



VPK Update 2-15-05

Florida Department of Education



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- **Status of DOE Priority Activities**
 - **Interagency Collaboration & Administration**
 - **Standards**
 - **Provider Services**
 - **Accountability & Quality Assurance**
- **Status of AWI Priority Activities**



DOE Functions & Priorities



External Communications

- Websites
 - www.vpkflorida.org

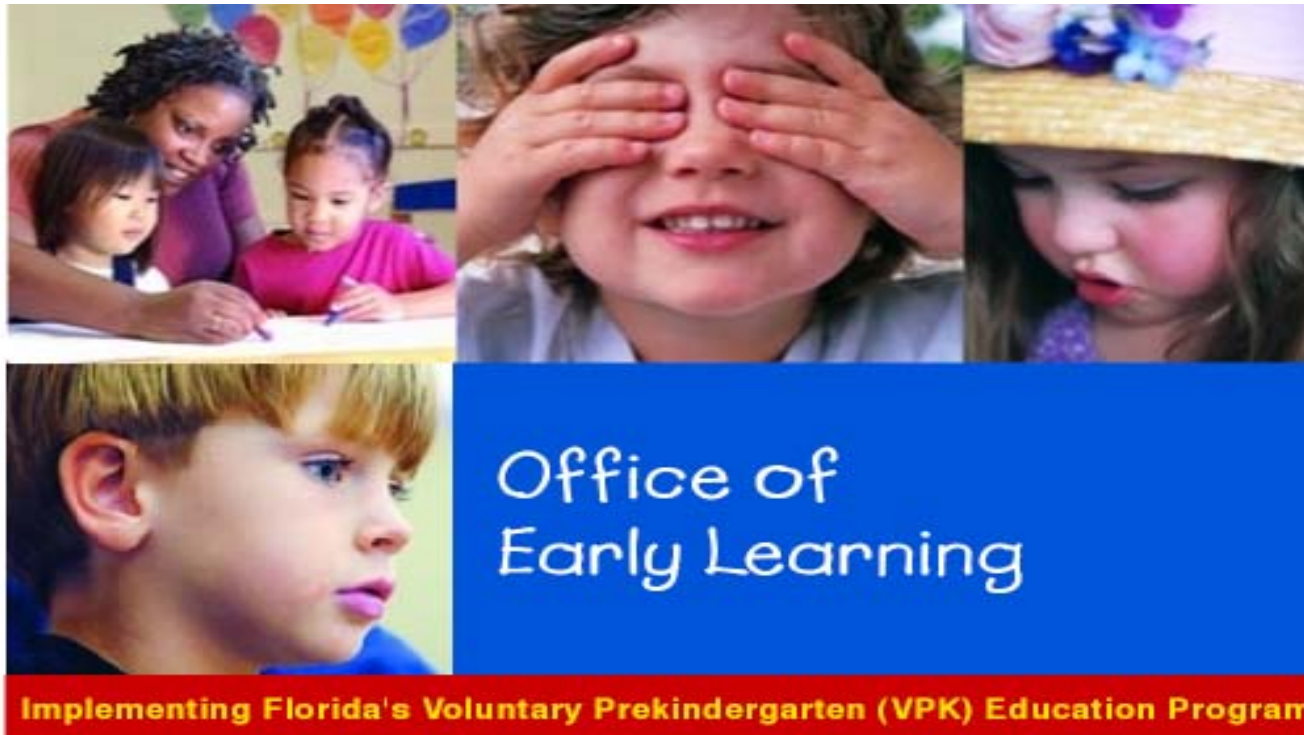


- www.fldoe.org



External Communications

- Websites
 - www.firn.edu/doe/commhome/vpk
 - www.myfloridaeducation.com/earlylearning



External Communications

- **Weekly conference calls with local coalitions with Agency for Workforce Innovation**
- **Bi-weekly conference calls with school district representatives**
- **Calendar of related events**
- **Materials for parents, providers, and local coalitions**

