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## **MEMORANDUM #07-35**

**TO:** Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors

**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning

**SUBJECT:** New Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Brochures

Consistent with our goal to provide support to prekindergarten programs and providers throughout the state, we are pleased to provide you with copies of two new publications.

The **VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate** brochure offers providers information on the overall goals and calculation of the provider readiness rate and describes its relationship to the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The brochure also reviews the criteria for provider inclusion in the provider readiness rate for the 2006-07 VPK program year. Instructions on accessing the provider readiness rate website are also included in the brochure. We encourage you to share these with your VPK providers receiving their preliminary provider readiness rates in February, 2008.

The brochure, **Next Steps: Achieving Your Professional Goals in Early Care and Education** is targeted for individuals interested in earning an advanced degree in early education. The brochure explains the statewide articulation agreement in Florida law, Section 1000.21(1), Florida Statutes that serves to support higher levels of learning for children and their teachers. It outlines the many benefits of earning an advanced degree and includes information on how interested individuals can obtain funding to help them achieve their educational goals in early education. We encourage you to share these with your VPK providers in advance for the spring registration at our Florida colleges and universities in January, 2008.

The shipment of these materials will begin in the next several days. For additional quantities of the brochures, please contact Kenya Roberts via email at [Kenya.Roberts@fldoe.org](mailto:Kenya.Roberts@fldoe.org) or by phone at (850) 245-0445.

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