



ELC Provider Webinar

Friday, September 7, 2018
1:00 PM

Staff Introductions



Agenda

- 1- Status of the state's online provider and parent portal (new portal) and the ELC's plans to continue services to families and providers.
- 2- Implementation of the assessment requirements now in law (Applies to SR providers only.)



Abbreviations Key

- SR = School Readiness
- VPK = Voluntary Prekindergarten
- OEL = the Office of Early Learning
- HB = House Bill
- FSS = Family Services Specialist
- ECE = Early Care and Education



Status of the State's Online Portal



Status of the State's Online Portal

- Launched on Monday, July 2, 2018.
- Encountered data migration issues from the start.
- OEL is working 'round the clock to correct issues and provide a fully functioning system.
- VPK functions appear to be working more reliably than SR functions at this time.
- Progress is made each day to correct known issues.
- Ongoing communication between OEL and the ELC's.
- ELC's are not in control of the system and are doing their best to serve families and providers.



What does this mean at ELC Big Bend?

- Data currently in the statewide system is unreliable
- Not all functions are operable at this time
- Family Services Specialists are going back-to-paper to assist families
- No direct link between paper enrollments or terminations and reimbursement amounts
- ELC Big Bend is making estimated payments to providers
- It is unknown when the system will be fully functional



SR - Eligibility

- Family Services Specialists (FSS) are manually processing SR eligibilities and emailing providers:
 - Eligibility terminations** - The email contains the parent(s)' name(s), the child(ren)'s name(s) and the eligibility termination date.
 - Enrollments** - The email contains the parent(s)' name(s), the child(ren)'s name(s), care level(s), the assessed copayments, the schedules (full-time or part-time) and the eligibility period.

For eligibility questions, contact the FSS who emailed you or the Family Services Manager, Karen Moon, at kmoon@elcbigbend.org.



SR – Copayment Updates for School-aged Children

At the start of the school year, parent copayments for school-aged children typically change from full-time to part-time. This year, OEL will automate this copayment change in the new portal. However, OEL has not given an estimated time when this will occur. Use the below table:

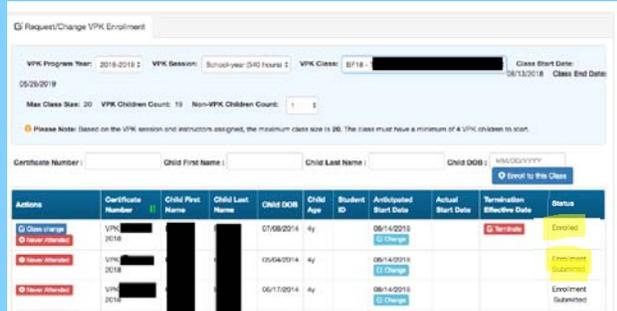
Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
\$1.25	\$0.63	\$9.98	\$4.99
\$2.50	\$1.25	\$11.23	\$5.62
\$3.74	\$1.87	\$12.48	\$6.24
\$4.99	\$2.50	\$13.73	\$6.86
\$6.24	\$3.12	\$14.98	\$7.49
\$7.49	\$3.74	\$16.22	\$8.11
\$8.74	\$4.37	\$17.47	\$8.74



VPK - COEs

This year, providers submit VPK enrollment requests in the new portal. Submit your requests using the Request/Change VPK Enrollment or the Bulk VPK Enrollment feature.

- Do not upload COEs to any portal, old or new.
- The ELC will not send COE confirmation numbers. The confirmation occurs when the ELC approves the enrollment request and the child’s status changes from “Enrollment Submitted” to “Enrolled” in the new portal (see below).



Attendance

- Currently, attendance cannot be marked in the new portal. Once it becomes available, training will be provided.
- When instructed to enter attendance in the new portal, providers will be responsible for marking attendance for each month, starting with July 2018.
- Sign in/out sheets, long forms, and short forms must be submitted to the ELC. When attendance in the new portal becomes available, these forms will be required to process your rosters. To ensure that you are reimbursed timely, it is recommend that you have these forms completed fully (including proper times and parental signatures) by the last business day of each month.
- Providers must also ensure that documentation of absences are collected for each month.
- Be sure to keep accurate records!



Payment Update

- The ELC is currently making estimated payments to providers.
- Once the system is fully functional and attendance has been entered by the provider, the ELC will process the rosters and reconcile the actual payments due.
- If funds are owed to the provider, they will be paid. If funds are owed to the ELC, the funds will be taken out of future payments owed to the provider. (If needed, a payment plan, to a maximum of three months, can be established so that additional hardships are not incurred.)



SR Payments

- The next SR payment will be on September 17, 2018.
- The ELC will issue an estimated reimbursement to all providers at 110% of the amount that providers were paid in the month of June 2018.
- If you were not paid in June 2018, the ELC will issue a payment for 110% of the amount that you were paid in your May 2018 reimbursement.
- New providers: the ELC will issue a payment for 110% of what you were paid for the July 2018 estimated payment.
- There is nothing for providers to upload or submit to the ELC at this time.



VPK Payments

- The next payment will be on September 17, 2018.
- By the 3rd business day of each month providers must upload sign in/out sheets, or VPK long forms, to the old portal.
 - These forms will be used to determine the number of VPK children you are serving and the number of VPK instructional days each child attended.
- The 80/20 attendance calculation will not be applied at this time.
- Your estimated payment will be calculated as follows:

The total number of children multiplied by the total number of hours each child attended, multiplied by the hourly rate, equals the amount of your monthly estimated payment.



