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## AGE RANGE FOR SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES POLICY

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure adherence to the Coalition's mission "to prepare children in our counties to enter and succeed in school."

### POLICY STATEMENT

Restricted availability of funding and increased community need for services combine to impact the ages for which School Readiness services are available to qualified families. Effective 7/1/2010, newly qualified children for the School Readiness program are those whose ages are birth through age 8.

All children birth through age 12, who qualify for the School Readiness program under the State of Florida's "Protective Services" (PS), "Temporary Aid to Needy Families" (TANF) or "Special Needs" (SPCR) programs, will continue to be served.

Children ages 9 through age 12, who were actively enrolled in the School Readiness program on 6/30/10 may continue their enrollment through 12/31/10, subject to standard reporting and ninety (90) day re-determination requirements.

As of 1/1/11, only children ages birth through age 8 may remain enrolled in the School Readiness Program.

Coalition staff will advise the parent/guardian of each child who either fails to qualify for School Readiness services, effective 7/1/10 or who ages out, effective 12/31/10, of alternative childcare placement options, including low-cost alternatives.

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