

STANDARDS TRAINING



The Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning is pleased to announce that training is now available on **Florida's 2008 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards** and other related topics

DETAILS...

This training is based on the most current early childhood research and is appropriate for all VPK instructors. The participants will be introduced to the VPK Standards, which are guidelines that describe what children should know and be able to do at the end of the VPK year in the following areas:

- **Physical Health**
- **Approaches to Learning**
- **Social and Emotional Development**
- **Language and Communication**
- **Emergent Literacy**
- **Mathematical and Scientific Thinking**
- **Social Studies and The Arts**
- **Motor Development.**

Along with providing participants with an overview of the VPK Standards, this training will also provide:

- **examples of developmentally appropriate instructional techniques for four-year-old children**
- **strategies to enhance the early learning environment**
- **information to assist teachers in continuing their investigation of a topic of interest.**

LEARN MORE...

To learn more about the VPK Standards training and DOE sponsored training, please contact your **Regional VPK Facilitator**.

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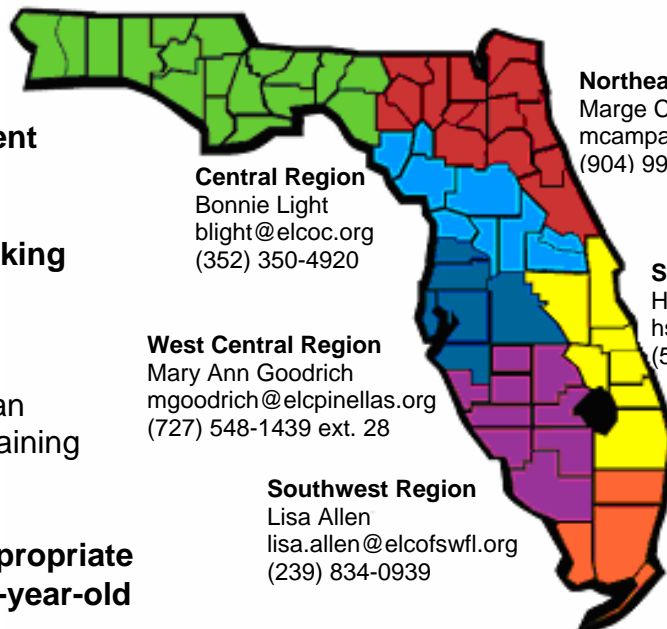
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To access the Statewide Training Calendar online:
<http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/pdf/statewidevpk.pdf>



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<http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning>

Professional Development and Resources

Face-to-Face

For specific information in your area, contact your local Early Learning Coalition: <http://www.floridajobs.org/VPK/CoalitionInfo.aspx> or your Regional Facilitator: <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/regionalfacilitators.asp>.

This information regarding the following face-to-face trainings can be found at: <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/resource.asp>.



- **Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards:** three hours
- **What's New: Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards 2008:** two hours
- **Emergent Literacy in the VPK Classroom:** ten hours training (split into either five hour or two and a half hour sessions)
- **Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Standards: What Parents Should Know – It's Okay to Play in VPK! Parent Train-the-Trainer Workshop:** two hours
- **Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Standards: What Parents Should Know – It's Okay to Play in VPK! Parent Workshop:** two hours
- **Integrating the VPK Standards: Phonological Awareness:** Provides participants with a two hour face-to-face session and a three-hour practicum

Online

The following trainings are self-paced trainings completed online. They can be found on the Department of Children and Families' Child Care Training Web site: <https://training01-dcf.myflorida.com/dcf/cct/inf0001.html>

- **Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors:** five hours
- **English Language Learners in the VPK Classroom:** five hours
- **VPK Director Credential:** five hours

Resources

The following websites are resources for teachers and parents.

- **Bright Beginnings:** <http://www.brightbeginningsfl.org>
- **VPK Teacher Toolkit – Coming Soon!**
- **Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards:** <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/pdf/vpkstandards10-10-05version1b-ppt.pdf>
- **Lesson Plans** based on the Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards: <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/plans.asp>

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