



The Department of Education/Office of Early Learning (DOE/OEL) works in collaboration with the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education program, with specific responsibilities for the following:

- Administration of accountability requirements at the state-level
- Provision of professional development including emergent literacy and director credential course(s)
- Approval of VPK director credential requirements
- Adoption/administration of a statewide kindergarten screening
- Review and approval of curricula for providers on probation for failure to meet readiness rate
- Calculation of kindergarten readiness rate
- Articulation of the Child Development Associate (CDA) or Florida Child Care Professional Certificate (FCCPC) (previously referred to as the Florida CDA-Equivalency (CDA-E)) credential toward a post secondary degree.

**Recent VPK Accomplishments**

- The Training Management System (TMS) is available to providers wishing to register for Professional Development opportunities at [www.myflorida.com/childcare](http://www.myflorida.com/childcare)
- Online VPK Teacher Toolkit targeting VPK Language and Vocabulary folder is available at [www.flypkonline.org/teachertoolkit](http://www.flypkonline.org/teachertoolkit) **New!**
- Two new resources, What I Learned in VPK – Child Portfolio and Teacher’s Guide, are available at <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/pdf/VPK-ChildPortfolio.pdf> and <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/pdf/VPK-TeachersGuide.pdf> ; These resources have been developed to support VPK teachers as they deliver quality instruction and monitor the progress of the children in their classrooms **New!**
- 147,765 children or 63% of all four-year-olds participated in the 2008-09 VPK Program
- 131,711 children are enrolled in the 2009-10 School Year VPK Program (as of October 23, 2009)

**DOE Online Courses**

Course (Release Date)	Participants as of September 30, 2009	Participants who Successfully Completed the Course
Emergent Literacy Online Course (2006)	61,203	44,655 (73%)
VPK Director Credential Online Course (2006)	18,680	10,353 (56%)
English Language Learners Online Course (2009)	2,864	2,600 (91%)

**Selected DOE Instructor Led Courses**

Course (Release Date)	Manuals Distributed as of September 30, 2009
VPK Standards Training (2005)	17,408
VPK Standards Training (2008)	11,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,237</b>
It’s Okay to Play Parent Workshop (2007)	152,798

DOE/OEL provides training and technical assistance through regularly-scheduled telephone conference calls with school districts and coalitions, product distribution, video teleconferences, other meeting and conference presentations, and its website.

DOE/OEL provides a network of VPK Regional Facilitators working with early learning coalitions and public and private providers throughout the state. Facilitators conduct training on various topics to include the VPK Education Standards. If you are interested in viewing and/or registering for a DOE-approved online or instructor-led course, please go to DCF's website at <https://training01-def.myflorida.com/def/cct/reg/courseselector>

### *Coming Soon*

VPK Teacher Toolkit Additions:

<http://www.flvpkonline.org/teachertoolkit/>

- Mathematical Thinking folder **available mid November 2009**
- Emergent Literacy folder **available Spring 2010**
- English Language Learners folder **available Spring 2010**

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