Questionnaires*, and in partnership with parents, almost 4,000 children received a developmental screening this year!

We could not have succeeded in this huge undertaking without **your** help.

Most importantly, because of the *Ages and Stages Questionnaires*, children's individual needs were identified and attended to via your enriching program or a referred community agency. Without **your** input and expertise in your field, many children may not be receiving the services they need.

Once again, thank you for all you do for the children.

Provider Contracts: *Know who to contact...*

For VPK and School Readiness Contracts

Provider Contracts staff is working with providers regarding VPK and School Readiness Services. In order to best meet your needs, there are **two (2) Provider Contract Coordinators: Alecia Coitrone (ext. 186) assisting providers with program names beginning with the letters A-M, and Jenni Riccio (ext. 139) assisting providers with program names beginning with the letters N-Z.** Please be sure to contact your corresponding ELCFV Contracts Coordinator accordingly.

Live Scan Payments

Effective July 1, 2010, the Finance Department will be responsible for accepting Live Scan payments. Therefore when sending staff to ELCFV for a Live Scan payment, please have your staff ask for Melanie Barclay (ext. 163) or Lindsey Cotton (ext. 146) in our Finance Department. However, if you need to create an account for Live Scan you must first contact either Alecia or Jenni to initiate the Live Scan process. Additionally, we are no longer able to accept a personal check for Live Scan Payments. Cash, business checks and money orders are the only acceptable method of payment. Thank you for your cooperation with these changes and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Providers A-M, Initiate Live Scan
Providers N-Z, Initiate Live Scan

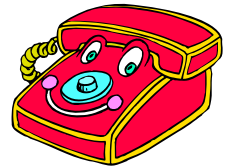
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Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK): *Form Changes*

When making changes to your VPK class, you must use the **VPK 11** form and check **Updated Registration**. This will indicate that you are making changes, not adding a class. If you still have the **Notification of Change** form that has been used in the past, please dispose of this form as it is **no longer acceptable for making VPK changes**.



Eligibility/R&R Updates: *Eligibility Appointment Documentation*

Below is a listing of all **required** documents for an Eligibility appointment.



- ✓ **MUST HAVE APPOINTMENT**
- ✓ Pay stubs – **LAST 6 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS UP TO APPT. DATE!**
- ✓ Proof of all household income
- ✓ School schedule (if applicable)
- ✓ Photo ID-with **current** address
- ✓ Food Stamps award letter (if applicable)
- ✓ Cash Assistance award letter (if applicable)
- ✓ Child support information/status



TIP! Check your attendance forms & remind parents to make their appointments early!

School Readiness Orientations

Attending a School Readiness Orientation is mandatory in order to apply or continue serving School Readiness funded children. You must contact Alecia Coitrone, 386-323-2400 ext. 186, or Jenni Riccio, ext. 139, to register to attend an orientation. All orientations are held at the ELCFV Daytona office, 2nd Floor.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, August 9, 2010	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday, September 13, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, October 11, 2010	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, December 13, 2010	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

2010/2011 VPK Application Workshop Schedule

Attending a VPK Application Workshop is mandatory in order to apply for a VPK program. To reserve the date that is convenient for you, contact Alecia Coitrone at 386-323-2400 ext. 186, or Jenni Riccio at ext. 139.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, August 23, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 9, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Reimbursement Workshop Schedule

Reimbursement Workshops are mandatory for **newly** contracted providers. If you are an existing contracted provider, you may still want to attend a workshop to familiarize yourself, or a new staff member, with new procedures. To RSVP, contact Julie Koslik at 386-323-2400, ext. 132.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday, August 26, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 30, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 28, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 18, 2010	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

August Meetings

Quality Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.

ELCFV-2nd Floor Conference Room
230 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 a.m.

ELCFV- 3rd Floor Conference Room
230 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 8:30 a.m.

Government Services Complex, Bldg. 2, Room 1, 3rd Floor
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bunnell

