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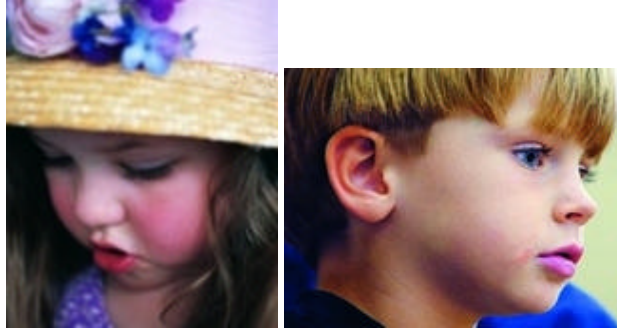
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Office of Early Learning

Implementing Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

For Parents	For Providers
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VPK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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In 2004, the Florida Legislature enacted legislation to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, in accordance with the [State Constitution](#). The VPK program will better prepare our young children for successful entry into kindergarten by focusing the Department of Education's efforts on early literacy. This [legislation](#) assigns responsibilities for the day-to-day management of the program to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; licensing and credentialing to the Department of Children and Families; and the creation of standards, curriculum, and accountability to the Department of Education. All three agencies are working together to provide leadership and support to the local

early learning coalitions, school districts, and public and private providers to ensure the successful implementation of effective prekindergarten education programs for Florida's four-year-old children.

[Emergent Literacy 5-Hour Training](#)

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