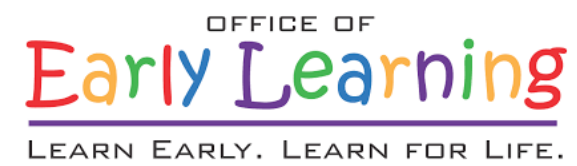


July 7, 2020



# Board Meeting

This month's Board of Directors Meeting will be on August 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

This meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar only at:

<https://zoom.us/j/3659213194>

or

(646) 558-8656 using meeting ID number 365 921 3194



# Community Information

# Weekly Blast Changes

Starting in Fiscal Year 20-21, the Blast you see every Wednesday at noon will change to a monthly publication. We will continue to release time sensitive, contractual, fiscal, and emergency/disaster related information through Special Blasts.

Our provider contact lists were updated in March. If you do not receive the Blasts OR you would like to add a contact from your center, please send the request to be added through the Redline.



# Teacher Spotlight



"I had a principal tell me once when you walk into a classroom you shouldn't be able to tell which is the teacher and which is the para. If that statement was a picture it would be one of Tina Radford; my hero, my sanity, my saving grace! Tina has served in education for 20 plus years in Bay County. I could never be the teacher I've been the last 2 years without her. I have found much success at Palm Bay, but it wasn't on my own! From a Cat 5 hurricane to a pandemic and all the crazy Pre-K brings in between she's helped me love and teach our children. She always there to help me, laugh with or at me, support and encourage me. She loves our children and thinks of them constantly. I swear she would take a dozen home if she could. I could go on and on, but the point is Tina is an amazing teaching assistant and the children & staff of Palm Bay Pre-K are blessed to have her. "

Dana Blount  
Palm Bay Elementary Pre-K

# Teacher Spotlight

Don't forget to nominate your amazing teachers for the monthly Teacher Spotlight. Winners will be recognized across social media and receive a small token of our appreciation for a job well done.

Remember to submit through the Redline and be sure to include a photo and one paragraph bio about your nominee.



# Help Us Grow



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Please encourage your families, both SR/VPK funded families and private pay, to follow our pages on Social Media.

We are working to optimize our social media presence and will be developing new content that will help all children in Northwest Florida succeed in learning.



# VPK Information



# VPK Contract Corner



VPK Applications for the 2020-2021 Program Year were due Friday, July 3, 2020.

Remember to order your replacement VPK Assessment Kits before July 11, 2020 so that materials can be received prior to the first day of school

We are asking for each Instructor (Lead Secondary/Aide Substitute):

- Updated DCF Transcript
- Attestation of Good Moral Character

Please review the Credentials of each Instructor to ensure that they are current for the Program Year

We encourage ALL Instructors to complete:

- Implementing the Florida Standards in the Preschool Classrooms: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten.

ALL VPK Applications will need to be completed by July 31, 2020.

Providers will need to enter the COE's prior to the first day of school.

# VPK Enrollments as of June 30, 2020



Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
School Based	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	7
Non-School Based	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	7



# SR Information

# SR Contract Corner



2019-2020 Contracts have been extended.

If the SR Provider had a program assessment (CLASS) conducted during the 2019-2020 contract year, the PROVIDER will be transitioned to the 2020-2021 Statewide SR Provider Contract within 30 days after the contract is available in the OEL Provider Portal/EFS Mod

- Any Quality Performance Incentive Differential change will be effective the **first business day of the month AFTER** the 2020-2021 Statewide SR Provider Contract is executed. Quality Performance Incentive Differentials are found in Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C.

# SR Contract Corner

If your program was due to have a program assessment (CLASS) conducted during the 2019-2020 contract year, we will be prioritizing the scheduling of the Observations.

The PROVIDER will be transitioned to the 2020-2021 Statewide SR Provider Contract within 30 days after the program assessment is conducted.

This program assessment composite score will be used for contracting for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Statewide SR Provider Contracts

- Any Quality Performance Incentive Differential change will be effective the **first business day of the month AFTER** the 2020-2021 Statewide SR Provider Contract is executed.

