

# The 2021-22 Virtual VPK Round-up!!

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a program designed to prepare every four-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. All children who will be **4 years old on or before September 1, 2021** can participate in the program.

**Let the Early Learning Coalition of Lake County  
deliver your child's VPK Certificate to YOU!!**

## **Age Requirements:**

To be eligible for VPK a child must be four on or before **September 1, 2021** (born between **September 2, 2016** - September 1, 2017).

Parents **must** provide proof of child eligibility (Birth Certificate) **and** Florida residency (FL Drivers License).

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Please provide **one** of the following for proof of your child's age:

- ◆ An original or certified copy of a child's birth certificate. (*Hospital birth records are **not** acceptable*)
- ◆ Passport or certificate of arrival in the US showing the birth date of the child.
- ◆ An immunization record indicating the child's date of birth signed by a public health officer or by a licensed practicing physician. (*Form DH680 - **must** include parent name*)
- ◆ A valid military dependent identification card showing the child's date of birth.

## **Residential Requirements**

Please provide **one** of the following for proof of residency:

- ◆ Post office boxes are **NOT** accepted.
- ◆ Valid Florida Driver's License or Florida ID
- ◆ Current Utility Bill. (*such as water or electric, within the last 6 weeks, **must** have parent residence printed on bill*)
- ◆ Current Pay Stub. (*within the last 6 weeks, **must** have parent residence printed on pay stub*)
- ◆ Signed and dated lease agreement for current calendar year.
- ◆ Documentation from a homeless shelter or domestic violence shelter.

## **2021-22 VIRTUAL VPK ROUND UP**

Starting **January 1, 2021** parents will be able to enroll their child into the VPK program by accessing the Early Learning Coalition's (ELC) website at [www.elclc.org](http://www.elclc.org) and clicking on the **Family Portal** link.

**Note:** Parents are **strongly** encouraged to register for the VPK Certificate online. If you are in need of one on one assistance please contact (352) 435-0566 to schedule an appointment with an ELCLC VPK Team Member. Parents choosing to walk in without an appointment may experience long wait times.

## **To enroll using the Family Portal:**

- ◆ Access the Family Portal at [www.elclc.org](http://www.elclc.org).
- ◆ In order to register for the VPK certificate online the parent **MUST** have, or set up, a valid email address. (Yahoo and Gmail offer free email accounts!)
- ◆ As part of the application process, parents will have the opportunity to complete the application online and scan and submit supporting **age** and **residency** documents
- ◆ Once the application and supporting documents have been reviewed and **accepted** by ELC staff, the parent will be notified via email (within three (3) business days) that their Child's Certificate of Eligibility is ready. The parent must then log into the Family Portal and print the certificate.
- ◆ A list of eligible VPK Providers will be available at [www.elclc.org](http://www.elclc.org).

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:  
(352) 435-0566 or (888) 352-5253(toll free)**