Rate Increase

- We understand that the estimated payments do not reflect the rate increase that was approved to begin on July 1, 2018.
- This rate increase will be included in the actual reimbursement process, when it becomes fully functional through the new portal.
- For questions about your reimbursement rates, please reference your ELC contract.



VPK Start Date

If you did not have the required 4 children to start your VPK program on your anticipated start date, please contact your Contracts Case Manager to update your VPK calendar.



DCF Class 1 Violations

- The ELC is required to take action when notified by DCF that a contracted SR provider has received a Class I Violation.
- The action taken will depend upon the nature, number, and severity of the violation(s). At a minimum, a provider who receives a Class I Violation will be placed on probation with the ELC.
- Multiple Class I Violations may result in additional actions by the ELC, up to and including termination of provider contracts.
- As of July 1, 2018, the ELC can choose to terminate a provider's SR and/or VPK contract if the provider receives a single Class I Violation from DCF.
- Please refer to the School Readiness Health & Safety Handbook for your provider type on ELC's website under "School Readiness Health & Safety Standards": <https://www.elcbigbend.org/Providers/Provider-Resources>.



DCF Class 1 Violations

- Recently, multiple providers have received a Class I Violation for leaving children in the care of unscreened individuals.
- Please remember, volunteers do not replace trained, background screened staff.
- Volunteers working more than 10 hours a month must have the same screening and training as your staff.



Implementation of the Assessment Requirements Now in Law

VPK-Only
Providers May Now
Exit the Webinar



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House Bill 1091

(1002.82(2)(n))

- Adopt a program assessment for school readiness providers that measures the quality of teacher-child interactions, including emotional and behavioral support, engaged support for learning, classroom organization, and instructional support for children, ages birth to 5.



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Overview of New Law

Effective July 1, 2019

- **School Readiness Quality Performance Incentive:**
Qualifying providers may receive a payment differential based on their CLASS scores. Also, providers implementing an approved child assessment may be eligible for an *additional* payment differential up to 5 percent. The total available payment differential for both CLASS scores and implementation of child assessments will not exceed 15 percent.
- **Minimum Thresholds:**
School Readiness providers must meet a minimum score on the CLASS tool to be eligible for a School Readiness contract.
- **Quality Improvement Plans:**
SR providers who meet the minimum quality score, but are still emerging in quality (to be defined in rule), will be placed on a mandatory Quality Improvement Plan. Coalitions will identify performance goals and quality improvement strategies to help these providers meet quality scores.



CLASS Program Assessment

- CLASS stands for **CL**assroom **A**ssessment **S**coring **S**ystem.
- The interactions teachers have with children impact learning and development.
- CLASS is the observation tool developed to assess these interactions: from infant care through 12th grade.



Want to Learn More?

Request an instructor MyTeachstone account by emailing instructor's name and email address to Dana McMillan at DMcMillan@elcbigbend.org.

All Directors/Owners will receive a MyTeachstone Account by 9/15/2018.



MyTeachstone Courses

Pre-K

- Learn about Positive Climate
- Learn about Negative Climate
- Learn about Teacher Sensitivity
- Learn about Regard for Student Perspectives
- Learn about Behavior Management
- Learn about Productivity
- Learn about Instructional Learning Formats
- Learn about Concept Development
- Learn about Quality of Feedback
- Learn about Language Modeling

Toddlers & Twos

- Learn about Positive Climate
- Learn about Negative Climate
- Learn about Teacher Sensitivity
- Learn about Regard for Child Perspectives
- Learn about Behavior Guidance
- Learn about Facilitation of Learning and Development
- Learn about Quality of Feedback
- Learn about Language Modeling

Infants

- Learn about Relational Climate
- Learn about Teacher Sensitivity
- Learn about Facilitated Exploration
- Learn about Early Language Support



Program Assessment Timeline

Description	Timeline
2018-19 ELPFP CLASS observations	July - August 2018
Phase 1 -Family Childcare Homes	September - November 2018
Phase 2 – Centers	January -May 2019
2019-20 SR Contracts	May – June 2019

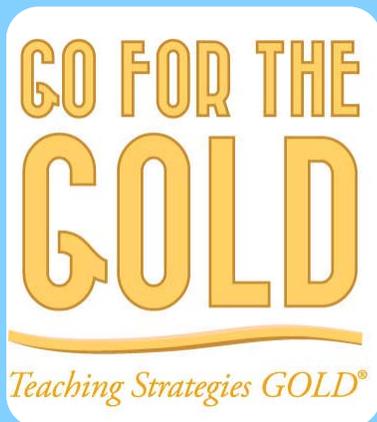


What instructors should expect?

- Two hour observation per classroom.
- Pre-K and Toddler classroom observations conducted in the morning only.
- Infant classroom observations conducted in morning or afternoon.
- Classroom only observations, not recess.
- One ECE Specialist conducting the observation.
- Selected classrooms and date of observation will be provided, but start time will not.



Child Assessment



More
Information
Coming
Soon!



Thank you for joining us.

This PowerPoint presentation will be available on the ELC's website beginning Monday, September 10, 2018, under the "Provider Meetings" section:

<https://www.elcbigbend.org/Providers/Provider-Meetings>

