



Season's Greetings

VPK PROGRESS REPORT

VPK PM 2 FAST TESTING WINDOW:

About 90% of our VPK programs have surpassed their Progress Monitoring 1 window, and most VPK programs will be entering their PM 2 window shortly after the Thanksgiving Holiday Break. ALL children enrolled during the window must be tested. Only those children for whom an exception was submitted and approved and those who left the program during the window are exempt from testing. Please remember that all children must be tested in the window if they are officially enrolled (even on the last day).

Remember, the testing window for PM 2 is when 40% of the Instructional Hours have been completed but before 60% of the Instructional Hours are complete. All VPK Programs contract to deliver 540 instructional hours, so 40% is 216 instructional hours, and 60% is 324 instructional hours. All VPK Provider PM Windows for PM 2 must be calculated independently as they are based on instructional hours, and not all provider instructional calendars are the same. Providers have different lengths of teaching days; some are 3 hours, some are 3 ½ hours, and some are only Monday through Thursday for 4 or 5 hours per day. These factors impact the calculation of your PM 2 FAST testing window.

We encourage all VPK Providers to calculate their windows and not rely on the Renaissance data system for your dates. We also recommend allowing several days inside those first and last dates to ensure you are safe if your math calculations are a little off.

If you have any questions, please follow up with your VPK Contract Specialists – Amanda Urdal-Wenzel is your South County Specialist, and Ashley Fairburn is your North County Specialist. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT



Fifty-nine childcare professionals gathered in ELC's training room in Clearwater for Circle Time training presented by Amy Zolessi, Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor. During this training, participants received guidance on creating an age-appropriate circle time that keeps the children's attention and reduces challenging behavior. They practiced I Love You Rituals Conscious Discipline Breathing Strategies and learned the Four Elements of Connection. ELC will host three more Conscious Discipline training sessions in the coming months on the following topics: Self-Regulation, Impulse Control, and Creating a Classroom Family. Speak with your program's assigned Behavior Specialist for more details!

ASQ UPDATE:

Please check the Provider Portal frequently to see if you have any screenings due.

Please be aware of the required DUE DATE column. Completing the Developmental Screenings before the due date is necessary to avoid progressive enforcement due to noncompliance.

When a screening request is due within 15 days of the due date, it goes into a YELLOW status. Screening requests are considered past due on the due date and go into RED status. Once past due, providers will be sent to enforcement to ensure ASQ completion.

Call Anjanette at 400-4452 with ASQ questions or for assistance with ASQ's.

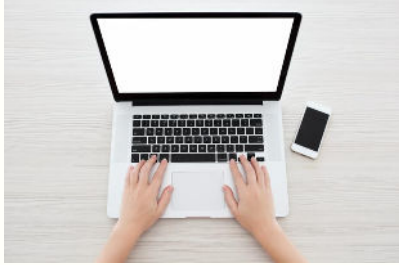
CLASSy CORNER

Welcome to this month's edition of "CLASSy Accreditation Corner." We are excited to share some simple yet effective strategies for enhancing classroom quality, boosting CLASS scores, and positively impacting child outcomes.

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