Family Portal FAQ’s

1. I have a Family Portal account, but I can’t remember my password.
   a. Please select “Forgot My Password” beneath the “Log On” button.
   b. Please keep your User Name and Password in a safe location, as this will be the only way to make changes or recertify your eligibility.

2. I am an active ELC client with a child currently in SR services, but I don’t have a Family Portal account.
   a. Please contact the ELC Portal Helpdesk. Do not create an account on your own as that will not link to your current eligibility.
   b. Check to ensure that the client’s record migrated properly. If so, please complete the “Token Process.”

3. I am an active ELC client with a child currently in SR services. I already have a Family Portal account, but I can’t remember my User Name.
   a. Please contact the ELC Portal Helpdesk. Do not create an account on your own as that will not link to your current eligibility.
   b. Look in EFS MOD to see what email is linked to their Family Portal account. Ask the client if they have access to that email. If so, the client can follow the “Forgot Password” instructions. If the client can’t access the email address and would like their portal account linked to another email address, send a ticket.

4. How does ELC contact me?
   a. The primary method of contact will be by email. ELC may also need to reach you by phone. Therefore, please make sure that ELC always has your current email address and phone number.
5. If I already have an existing VPK account, can I use that same account for School Readiness services?
   a. Yes. Please log on to the Family Portal account you have already created. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the ELC Portal Helpdesk. Do not create an account on your own as that will not link to your current eligibility.
   b. If the client logs into their portal account and it is not linked properly, send in a ticket.

6. I do not have access to scanner or need assistance uploading documents.
   a. Please visit either our Clearwater or St. Petersburg locations to utilize the kiosks.

7. How do I recertify?
   a. Check to make sure the client’s record migrated properly and is linked to the correct portal account.
   b. Set the client’s record to Active if it is under Coalition Review and then select Pending Update.
   c. Log on to your Family Portal account.
   d. Under the School Readiness Applications section, click on “Verify Eligibility” blue button.
   e. You will be directed to the Eligibility Wizard. Click start to begin the process:
When you reach the end of the application, please sign electronically exactly as your name appears on the record and click “Submit Eligibility Verification”.

Once ELC completes your recertification, you will receive an email directing you back to the Family Portal. Log in to Family Portal. Under the School Readiness Funding section you will click on the blue “Sign” button next to each of your child(ren)’s name(s). Please Note: If you don’t receive the email, you can still log on to the Family Portal and complete the process.

You will be asked to read and accept to the Parental Rights and Responsibilities/Terms and Conditions. Please electronically sign the Payment Certificate exactly how your name appears on the record to complete the process.
8. I am unable to move forward on the Eligibility Verification Wizard. How do I upload my documents?
   
a. If you see a blue box stating, “Additional information is needed,” then you will need to upload documents in order to complete the section. Click on “No, I need to update the information”.
   
b. The “Edit” button will appear for you to select.
   
c. The next screen will give you the prompt to “Upload Document...”
9. How do I know when my recertification is complete? My child is not showing up on my provider’s attendance roster.
   a. Log in to Family Portal. Under the School Readiness Funding section, you will see “Pending Family Acceptance” under the Enrollment Status. Click on the blue “Sign” button next to each of your child(ren)’s name(s).
   b. You will be asked to read and accept the Parental Rights and Responsibilities/Terms and Conditions. Please electronically sign the Payment Certificate exactly how your name appears on the record to complete the process.
   c. Your provider can then log onto their attendance roster and complete your child’s attendance.
   d. Please Note: If you do not sign off on the Payment Certificate, you provider will be unable to complete your child’s attendance and cannot be paid for your child by ELC. It is imperative that you complete the process ASAP.

10. How do I do a transfer from one provider to another?
   b. Complete the Transfer form with your current and new providers.
   c. Fax completed form to 727-400-4486 or drop off at one of the ELC locations.
   d. Once ELC has completed the transfer, you will need to sign the Payment Certificate in order for your child to show up on the new provider’s attendance roster. Log in to Family Portal. Under the School Readiness Funding section you will click on the blue “Sign” button next to each of your child(ren)’s name(s).
e. Please electronically sign the Payment Certificate exactly how your name appears on the record to complete the process.

f. Your provider can then log onto their attendance roster and complete your child’s attendance.

g. If you do not see the Payment Certificate in your Family Portal account within two business days, please call 727-400-4411.

h. Please Note: If you do not sign off on the Payment Certificate, you provider will be unable to complete your child’s attendance and cannot be paid for your child by ELC. It is imperative that you complete the process ASAP.

11. I have submitted my transfer form in, but how do I know when it’s complete? My child is not showing up on the new provider’s attendance rosters.

   a. Once ELC has completed the transfer, you will need to sign the Payment Certificate in order for your child to show up on the new provider’s attendance roster. Log in to Family Portal. Under the School Readiness Funding section you will click on the blue “Sign” button next to each of your child(ren)’s name(s).

   b. Please electronically sign the Payment Certificate exactly how your name appears on the record to complete the process.

   c. Your provider can then log onto their attendance roster and complete your child’s attendance.

   d. Please Note: If you do not sign off on the Payment Certificate, you provider will be unable to complete your child’s attendance and cannot be paid for your child by ELC. It is imperative that you complete the process ASAP.

12. How do I temporarily suspend my child’s care?

   a. If eligible for a Suspended Enrollment, go to http://elcpinellas.net/sr-downloads/ and print the Suspended Enrollment Request form.

   b. Complete the Suspended Enrollment Request form with your current provider.

   c. Fax completed form to 727-400-4486 or drop off at one of the ELC locations.