

Florida **VPK**



What is VPK?

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a free educational program that helps your child be ready for kindergarten. VPK helps build a strong foundation for school using educational materials appropriate for different stages in your child's development.



Why is VPK important?

Research shows children who participate in high-quality prekindergarten programs are better prepared for school, perform better on standardized tests, have better school attendance rates, develop lifelong social & emotional skills, and are less likely to drop out of school.

Who is eligible?

Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current year to be eligible. If their birthday falls from February 2 through September 1, you may wait to enroll your child the following year when they're 5.

How do I apply?

You can apply online at:
familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com

You will need:

- a valid email address
- proof of Florida residency
- proof of your child's age

ELCNWF will review your application and email you with further instructions. Once your application is approved, you will be provided with a Certificate of Eligibility you can take to any VPK provider.

For questions about the VPK program, the application, or how to find a VPK provider, contact ELCNWF: elcnwf.org | 850.747.5400



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