

# Success Spotlight

## St. Johns County

**R**ecently, in the St. Johns ECS office, a parent expressed concerns that her little girl was going to miss the cut-off date for Kindergarten by a mere three weeks! ECS quickly assured her that there were other educational options for her 5-year-old.

Due to the child's birth date, she qualified for the VPK program. She was informed of the details of the VPK curriculum and given websites to research the information in depth. This mother also brought up that she was new to the area, so she was given the ECS resource guide and advised to look into the newspaper for parent/child networking meetings.

Later that week, the parent returned for referrals. This time she brought her five year old in with her. "I'm going to school," she chimed every few minutes. The mother had figured out the details with the parent packet and resources that ECS provided her. A few matches were made in the provider database and just like that, she took the referrals and was off to visit her selected providers.

About two months later, this parent came back to the Worksource lobby. She let everyone know that her daughter was doing quite well with her chosen provider. She explained that she was given daily feedback and her child was showing she was able to follow instructions and structured routines. The parent was quite pleased that her child was getting along and cooperating with other children.

The mother reported that she had also noticed a difference at home! Transition times, like picking up toys and cleaning up were less of a struggle. In return, it allowed more time for bedtime stories. It was during story time that the mother discovered her daughter knew a few words by sight. This mother thanked ECS for all their help and was told if she needed anything else not to hesitate to call.