# SR Contract Corner



If you made changes while completing the 2020-2021 PROFILE to:

- Curriculum
- Registration Fee amounts
- Private Rate Amounts
- Contact Person(s)
- Changing Child Assessment Option because you have not purchased seats in the Online Assessment System or do not have Teachers Qualified by 08-01-2020

Expect a 2019-20 Contract Amendment to reflect the changes



# QUALITY SERVICES

# Child Assessments

- Providers choosing to complete child assessments for contract year 20-21 will need to submit their proof of purchase of child assessment seats to the Coalition by July 10, 2020. If you haven't sent your proof of purchase in, please send to [redline@elcnwf.org](mailto:redline@elcnwf.org)
- Any provider who indicated that they are implementing child assessments must log in to the QPS and upload current reliability certificates for at least 75% of the personnel as defined by Rule 6M-4.620 F.A.C. on their roster.
- If providers neglect to upload the required reliability certificates within the timeframe specified (August 1), the ELC must amend the contract to remove the child assessment selection and differential payment.
- ELCs shall notify providers not meeting the 75% minimum that the child assessment selection will be removed from the contract and the provider will not receive the differential.



# Screening Requirements-ASQ



- Completing ASQs were on hold until July 1, 2020.
- As of July 1, 2020 please resume ASQs on all new enrollment of School Readiness children and all School Readiness will need an ASQ in their birthday month.
- The Coalition will continue to send a secure list of children that will need ASQs.
- If children are not attending due to Covid-19 please respond back in the email letting the Coalition know, but the Provider will be responsible for the screening once the child starts attending again.

# Quality Performance System –QPS

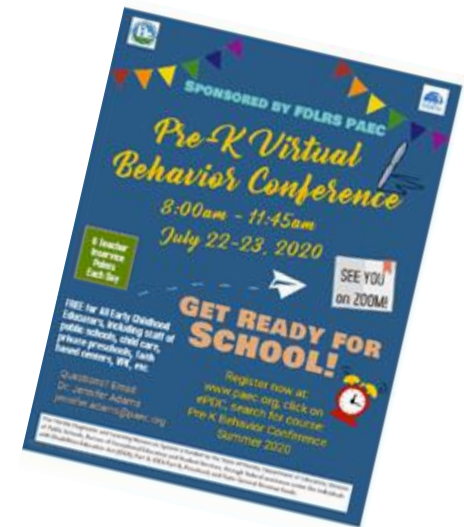
## Updates Required



- The QPS system will need to determine which classrooms will need to have a CLASS observation for the 2020-2021 contract year.
- If you have not done so, please log into QPS <https://qps.floridaearlylearning.com> and update your information.
- Once logging in successfully to the system, if you notice a green button stating “Needs Registration” this means you must complete the registration/update process. If you do not have the green “Needs Registration” button it means you are either a biennial program and you do not need a program assessment at this time, or your program assessment has been completed already.
- To complete the registration/update process, you will need to update your staff roster and your classroom roster. After you have completed the registration process click submit. Registration/updates need to be completed by close of business on July 10, 2020

# PreK Behavior Conference

- Panhandle Education Consortium is hosting the 2nd Annual Pre-K Behavior Conference, scheduled for **July 22-23, 2020 via Zoom 8am to 11:45am.**
- Participants may choose to attend 1 or 2 days with a follow-up session for each day of attendance in order to be eligible for teacher in-service points.
- Agendas and session descriptions will be sent out in a special blast next week.
- Click [HERE](#) to access the conference flyer.




# Covid-19 Response Provider Workgroup Members Needed



- The Coalition will be facilitating a workgroup of Provider to discuss policies and procedures for your childcare program in response closure due to COVID-19 exposure.
- In preparation for this workgroup, you may want to attend the Children's Forum sponsored webinar-**Legal Considerations for Child Care and Early Learning Programs in the Era of COVID-19** on Jul 9, 2020 12:00 noon.
- To attend the Children's Forum webinar, register at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAofuyvqD8tE92F0PMefRWw71kFYpKAkJgt>
- Look for a BLAST that will give information about the meeting date for the Coalition facilitated provider workgroup (mid-late July).

