

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program – First Days



August 16, 2005
State Board of Education



VPK Participation

220,853 - Estimated Total Number

147,235 - Planning Estimate (66.67%)

94,399 - Number of Children

**Registered/Enrolled (as of
8/12/05)**

25 Counties began school August 1-5

36 Counties began school August 6-12

6 Counties began school August 15-16

First Day of VPK

VPK Children, Providers, Parents, Teachers,
and DOE VPK Facilitator

Lee and Collier Counties



Lessons Learned

- ❑ **Improve communication among agencies, early learning coalitions, providers, and parents**
- ❑ **Importance of all stakeholders understanding all policies and procedures**
- ❑ **Create process map for enrollment of children and providers**
- ❑ **Automate systems to the extent possible**



Next Priorities - AWI

- ❑ Continue Public Awareness Activities**
- ❑ Continue to Enroll Providers and Children**
- ❑ Convene Early Learning Advisory Council**
- ❑ Begin Quality Assurance Activities**
- ❑ Automate Attendance and Payment Systems**



Next Priorities - DOE

- ❑ **Distribution of/Training on VPK Standards**
- ❑ **Finalize Emergent Literacy Course**
- ❑ **Procurement of Kindergarten Screening Instrument(s)**
- ❑ **Promulgate State Board Rule on Readiness Rate**
- ❑ **Plan for Summer 2006 with School Districts and AWI**

Continue

Collaboration



