



2021 Summer VPK Fact Sheet

Many 4-year-olds have missed out on School Year VPK due to concerns about COVID and are now ready to enroll in a Summer VPK program. Child care programs are encouraged to consider offering Summer VPK to these children and families! If you have a certified 2020 – 2021 VPK Contract there are only a few steps to getting a Summer VPK classroom approved. Here are a few facts to consider as you think about this opportunity:

The benefits of offering Summer VPK include:

- **Higher hourly VPK reimbursement rate** of \$6.77/hour in Flagler County and \$6.84 in Volusia County
- Opportunity for empty classrooms to **produce income**.
- The ability to **keep highly qualified staff** engaged and offer a higher hourly rate of pay or a bonus.
- The ability to **meet the needs of families** that include a four- or five-year-old child who will enter kindergarten in August but has not yet participated in VPK.
- **Knowing you helped more children enter Kindergarten ready to learn!**

Summer VPK requirements include:

- **A teacher that has the following**
 - A bachelor's or higher degree in one of the following
 - early childhood education
 - prekindergarten or primary education
 - preschool education
 - family and consumer science
 - elementary education WITH certification to teach children any age from birth through 6th grade. The certificate may be expired but may NOT be suspended or revoked.

See FL Statute [1002.61\(4\)](#) and [1002.55\(3\)\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(b\)](#) and [Summer VPK Instructor Credential Options](#)

- Complete both the [Emergent Literacy and Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards](#) training
- **300 hours of instruction** offered as scheduled on form OEL VPK 11B
- **Instruction that begins as early as May 1** and ends before the first day of school as scheduled by your local school district. In Flagler County, that's August 10, 2021. In Volusia it is August 16, 2021.
- **At least 4 VPK students** and no more than 12.

ELCFV is here to support you from start to finish! For help

As you complete application forms, please contact your Compliance Specialist or email: compliance@elcfv.org or call: (386) 323-2400 x8803

If you are having issues enrolling a VPK child, please email childcare@elcfv.org or call 386-323-2400 then press 2 to reach Family Services staff.

As you deliver instruction, please email quality@elcfv.org or call 386-323-2400 Press 3 and then press 3 again to reach Quality and Compliance staff.