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Advent Early Childhood School Participating In Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

Program eases financial burden for parents

Boca Raton, Florida – Children with a full Florida voluntary prekindergarten voucher (VPK) may attend Advent Early Childhood School's prekindergarten program for \$225 per month, beginning January 10 through May 30, 2008.

To receive a voucher, a child must be four years old on or before September 1, 2007. The parent must bring proof of residency in the state of Florida and the child's birth certificate to the VPK office (Family Central), which is located at 3111 South Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, Florida and open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30p.m. The VPK voucher is offered to all Florida children regardless of parents' income.

Advent's VPK program is offered Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00p.m. or 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Space is limited for this program. For more information, please contact Advent ECS at 395-3631 ext. 4.

About the Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

A constitutional amendment passed by Florida's voters in Nov. 2002 required a prekindergarten program for all four-year-old children by fall 2005. House Bill 1-A was signed into law by Governor Bush on January 2, 2005, creating a program designed to prepare four-year-olds for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. The program allows a parent to enroll his or her eligible child (four years old by September 1 and residing in Florida) in a free VPK program. The program is voluntary for children and providers.

The VPK program began in the 2005-2006 school year. Public, private, and faith-based providers may be eligible to deliver the program depending on whether they meet the minimum standards required in law.

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