The ELCFH believes that parents are best suited to choose and evaluate child care for their children. The VPK provider information below will help in making the best decision for VPK placement. Parents are recommended to visit several providers, ask questions and check references before enrolling. Exercise your right of parental choice.

Quick information at:
Provider licensing/VPK profile at: www.myflorida.com/childcare/providersearch.
VPK Readiness Rate at https://vpk.fldoe.org/
The ELCFH can always create a VPK provider search based on your specific criteria—just call the ELCFH office and request a VPK R&R.

2020-2021 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Approved Providers Profile

**Hardee County**

Year Round Programs

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<td>33873</td>
<td>Provider Name: First Baptist Children's Academy Address: 1570 W. Main Street, Wauchula Phone: 863.773.9185 Director: Jamie Howell Email: <a href="mailto:jhowell@fbcwauchula.org">jhowell@fbcwauchula.org</a></td>
<td>Services: Literacy Rich Program Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Instructor Credentials: FCCPC Teacher/Pupil Ratio: 1:11 FY 18-19 Readiness Rate: 76 Provider On Probation: N</td>
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VPK Allocation per child effective 7.01.20: $2,392.20/session or $4.43/per hour
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| 33873    | **Provider Name:** Island of Adventure Child Care Center  
**Address:** 1258 W. Main Street, Wauchula  
**Phone:** 863.767.0800  
**Director:** Veronica Barker  
**Email:** iaccvbpk@gmail.com | **Services:** Literacy Rich Program  
**Type:** Child Care Facility (licensed)  
**Curriculum:** Beyond Centers & Circle Time  
**Instructor Credentials:** FCCPC  
**Teacher/Pupil Ratio:** 1:11  
**FY 18-19 Readiness Rate:** 60  
**Provider On Probation:** N | **Start Date:** 8.17.20  
**End Date:** 1.8.21  
**Days:** Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 7:40 am-1:40 pm  
**Number of Classes:** 2 |
| 33834    | **Provider Name:** SJ Learning Academy  
**Address:** 423 Sellers Street, Bowling Green  
**Phone:** 863.375.2113  
**Director:** Veronica Narvaez  
**Email:** sjlearningacademy@gmail.com | **Services:** Literacy Rich Program  
**Type:** Child Care Facility (licensed)  
**Curriculum:** Learn Every Day  
**Instructor Credentials:** FCCPC  
**Teacher/Pupil Ratio:** 2:20  
**FY 18-19 Readiness Rate:** n/a  
**Provider On Probation:** N | **Start Date:** 8.10.20  
**End Date:** 12.18.20  
**Days:** Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 7:00 am-1:00 pm  
**Number of Classes:** 1 |
| 33873    | **Provider Name:** Wauchula Childcare Center, LLC  
**Address:** 315 S. Florida Avenue, Wauchula  
**Phone:** 863.767.1070  
**Director:** Alicia Macedo  
**Email:** wauchulachildcare@gmail.com | **Services:** Literacy Rich Program  
**Type:** Child Care Facility (licensed)  
**Curriculum:** Learn Every Day  
**Instructor Credentials:** FCCPC  
**Teacher/Pupil Ratio:** 1:9, 1:10 & 1:11  
**FY 18-19 Readiness Rate:** 61  
**Provider On Probation:** N | **Start Date:** 8.12.20  
**End Date:** 5.26.21  
**Days:** Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 8:30-11:30 am  
**Number of Classes:** 4 |

For VPK Provider Readiness Rate information please go to [https://vpk.fldoe.org/](https://vpk.fldoe.org/)

The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate is based on the screening results from the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The term PROVIDERS ON PROBATION refers to a VPK provider whose readiness rate is at or below the minimum rate set by the Department of Education.
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Additional information is available at vpk.fldoe.org/InfoPages/Parentinfo.aspx