Lake County

2010 Summer

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Providers

Early Learning Coalition of Lake County

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Definition of Terms

Provider Type:

Licensed Child Care Facility – A child care facility providing child care for more than five children unrelated to the operator and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, wherever operated, and whether or not operated for a profit. Licensed by the Department of Children and Families, F.S. Section 402.305.

Licensed Family Child Care Home – An occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for a profit. Licensed by the Department of Children and Families, F.S. Section 402.313.

Licensed Large Family Child Care Home – An occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for a profit and which has at least two full-time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of operation. Licensed by the Department of Children and Families, F.S. Section 402.3131

Public School Exempt – A provider with the Lake County Public School System, governed by the Department of Education, F.S. Section 402.3025.

Religious Exempt – A faith based child care provider who is exempt from licensure under F.S. Section 402.316. These programs are offered through religious organizations and include a spiritual component as part of the child care program.

Accredited – A licensed child care center, home or public school who has applied to a national early childhood association and has successfully met certain health and safety requirements, curriculum and adult child ratios.

- ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International
- AMI – Association of Montessori International
- APPLE – Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment
- FACCS – Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
- NAC – National Association Commission
- NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
- NLSA – National Lutheran School Accreditation
- SACS – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Gold Seal – An accredited private or public pre-kindergarten provider facility who has applied to the State of Florida and has received a Gold Seal Quality Care designation under F.S. Section 402.281.

Lead Instructor's Credential Level:

AA/AS – A person who holds an Associate of Arts or Science Degree in an early education field.
BA/BS – A person who holds a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree in an early education field.
MA/MS – A person who holds a Masters of Arts or Science Degree in an early education field
CDA – Child Development Associate, is an individual who has successfully completed the CDA assessment process and has been awarded the CDA credential.
CDAE – Child Development Associate Equivalency, is an individual who has successfully completed the CDAE assessment process and has been awarded the CDAE credential.
Certified Teacher– A person who holds a valid teaching certificate for the State of Florida.

VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate:

The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate measures how well a VPK Provider prepares four-year-olds to be ready for kindergarten based on the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The maximum possible 2008-2009 readiness rate is 200. ***This is a change from the previous years 300 point scale***. Readiness rates are calculated for all VPK providers that served at least four children who:

- were in attendance for at least 70-percent of either the School Year or Summer VPK program (have substantially completed the program)
- participated in the FLKRS kindergarten screening.

Additional information about the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate can be found at www.vpk.fldoe.org.

Clermont

Provider Name: **Aquarelle Kids Academy**
Address: 16010 Greater Grove Blvd.
City: Clermont, FL 34714
Phone Number: 352-242-6232
Director's Name: Alison Petrie
Provider Type: Licensed Child Care Facility
Accredited: APPLE
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Reach
Program Begins: June 14, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-F 9:00am - 4:00pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA
Additional Services: Full and Half Day, Before and After School, Drop-in and Infant Care, School Readiness and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: 170

Provider Name: **Magic Moments Learning Center**
Address: 885 W. Desoto Street
City: Clermont, FL 34711
Phone Number: 352-394-0533
Director's Name: Cheryl Rydzewski
Provider Type: Licensed Child Care Facility
Accredited: NAEYC/Gold Seal Provider
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Scope
Program Begins: June 21, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA
Additional Services: Full and Half Day, Before and After School, Transportation, Drop-in and Infant Care, School Readiness and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: 168

Provider Name: **Sawgrass Elementary**
Address: 4004 US Hwy 27
City: Clermont, FL 34714
Phone Number: 352-243-1845
Director's Name: Julio Valle
Provider Type: Public School Exempt
Accredited: SACS/Gold Seal Provider
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Scope, Doors to Discovery
Program Begins: June 17, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-Th. 7:45am –5:15pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA, Certified Teacher
Additional Services: Full Day, Before and After School and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: 200

Eustis

Provider Name: **Faith Lutheran School**
Address: 2727 S. Grove Street
City: Eustis, FL 32726
Phone Number: 352-589-5683
Director's Name: Corinne Hoffert
Provider Type: Religious Exempt
Accredited: NLSA
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1adult
Program Curricula: Concordia, Letter People
Program Begins: June 14, 2010
Program Ends: August 10, 2010
Program Days: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA
Additional Services: Before and After School
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: NA– New VPK Provider

