



Florida **V****P****K**

VPK is a free educational program that prepares your child for Kindergarten and builds the foundation for their educational success.

Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before Sep. 1 of the current year to be eligible.

If his or her birthday falls from Feb. 2 through Sep. 1, you may wait to enroll your child the following year when they are 5.

In Alachua County, VPK programs are available during the school year and summer through licensed, private, and faith-based childcare centers and homes.



The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County is ready to help.

4424 NW 13th Street, A-5
Gainesville, FL 32609
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

www.elcalachua.org
(352) 375-4110

HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD IN THE VPK PROGRAM?

Step 1. The VPK application process is entirely online. Complete your application on the Family Portal by visiting www.elcalachua.org.

We have computers and scanners available to parents at our office during work hours if they do not have access to the Internet elsewhere.

Step 2. Families will need to separately scan and submit supporting age and residency documents in PDF format.

- Proof of residence-in your name w/physical address, not a PO Box; choose from ONE of the following:
 - Utility bill-(electric/cable)
 - Pay stub
 - Government issued document stating current address
 - Mortgage/lease
- Proof of child's age-choose from ONE of the following:
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Immunization record signed by doctor
 - Military dependent ID
- It can take up to 5 days for ELC to process the application.
- You will receive notification via email that updates you on the status of your child's VPK application.
- If the application is approved, log into the Family Portal to print the Certificate of Eligibility and deliver it to the VPK provider of your choice.



Resource and referral specialists provide guidance that is tailored to each individual.

All information collected is confidential and will not be shared for any other purposes.



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Resource and Referral walk-ins are welcome.
(352) 375-4110 ext. 102
eligibility@elcalachua.org



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Need help finding the best child care setting for your child?



The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County's Child Care Resource and Referral Services can help your family by providing

- A customized list of local child care options from trained child care resource and referral specialists.
- Information about quality child care and early learning programs.
- Financial assistance strategies and opportunities.
- Referral to other community resources and programs.

Services are free of charge and available to all families regardless of income.

It is our pleasure to assist you with one of the most important and difficult decisions you will make for your family.

