

Message from the Early Learning Coalition

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VPK Assessment Online Ordering

[Florida Statute 1002.67\(3\)](#) directs that each private prekindergarten provider and public school in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must implement an evidence-based pre- and post-assessment that has been approved by rule of the State Board of Education. It is required for providers to administer the Florida VPK Assessment Period 1 (AP1) and Assessment Period 3 (AP3) in order to track child development over the course of the year. Information about compliance with VPK Assessment can be found here: [Rule 6M-8.620, Florida Administrative Code](#).

Today, June 5, 2017 is the annual reset of Bright Beginnings Online Reporting System for the 2017-18 VPK program year. VPK providers are now able to order materials by visiting the [Bright Beginnings website: \(https://brightbeginningsfl.org/login.aspx\)](#).

Ordering VPK Assessment Materials

The initial registration wizard can be accessed here: <https://www.brightbeginningsfl.org/register.aspx>.

After completing the initial registration wizard and setting up the "center staff" and "classrooms" tabs, providers may order any needed materials for the VPK Assessment in a timely fashion. *Materials have not changed from last year, and providers who do not need additional materials are not required to order.*

All kits are provided at no cost to VPK providers.

VPK Assessment Help Desk

If you have questions about how to place your material order, please contact the Florida VPK Assessment Help Desk at 1-844-545-4777. The help desk is open Monday through Thursday from 7 am to 5 pm EST and Friday from 7 am to 4 pm EST. Assistance is available in English and Spanish. Contact the VPK Assessment Help Desk using one of the following methods:

You can also visit the link below for step-by-step instructions on How to Place an Order:

https://www.brightbeginningsfl.org/Downloads/How%20to%20Place%20an%20Order%20FINAL07_08.16.pdf.

[How to Place a VPK Assessment Kit Order](#)



Professional Development Institute Training Update!

FEATURED TRAINING

Introduction to the HighScope Curriculum

This workshop provides teachers with a one-day overview of the components of the HighScope Curriculum. Discussions will focus on curriculum content areas, valid and reliable assessment, the HighScope daily routine, team building, effective adult-child interaction strategies, and more. Participants who attend will be able to: identify and demonstrate the ingredients of Active Participatory Learning; state the components of the HighScope daily routine; identify the Key Developmental Indicators (KDIs); discuss the rationale of using the observational assessment and writing anecdotes; develop daily lesson plans based of children's developmental levels, content and interests; demonstrate interaction strategies which scaffold children's learning.



Training Calendar

The Professional Development Institute, a division of the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, is pleased to provide professional development for our providers. The following courses are now available for registration on the PDI website: trainings.elcmdm.org

TRAINING	REGION
Emotional and Behavioral Support in the Toddler Classroom (ODT)(0.4 CEUs)	Central
Wanted: Engaged Parents and Guardians (0.4 CEUs)	South
Introduction to the HighScope Curriculum for Infant/Toddler Teacher (Eng/Spa)	North, South
Introduction to the HighScope Curriculum for Preschool Teachers (Eng/Spa)	North, Central
Promoting Bilingualism in the Classroom (0.4 CEUs)	North, South
Making Sense of Sets and Numbers (0.3 CEUs)	North, South
How to Administer the FL VPK Assessment (0.3 CEUs)	North, South
VPK Assessment Instructional Implications (0.2 CEUs)	North, South
Integrating the Standards: Phonological Awareness (0.2 CEUs)	North, South
I Spy... The Red Flags in Preschoolers (0.4 CEUs)	Central
Grow Healthy! (ODT)(0.4 CEUs)	Central
Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ 3) Training	North, Central, South
Get Organized! A Toolkit for Early Childhood Professional (ODT)(0.4 CEUs)	Central, South
The Role of Book Reading in Language Development (0.4 CEUs)	Central
Challenging Behaviors in Young Children	South
Taking a Look at Authentic Assessment (0.4 CEUs)	North
De negativo a positivo... Manejar el comportamiento en su clase (0.4 CEUs)	Central
Building the Bridge Between Pre-K and Kindergarten (0.4 CEUs)	Central, South



Purpose

The Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award is an award that honors a teacher for his/her ongoing dedication and service. This award recognizes a distinguished educator for inciting intellectual curiosity, supporting colleagues, and actively engaging with students' families to inspire a love of learning throughout the community.

Criteria

An early childhood education program may nominate one teacher who can be characterized by the following attributes:

- Has at least three years of teaching experience
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Maintains a record of superior teaching performance evident in students' learning gains
- Has respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Dedicated to creating a caring, respectful, and cooperative relationship with students and their families
- Plays an active role in the community as well as in the early education program

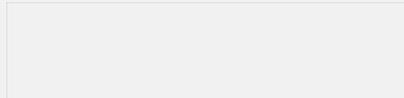
Submit your nomination here:

Early Childhood Educator of the Year Nominations

All submissions must be received by **June 16, 2017 by 11:59 pm.**

* Any incomplete submissions will automatically be disqualified.

** Please note the quality of the nominator's responses (details, grammar, flow, etc.) can affect the nominee's chances of being awarded.



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