



Florida Migrant Education Program Preschool Task Force

Virtual Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Topics: Preschool Directory
Pre-K Checklist
Summary notes from Town Hall
ISM Presentation
Professional Development Activities

Call Participants:

Sonya Morris	FDOE
Chandra Hayes	FDOE/FMEP
Annette Betts	Children First
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Lucie Esquivel	PAEC
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Preschool Directory

- This remains a live document. Everyone is asked to review. If anyone would like to add a new resource, please email the information to Margot either by adding it to the spreadsheet or sending the information in the email message.
- The group decided to only list the state level Office of Early Learning; Tara mentioned that her office could offer local level information as needed. Plans are for Margot to create a separate tab to list all the local MEPs.
- The directory will be disseminated during the Implementation Strategies Meeting (ISM). Margot will work with Ray and Chandra on the idea of creating a webpage on the FLRecruiter website to house the directory.

Pre-K Checklist

- Everyone agrees that the task force (TF) should continue to develop this resource for parents to use. Sonya would like to see this eventually be used collaboratively among all the federal programs that serve our migrant preschoolers. She likes the possibility for the other federal programs to offer input on the checklist. Carol said that she sees how the list could be used with parents during the intake process; an opportunity for parent training. Kate said the list should be translated into Spanish and it would be nice if we could add lines for parents to take notes. Chandra is thinking we could use a brochure layout for the final version.

- Tara provided an update regarding the issue of using the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) as an acceptable proof of residency to enroll in VPK. The good news is that all early learning coalitions have been informed that the COE is an approved document for demonstrating proof of residency. In addition the coalitions have been informed that if a family moves within the state and their child has not completed 70% of the program, the family will not be required to reapply in order to enroll their child in their new location.
- Margot asked everyone to review the checklist and send any edits to her by September 16. She will use all the feedback to create a final draft that we can share during the ISM meeting.

Review of Town Hall Summary Notes

- The TF is making great strides on the directory, which was identified as a “next step” following the town hall.
- Sonya explained that there is much to consider regarding the possibility of creating a parent portal, a universal system, where parents could complete one set of information to satisfy enrollment in all applicable federal programs. For now this item that was discussed at the town hall will remain under consideration.
- The department is currently involved in putting together an update on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The hope is that, beginning in 2017, the ESSA will help to support opportunities for cross training and professional development among all the federal programs, which was discussed during the town hall. It is likely that these opportunities will be offered as regional meetings. Sonya will have more information on the ESSA at the ISM.

ISM Presentation

- Margot mentioned that she is working on preparing a presentation for the ISM in order to update all the districts on the work of the TF as well as a brief explanation of the Preschool Initiative Consortium Incentive Grant (PI CIG).

Professional Development Activities

- As a member state of the PI CIG, Florida is asked to report professional development (PD) activities that support the objectives of the PI such as webinars and local trainings related to preschool education. Margot asked the district MEP administrators on the call to please let her know if their district has conducted a PD event or is planning to by the end of this year. The event does not need to be facilitated by the MEP. The information to send to Margot is:
 - Date of event
 - Title of Training/Topic
 - Location (city)
 - Number of staff in attendance

Although a deadline was not mentioned during the call, please send this information to Margot by Friday, September 2.