



Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Registration Information for Parents Fall 2008/2009

VPK is a **FREE** program to prepare every Florida four-year-old for kindergarten and build a strong foundation for continued educational success.

Parents, your child is eligible for the Fall 2008/2009 Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten program if:

- ❖ **Your child's birthdate is between September 2, 2003 and September 1, 2004**
- ❖ **You are a Florida resident**

The registration process is simple and easy! Please bring to one of the VPK registration sites:

- ✓ Verification of your child's age
- ✓ Verification of your child's immunizations
- ✓ Verification of your Florida residence

Please provide one of the following documents to verify proof of age:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Baptism (original or certified copy)
- Religious record of birth accompanied by affidavit from the child's parent
- Insurance Policy for the child (must have been in effect for at least 2 years)
- Passport or other non-citizen documents issued by the United States
- Valid military dependent identification card

Please provide the following document to verify proof of immunization:

- Immunization record from the Health Department (Blue Form DH 680 titled *Florida Certification of Immunization* that must be signed by a health official, and verifies that immunizations are complete and current)

Please provide one of the following documents to verify proof of residency:

(Must be in name of parent/guardian of child)

- Utility Bills
- Driver licenses
- Pay stubs
- Government documents (prior tax returns)
- Property tax assessment showing a homestead exemption
- Residential rental agreement
- Letter from homeless shelter or shelter (SPARCC)

The following are *not acceptable* as documentation:

- Regular postal mail (unless they are government documents as stated.)
- Post Office Boxes

Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Providing every 4-year-old child in Florida a high quality Voluntary Prekindergarten program

VPK 2008/2009 Registration location and schedules
Fall 2008/2009
Begins March 18, 2008

The Early Learning Coalition and Child Care Connection will be pleased to assist you with the application process and offer the following registration location and hours:

Parent Registration is available at:

**The Early Learning Coalition's
Child Care Connection**

2886 C Ringling Blvd
Sarasota, Florida
(941)556-1600 ext 125

Conveniently located at Gold Tree Plaza at the corner of Tuttle and Ringling Blvd.

Registration Hours:

Tuesday: 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Thursday: 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

VPK Registration is also available in Venice and North Port on specified days.

Please call Lauren Karabatsos at 556-1600 ext 108 for the next available time in Venice or North Port.

For more information about VPK registration, you can contact **Child Care Connection** at 556-1600 ext 125 or go to our web site at www.earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org