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Provider Email Alerts

VPK Program Improvement Plans and Readiness Rate Update

The Early Learning Coalition received the following information from the Florida Office of Early Learning (OEL) on Friday, January 30, 2015:

VPK Readiness Rate Update

In September 2014, the Florida Department of Education (FL-DOE) suspended the administration of the Kindergarten Florida Assessment for Instructional Reading-R due to technical difficulties uploading scores. As a result of this decision both the FL-DOE and OEL must identify an alternative method to formulate a VPK Readiness Rate for the 2013-14 school year and summer programs.

Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes, requires OEL to annually calculate the provider kindergarten readiness rates. However, due to the assessment changes, OEL is considering all available data sources and will propose rule changes to the calculation of the readiness rates. In the new rule they will propose use the FLKRS data from the Work Sampling System™ and data from the VPK Assessment tool (Program Year 2013-14).

The following timeline can be found on the [Florida Readiness Rates website](#):

Upon notification from OEL, All VPK providers must go to [this website](#) to verify the attendance of the children enrolled in their 2013-14 VPK program.

Please remember that your user identification is your 4 or 5 digit VPK Provider Identification assigned by the State and your password is one you identified. Please note this website is separate from the Bright Beginnings website.

1. Provider verification/dispute period begins February 26, 2015, and will run through March 31, 2015.

Children must attend at least 70% of 540 hours or 378 hours during the school year or 70% of 300 hours or 210 hours during the summer for their Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) scores to be included in your rate.

2. March/April 2015: Rule Development Workshops

There will be a rules development workshop held in Miami-Dade County to discuss using the Work Sampling System scores and data from the 2013-14 VPK Assessment tool to calculate the 2013-14 VPK Readiness Rate.

3. Early May 2015: Preliminary 2013-14 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates will be available

Providers can verify and dispute their preliminary VPK Readiness Rate if they have supporting documentation.

4. Late May 2015: State Board of Education approval of rule and release of the final 2013-14 Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates . Rates are posted and providers are deemed Providers on Probation (POPs). If you are deemed a POP, please acknowledge and complete the VPK Program Improvement Plan and submit the Good Cause Exemption (GCE) if you are a third or fourth year POP. Acknowledgement of low performing (probationary) status must occur within 21 days of posting the final 2013-14 VPK Readiness Rates

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