



PROVIDER RECRUITMENT/ EXPANSION INCENTIVE PROGRAM **2009-2010**

Program Overview:

Recognizing that several communities in counties serviced by the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. have few childcare programs available it is important to support initiatives to recruit new early care providers.

Through the **Provider Recruitment/Expansion Incentive Program** the Coalition is committed to providing resources to encourage those interested in opening a child care facility in such areas in order to offer more opportunities to parents/caregivers for parental choice.

Entrepreneurs interested in opening an early learning center or home daycare, within the following specified communities, may request financial assistance:

- South Brooksville
- Istachatta
- Shady Hills
- Trilacoochee
- Lacochee
- Trilby
- Ridge Manor

Applicant may be eligible to receive up to \$1,500.00 reimbursement annually prior to licensure. Once licensed, they may be eligible to receive up to an additional \$3,500.00 reimbursement annually for appropriate materials. Funding is based on budget allocations determined by the Coalition Board. The approved funds will be reimbursed to the provider within 30 days of the Quality Committee meeting at which the application was approved.

Application Criteria:

A. \$1,500.00 eligibility

1. Completed application from Provider
2. Letter of Interest
3. Pre and Post Assessments must be current (if applicable)
4. Child Developmental Screening (Ages and Stages) must be current (if applicable)
5. Receipt for items requested to be reimbursed (July 1 – June 30)
6. 2 Recommendations from community members
7. Must have scored above 80% in most recent Monitoring tool (if applicable)

8. Copy of CDA (s) for each staff member
9. Copy of Director/Owner resume (at least 5 years experience in early learning)
10. The completed application must be received no later than June 15, 2010

B. \$3,500.00 eligibility

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11. Copy of Initial Assessment
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Eligibility:

The applicant must be an early learning provider contracted to provide School Readiness services for the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. The applicant must be in full compliance with the contract deliverables.

Applicant must maintain a contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc., for at least a year after the award has been approved.

Allowable costs for this program include the following (this is a prioritized list):

- Resource materials (i.e. books, dramatic play, crayons, paint, manipulative items, curriculum and other items necessary to support the new learning environment)
- Literature (books and furniture to support literacy activities)
- Outdoor play equipment
- Furniture to support the new learning environment

Submit Completed Application and Supporting Documentation To:

**The Early Learning Coalition
of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.**
15506 County Line Road, Suite 103
Spring Hill, Florida 34610

Attn: Nicole Flechas, Quality Manager



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Applicant Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Proposed Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Type of child care facility (check one or more):

- Private child care center
- License-exempt child care center
- School-based program
- Licensed family child care home
- Registered family child care home

Accrediting agency, if applicable: _____

Years in Business at current site: _____

Planned Capacity _____

Name and Address for reimbursement check, if approved:

Please explain why this area is a disaffected area (population, socioeconomic status... etc.)

Please provide information on your business and how these funds will enhance your services.

Director/Teacher Credentials (please provide a listing of all instructors and their certifications)
(If more space is needed please list on separate sheet)

Name: _____ **Certifications:** _____

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List curricula that you intend to use or are currently using: _____

Required documentation attached (as appropriate)

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Applicant's Signature

Date