From: Daise, Cora
To: Earle, Jeremy; Cooper, Joy
Cc: Jackson, Chanel; Shaw, Kadene
Subject: Re: VPK Child Care Program
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 7:13:23 AM

Greetings!

The team and I look forward to meeting to discuss any questions Madam Mayor may have.

Thank you!

Cora T. Daise | Director

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That's fine Mayor.

Jeremy Earle, Ph.D., AICP, FRA-RA
City Manager/ CRA Executive Director
City of Hallandale Beach

On Apr 15, 2026, at 9:16 PM, Cooper, Joy <jcooper@hallandalebeachfl.gov> wrote:

Thank you . Appreciate the follow up . If i may, when I get back will visit with Cora

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Good evening, Mayor.

As requested, please see below.

Best,

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From: Jackson, Chanel <cjackson@hallandalebeachfl.gov>

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Subject: VPK Child Care Program

Greetings CM,

Please see below the information you requested earlier this week on Tuesday, March 10th.

The Teacher Assistant, Part-Time, assigned to provide instruction for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program is a dual source paid position for the agency with an hourly rate of $21.23: City Funded and CSC Funded for the Summer. The chart below provides the hourly rate of $14.80 paid from City's General Fund-Project #SCHSP and $6.43 Non-Project. The total cost for the VPK is
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Upon implementation of the VPK Program, the Department repositioned the floater assigned Teacher Assistant position to work during the morning for VPK class hours so that no additional new hire positions would be needed to support the program. The Teacher Assistant is a budgeted staff position for the year-round After School Tutorial Enrichment Program (ASP) also inclusive of Spring and Summer Camps. The VPK Program generates revenue for the City by the Human Services Department in account # 6912-331695. Currently, the VPK Program has generated $99,730.14 since the program commenced in August of 2020 with additional revenue to be earned through the end of the 2025-2026 School Year. Florida's VPK Program is free to all 4- and 5-year-olds. The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) serves as the state agency for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) which is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These funds provide childcare services for low-income family members who work, train for work, attend school or whose children need to receive protective services. VPK gives pre-kindergarten children a jumpstart by preparing them for school, thus enhancing their pre-reading, math, language, and social skills development. The only requirement for VPK is that the child must be 4 to 5 years old and reside in Florida.
The Hepburn Center VPK program provides structure and educational preparedness for formal elementary education once they complete all required learning objectives. As a VPK provider, the program also served as the segway for the City to receive other grants to include the ELC - COVID19 Grant-$13,800, ELC

- SUMMER BOOSTER GRANT-$18,000, ELC - V CRRSA Grant Application-$19,500, ELC - VI CRRSA Grant Application-$48,594, ELC - PROVIDER – ARPA STABILIZATION SUBGRANT-$124,205.40, etc.

Furthermore, included herein is the information provided by Child Care Licensing and Enforcement pertaining to shared space; this information comes from the Department of Children and Families Child Care Handbook.

Please see the standard from the DCF Child Care Handbook under Section 2.1.E on page 12.

E. The childcare facility must not be used for any business or purpose unrelated to providing childcare that can interfere with compliance with childcare standards or permit the unsupervised presence of individuals who do not meet screening and training requirements (with the exception of parents or legal guardians of children in care) when children are present. A childcare facility that utilizes any area that is subject to use by persons outside of the program must have exclusive control of such area when used by the program and provide effective measures to exclude individuals who do not meet screening and training requirements from that area.
Whoever has access to the childcare space would then be in question during operational hours.
IF community members are using space during operational hours, the licensed capacity may be affected/potentially decreased, and those individuals would need to have the required class II background clearance screening on file.
Please see the standard from the DCF Child Care Handbook under Section 5.1.A on Page 51.
5.1 Initial Screening
A screening must be conducted as a condition of employment. The employer/owner/operator must review each employment application to assess the relevancy of any issue uncovered by the complete background screening, including any arrest, pending criminal charge, or conviction, and must use this information in employment decisions in accordance with state laws. A. Level 2 screening as outlined in s. 435.04, F.S., is required for all childcare personnel and includes a criminal records check (both national and statewide), a sexual predator and sexual offender registry search, and child abuse and neglect history of any state in which an individual resided during the preceding 5 years. All fingerprints must be submitted and processed through the Background Screening Clearinghouse and therefore a

Live Scan vendor that is Clearinghouse compatible must be used for submission of fingerprints.

Respectfully,

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