Groveland

Provider Name: **Groveland Elementary**
Address: 930 Parkwood Avenue
City: Groveland, FL 34736
Phone Number: 352-429-2472
Director's Name: Dale Delpit
Provider Type: Public School Exempt
Accredited: SACS/Gold Seal Provider
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Scope, Doors to Discovery
Program Begins: June 17, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-Th. 7:45am – 5:15pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA, Certified Teacher
Additional Services: Full Day, Before and After School and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: 160

Provider Name: **Play-N-Learn, Inc.**
Address: 910 Bates Avenue
City: Eustis, FL 32726
Phone Number: 352-357-9990
Director's Name: Sharon Hatcher
Provider Type: Licensed Child Care Facility
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Scope, High Reach, Start with The Arts, Kaplan Planning Guide
Program Begins: June 1, 2010
Program Ends: August 11, 2010
Program Days: M-F 7:30am-1:30pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: MA, Certified Teacher
Additional Services: Full and Half Day, Night, Infant Weekend and Drop-in Care, Before and After School, Transportation, School Readiness and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: NA– New VPK Provider

Leesburg

Provider Name: **Rimes Early Learning & Literacy Center**
Address: 3101 Schoolview Road
City: Leesburg, FL 34748
Phone Number: 352-787-5757
Director's Name: Kathy Cantwell
Provider Type: Public School Exempt
Accredited: NAEYC/Gold Seal Provider
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1adult
Program Curricula: High Scope, Doors to Discovery
Program Begins: June 17, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-Th. 7:45am-5:15pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA, Certified Teacher
Additional Services: Full Day, Before and After School and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: NA– New VPK Provider

Sorrento

Provider Name: **Building Blocks Child Development Center**
Address: 25541 SR 46
City: Sorrento, Fl. 32776
Phone Number: 352-735-4400
Director's Name: Robin Holguin
Provider Type: Licensed Child Care Facility
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: Creative
Program Begins: June 8, 2010
Program Ends: August 14, 2010
Program Days: M-F 9:00am-2:00pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BS
Additional Services: Full and Half Day, Infant Care, Before and After School, School Readiness and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: 180

Tavares

Provider Name: **Tavares Elementary**
Address: 720 East Clifford Street
City: Tavares, FL 32778
Phone Number: 352-342-2861
Director's Name: Caroline Burnsed
Provider Type: Public School Exempt
Accredited: SACS/Gold Seal Provider
Class Information: Summer
Class Ratio: 12 students/1 adult
Program Curricula: High Scope, Doors to Discovery
Program Begins: June 17, 2010
Program Ends: August 12, 2010
Program Days: M-Th 7:45am-5:15pm
Lead Instructor's Credential Level: BA, Certified Teacher
Additional Services: Full Day, Before and After School and Food Served
2008-2009 Readiness Rate: NA– New VPK Provider

Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program

To be eligible for the VPK program, a child must reside in Florida and be four years old on or before September 1, 2009.

A child remains eligible for the VPK program until the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public school.

A child is eligible to be enrolled in **either:**

- a school year program (540 instructional hours)
- or a summer program (300 instructional hours).

A parent of each eligible child may enroll the child in one of the following programs:

- A school year pre-kindergarten program delivered by a private pre-kindergarten provider.
- A school year pre-kindergarten program delivered by a public school.
- A summer pre-kindergarten program delivered by the public school system or a private pre-kindergarten provider.

Every school district is required by law to deliver the summer VPK program for every eligible child wanting to participate and who was not served in a school year program. However, private providers have the option of delivering the VPK program in the summer. The summer program will begin in the Summer of 2010.

Parental Right and Responsibilities

Rights

• To enroll my child with an eligible provider or school of my choice, subject to the provider's or school's agreement to admit my child.

• To be free from the provider or school requiring me to pay any fee or charge for the VPK program.

• To have the provider or school admit my child in the VPK program without requiring me to enroll my child (or pay) for additional services (*e.g.,* full-day, extended-day, or wrap-around services).

• To receive VPK services for my child without discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Responsibilities

• To find an eligible provider or school willing to enroll my child.

• To provide transportation for my child to and from the VPK program, although some providers or schools may offer transportation.

• To follow the provider's or school's attendance policy.

• To verify my child's attendance each month.

• To allow my child, after completing the VPK program, to be screened for readiness to enter kindergarten in order to confirm the VPK program's effectiveness.

For more information contact the:
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