



Provider Services Program Requirements

Differences between School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

School Readiness (SR):

Federally funded program designed to assist families with child care (newborn - 8 years of age). Provider requirements for this program include:

- DCF license, DCF exempt status, or accreditation
- Attend ELC Provider Orientation
- Complete ELC Provider Agreement and Application annually

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK):

State-funded program available to all Florida-resident 4-year-olds. Provider requirements for this program include:

- DCF License or DCF exempt status
- Director's Credential
- VPK Endorsement
 - Emergent Literacy (online @ DCF)
 - Director Endorsement (online @ DCF)
 - Standards Training (instructor led @ DCF)
- Lead Teacher Qualifications
 - CDA (NECC, FCCP or AS/BA/BS)
 - Emergent Literacy Training (waive if teacher has formal education)
- All VPK Employees
 - DCF Clearance Letter (Level II)
 - Affidavit of Good Moral Character (signed and notarized)
- VPK Provider Agreement and Forms AWI 10, 11A and 11B.

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