

A Collaborative Agency Directory: Frequently Asked Questions for DCF, DOE, and Florida's Office of Early Learning

If You Have Questions About:

- Child Care Licensing
- Opening a Child Care Center
- Exemptions from Licensure
- Gold Seal Accreditation
- Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)
- Child Care Training Requirements
 - Child Care Competency Exams
 - Mandated Training and Credentials
 - Training Exemptions
- Submitting documentation for the Staff Credential, Director Credential, and VPK Endorsement of Director Credential
- VPK Training Requirements
 - VPK Related Minimum Lead Teacher Requirements
 - Equivalent Credential for VPK Instructors
 - VPK Director Credential Requirements

Contact:

Department of Children and Families (DCF)
Child Care Services
1317 Winewood Blvd., Bldg 6 – 3rd Floor
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

Telephone: (850) 488-4900 or (Toll Free) 1-888-352-2842

Web site: www.myflorida.com/childcare

- Child Care Training Information Center (CCTIC) (Questions on child care training and credential applications, registering for competency exams)
 - Samantha Wass de Czege, Supervisor – (850) 717-4374
- Licensing Staff contact lists available on DCF web site.
- To Submit Credential and VPK Endorsement Applications – send to:
 - Credential Unit
1317 Winewood Blvd., Bldg 6 – 3rd Floor
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700
 - Credential Unit Contact: James Cheatham (850) 717-4359

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If You Have Questions About:

- Approved Curricula for Providers on Probation
- DOE Approved Trainings Around the State
- Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds (2011)
- Locating the VPK Regional Facilitator in Your Area
- Professional Development and Articulation
- The Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)
- The Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Assessment
- VPK Director Endorsement
- VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Web Site
 - Getting a Username and Password
 - Navigating the Web site
 - Resetting a Password
 - Verification Process
 - VPK Provider Readiness Rates
- VPK Provider Readiness Rate Dispute Process

Contact:

Florida Department of Education (DOE)
Office of Early Learning
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 514
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Telephone: (850) 245-0445 or (Toll Free) 1-866-447-1159

Web site: www.fldoe.org/earlylearning

E-mail: earlylearning@fldoe.org

If You Have Questions About:

- Becoming a VPK Provider
- Enrolling a Child in VPK
- Local Training Opportunities

Contact:

Your Local Early Learning Coalition

Web site: <http://www.floridajobs.org/VPK/CoalitionInfo.aspx>

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If You Have Questions About:

- Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program
 - Eligibility and enrollment
 - Payments to providers
 - Monitoring of programs
- Child Care Executive Partnership
- Child Care Resource & Referral Program
- Early Learning Coalition System
- Even Start
- Florida's Early Learning Advisory Council
- Head Start
- Quality Initiative Trainings and Workgroups
- School Readiness Program
- Warm Line/Inclusion
- What to Do If You Are a VPK Provider on Probation
 - VPK Provider on Probation (POP) Improvement Process
 - Completing/submitting a POP Improvement Plan

Contact:

Florida's Office of Early Learning
250 Marriott Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Telephone: (850) 717-8550 or (Toll Free) 1-866-357-3239

Web site: <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/>

E-mail: OEL.Questions@oel.myflorida.com

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

Telephone: (850) 717-8550 or (Toll Free) 1-866-357-3239

- Head Start - Lilli Copp (850) 717 – 8648
- Even Start - Toshiba Griffin (850) 717 – 8626