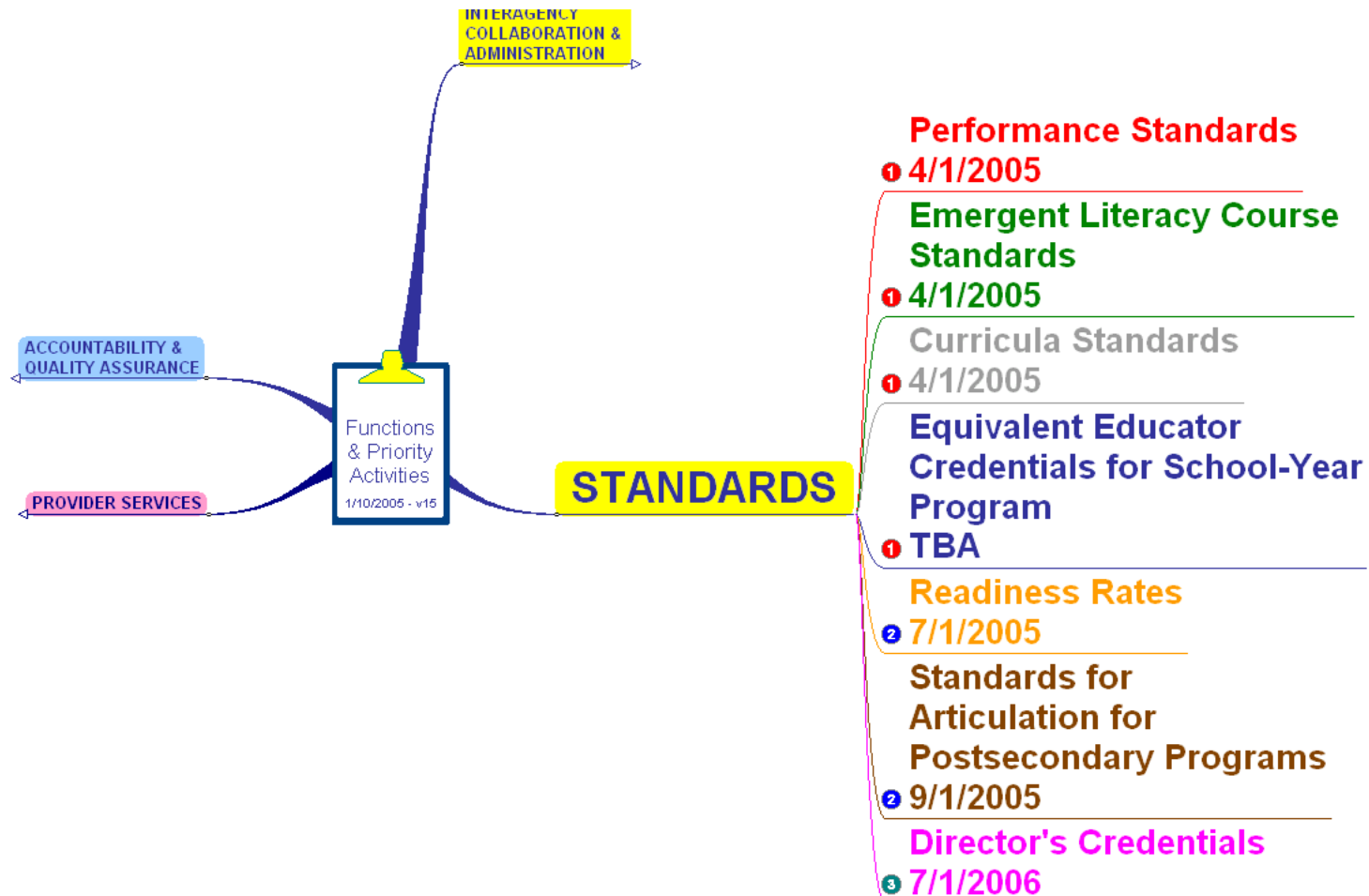
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- **Accountability & Quality Assurance**
 - **Certification of school district eligibility to provide school-year program – 2/15/05**
- **Status**
 - **Revised timelines for districts' submission of certification**
 - **Removed item from February 15, 2005, SBE meeting**

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Performance Standards

- **Status**

- Panel of Experts identified and meeting on February 17-18 to review current standards/expectations for four-year-olds and identify areas for recommended revisions
- All areas to be reviewed with focus on Language and Communication domain

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Curricula Standards

- **Status**

- **Panel of Experts will review current standards used by Florida Center for Reading Research, recommend standards, and discuss processes for review and for approval**

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Emergent Literacy Course Standards for Prek Instructors