# Health & Safety, Infra-Structure and Professional Mini Grant Updates



- The Health & Safety and Infra-Structure mini grant applications have been reviewed and are being processed for payment.
- The Professional Development mini grants have been reviewed and are getting set up to be processed by the finance department. Each mini grant will be deposited into the accounts that the individual teacher has setup on their application paperwork.



# Service Numbers

# SR Enrollments as of June 30, 2020

Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	80	4	0	0	8	26	12	<b>130</b>
Ones	179	10	3	1	14	65	35	<b>307</b>
Twos	229	18	8	4	29	98	48	<b>434</b>
Threes	259	7	8	8	31	115	37	<b>465</b>
Fours	212	16	5	9	32	90	33	<b>397</b>
Fives	145	11	3	7	15	77	21	<b>279</b>
School Age	322	27	4	1	54	123	56	<b>587</b>
Special Needs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	<b>1426</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2599</b>

# SR Wait List as of June 30, 2020

Age	Bay	Calhoun	Franklin	Gulf	Holmes	Jackson	Washington	Grand Total
Infant	35	1	1	0	2	12	8	<b>59</b>
Ones	28	0	0	1	0	7	5	<b>41</b>
Twos	26	1	0	0	5	3	4	<b>39</b>
Threes	20	0	0	0	1	8	4	<b>33</b>
Fours	17	0	0	1	2	7	1	<b>28</b>
Fives	20	0	0	0	0	4	1	<b>25</b>
School Age	97	1	0	0	2	29	12	<b>141</b>
	<b>243</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>366</b>



# First Responder and Health Care Worker Update



- As of June 30th, 521 children have been enrolled under the BG1-ESS eligibility code
- First responders and health care workers, upon expiration of their referrals, can continue services if they receive another three (3) month childcare authorization form or meet the BG8 ECON requirements
- If they do not receive an updated referral or do not qualify under BG8 ECON, their SR services will be terminated the day after the referral end date
- Customers that were receiving SR services under another billing group before transferring to the BG1-ESS eligibility will continue care under the previous billing group

# CARES Act Information



# CARES Act Information

Infrastructure, Health & Safety Mini-grants and other funding will begin to post to bank accounts within the next 2 weeks. If you receive a deposit and you are not sure why you received the deposit, please email [redline@elcnwf.org](mailto:redline@elcnwf.org) . A staff member will research the answer and get back to you.

# CARES Act Supplemental Funding



The Coalition received additional CARES funds intended to support providers that were **OPEN as of April 30, 2020** and to **REOPEN providers that were closed on this date**. Both Open Providers and Closed Providers have a specific allocation for Contracted Providers and Non-Contracted Providers.

Q. What does this mean for my program?

A. Based on your DCF capacity size, you will be receiving one-time CARES funding after the Coalition receives and processes your COVID-19 Grant Application.

Q. When will I receive the funding?

A. The Coalition anticipates having the funds to providers by the end of July.

Q. What do I have to do to get the funding?

A. Complete the COVID-19 Grant Application and return to the Coalition.

# CARES Act Supplemental Funding



Q. How much will I get?

A. Please consult following charts.

Contracted OPEN (April 30) Early Learning/Child Care Providers		
Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding	Bonus for Serving Infant/Toddler or Special Needs
0 - 12	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,000
13 - 20	\$ 3,750	\$ 2,000
21 - 74	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000
75 -149	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000
150+	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,000

# CARES Act Supplemental Funding



Contracted NOT OPEN (April 30) Early Learning/Child Care Providers		
Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding	Bonus for Serving Infant/Toddler or Special Needs
0 - 12	\$1,575	\$ 2,000
13 - 20	\$2,625	\$ 2,000
21 - 74	\$4,200	\$ 2,000
75 -149	\$8,400	\$ 2,000
150+	\$12,600	\$ 2,000

**\*\*Non-contracted child care programs (FCCH and Center-based) also qualify for CARES COVID-19 funding. If you know of non-contracted providers please encourage them to apply for CARES COVID-19 funding by contacting the Coalition.\*\***

# Reimbursement Information



**let's talk money**

# Reimbursement Corner

- 2018-2019 SR True-up Discussion





# Questions and Adjourn