

**Children Attending Prekindergarten Program for
Children with Disabilities May be
Eligible to Receive VPK SIS Funding for Therapy Services**

**VPK-SIS
(Specialized Instructional Services Program)**

- Services that can be provided at no cost to the parent/caregiver:
 - Speech & Language therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy
- For children who have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Child must be age 4 by September 1.
- If eligible, VPK SIS will provide funds towards therapeutic services as outlined in the IEP.
- Must have a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to apply.

**Step 1: YOU MUST FIRST APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (COE).
Choose one of two ways to apply, in-person or home computer.**

❖ **IN-PERSON: Visit one of the Service Centers below to apply:**

- **North Service Center:** Golden Glades Office Park, 1515 NW 167 St., Suite, 320, Miami Gardens, 33169
- **Central Service Center:** United Way Building 3250 SW 3rd Ave., Miami, 33129.
- **South Service Center:** The Centre at Cutler Bay Condominium, 18951 SW 106 Ave, Unit B-208, Miami, 33157.

Service Centers Hours: Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; **Thursday:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; **Friday:** Not open to the public **Saturday:** Only open last Saturday of the month 10:00 am -1:00 pm

You will need the follow documents:

- 1) Your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- 2) Proof of Florida Residence (ex. Utility bill, bank statements, etc.).
- 3) Proof your child was 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017 (ex. Birth certificate, passport).
- 4) Child's Social Security card.
- 5) Parent's/caregiver's picture identification (Driver License, etc.).

❖ **COMPUTER: (You will need to scan and send the five documents listed above)**

1. Go to www.vpkhelp.org
2. Click on the blue button, "Click here to register your child for VPK".
3. Register for a new account by creating a user name with a valid email address and password.
4. Open the account verification e-mail that is sent to activate your account.
5. Follow the directions to complete the application for the COE.

Step 2: Once you have obtained the COE, you must call the Early Learning Coalition - "Warm-Line" to apply for the VPK SIS program ... (786) 433-3095.

Additional Information Call: The Early Learning Coalition, Main Office (305) 646-7220 or

M-DCPS, Pre-K SPED, School Social Workers: Michelle Shellahamer or Maria Antunez (305) 271-5701