



**Provider Learning and Networking Meeting
Lauderdale Lakes Education & Cultural Center
3580 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Lauderdale Lakes, 33311
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
10:00 A.M.
Minutes**

Purpose: To ensure the continued enhancement of early education programs through a collaborative partnership of community members, service professionals, and community stakeholders.

I. Welcome/Lauderdale Lakes City Proclamation

CEO Renee Jaffe welcomed ELC partners/providers to May PLAN Meeting and Provider Appreciation Celebration. She also introduced Lauderdale Lakes Vice Mayor Beverly Williams, who read a city tribute to *Provider Appreciation Day*.

II. Lori Canning from Broward Schools passed out Ready for Kindergarten books for transitioning children.

III. VPK Readiness Rates/Legislative Changes

Renee briefly mentioned that some legislative changes are coming in the next year. Renee stressed the importance of partnering moving forward – a community effort. The ELC has developed a community plan to address changes coming from OEL (with the input of providers and other community partners). In the coming months, we'll be talking about raising the level of quality in Broward Co. Renee stressed how she and ELC staff is standing with providers in terms of their frustrations/concerns with the VPK Readiness Rates. Broward providers are not alone, similar situations are present across the state. [*Renee opened up the microphone to providers...ELC Town Hall scheduled for 5/30 9:30am at Abundant Life Christian Academy in Margate.*](#)

IV. School Safety/Emergency Plan – Mike Giallombardo

COO Howard Bakalar introduced Mike Giallombardo from Total Intelligence Group...Mike presented recommendations on what to do in active shooter/safety situations. Members of the audience asked the ELC/Licensing to help with emergency/action plans. Staff charged providers to reach out to local police departments/BSO for assistance/visit to schools. ELC staff will look into finding vendor to provide template/workshop for drafting a safety plan. ([Mike's PowerPoint can be seen here](#)).

V. Stress Management/Wellness Presentation

VI. Keisha Dunn-Pettis, ELC Family Services/Provider Relations Director introduction.

VII. Legislative Update/Quality Initiative

COO Howard Bakalar briefly discussed the changes coming down from Tallahassee re: quality requirements. Providers must meet quality standards by end of next fiscal year or face corrective action/loss of contract. Howard and Allison Metsch (Director of Quality/Education) will be touring the county presenting in depth sessions on the changes in the coming months. ELC will come to schools. Please let Howard/Allison know if you're interested.

VIII. Door Prizes/Raffle Prizes Given Out

IX. Meeting/Celebration Adjourned