



**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
**2011-2012**

**School Readiness Providers in Pasco or Hernando County Only**

**Program Overview:**

The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. is committed to the preservation of our environment. Well informed early education professionals are the key to the success of our programs. The **Reduce Reuse Recycle Incentive Program** is designed to assist early learning centers and family care homes in establishing healthy, sustainable practices within their daily operations.

Applicant may be reimbursed up to 50% of costs, to a maximum annual reimbursement of \$500.00, 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.

**ALL RECEIPTS MUST HAVE ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED  
IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED**

**Approved Items Include:**

- Installation of energy-efficient thermostats
- Installation of water filtration system
- Installation of HEPA Air Filters
- Replacement of light bulbs with CFL energy-efficient bulbs
- Replacement of standard batteries with rechargeable batteries
- Purchase of recycling containers and/or blue recycling bags
- Purchase of reusable shopping bags for center use
- Trees (planted with children)
- Vegetable or fruit from a garden planted with children
- Mild, non-toxic, or bio-degradable cleaning products such as coldwater laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, and other cleaning materials
- Cloth napkins and/or washcloths for hand drying (instead of paper)
- Rags for cleaning (instead of paper towels)
- Real flatware, plates, and cups
- Recycled paper products
- Recycled copy paper
- Educational materials relating to recycling, environmental protection, and conservation including games and books to be used with the children
- Noise Abatement materials such as carpeting, area rugs, sound baffles, double paned windows, or headphones with volume controls.

Providers who become a “Certified Green” School could be eligible to receive an additional **one-time** bonus of \$1,000.00. A provider can be “Certified Green” through the National Green Schools Coalition (NGSC) by earning a minimum of 100 points on an 800 + point assessment matrix. This matrix awards points for improvements and achievements that include:

- Energy and water efficiencies
- Indoor air quality
- Creating a toxin-free learning environment
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Nutrition and gardening
- Green cleaning
- Community involvement and education

**Application Criteria:**

1. Completed application from Provider
2. Letter of Interest
3. Early Learning Provider must be in business and contracted for at least one (1) full year prior to the date of application
4. Copy of latest licensing report
5. Pre and Post Assessments must be current
6. Child Developmental Screening (Ages and Stages) must be current
7. Receipt(s) for the cost of purchasing the curriculum, obtained during the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 1)
8. Two Letters of Recommendation from community members
9. Must have scored above 85% in most recent Monitoring tool
10. Copy of Director/Owner resume (at least 5 years experience in early learning)
11. **The completed application must be received no later than June 1, 2012**

**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.

**Submit Completed Application and Supporting Documentation To:**

**Early Learning Coalition  
of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc**  
15506 County Line Road  
Spring Hill, FL 34610

**Attention: Sharon Hayes, Quality Supervisor**



**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION 2011-2012**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Early Learning Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Items purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain how the items purchased will improve the quality of your early learning program:

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**Name and Address for reimbursement check, if approved:**

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**Required documentation attached (as appropriate)**

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Applicant's Signature

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Date