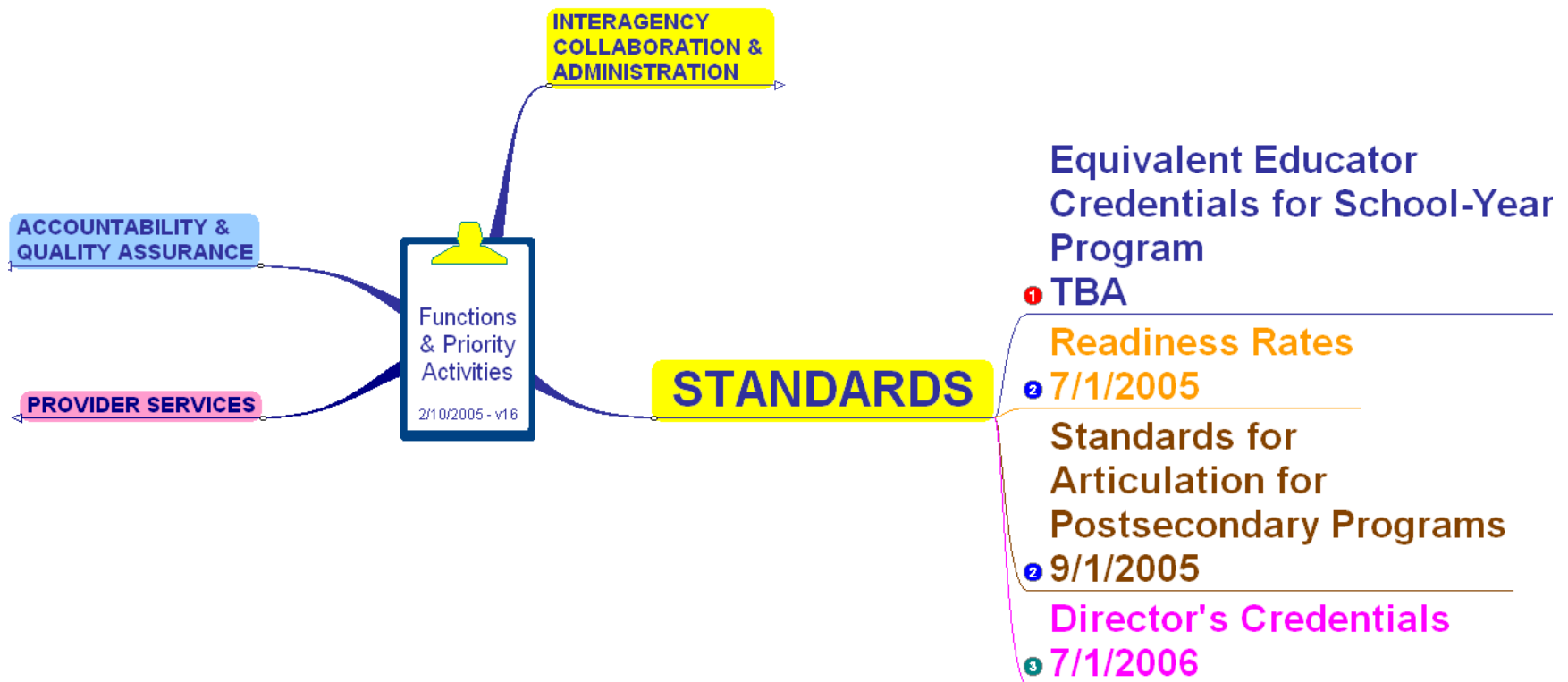
- **Status**

- **Panel of Experts will discuss competencies needed for prek instructors given the standards/expectations for children and standards for curricula**
- **Emergent literacy course standards will reflect prek instructor competencies**

DOE – Standards: Next Steps

- **Next Steps**
 - **SBE March 15, 2005 – approval of child, curricula, and emergent literacy course standards**
 - **Statewide dissemination of revised standards**
 - **Conduct reviews of curricula**
 - **Finalize process for approval of curricula**

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AWI Priority Activities

- **Begin child and provider enrollment – March 1, 2005**
- **Finalize local coalition mergers – April 1, 2005**
- **Refine systems for data collection and provide payment – April 1, 2005**
- **Convene Advisory Panel – April 13, 2005**



I'm not telling you it is going to be easy - I'm telling you it's going to be worth it.

-- Art Williams