



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF THE NATURE COAST

Serving Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, & Sumter Counties

PRIVATE-SECTOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast, a 501(c) (3), not for profit organization was established following the enactment of Florida Statute 411.01 that establishes the Office of Early Learning and local coalitions. The Florida Legislature recognized that “school readiness programs increase children’s chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society.” The Legislature intends for the local school readiness coalitions to establish programs and policies to prepare Florida’s youngest citizens for success in school.

Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Sumter Counties have established a board of up to 35 members, whose mission is to integrate a system of services and facilitate a quality school readiness program that includes linkages to all areas of child development. This board brings together the primary agencies in Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Sumter Counties that work with children including the Department of Children and Families, the central agencies, Head Start, the School Boards, Workforce Development, and the Health Department. In addition, the board includes representatives for private and faith based early education and care providers, the Board of County Commissioners, and the private business sector.

The Coalition board is responsible for:

- Developing a plan for implementing the school readiness program to meet the Office of Early Learning standards and outcome measures;
- Providing school readiness programs on a full-day, year-round basis to the maximum extent possible;
- Providing a single point of entry and unified waiting list;
- Establishing a sliding fee scale;
- Establishing reimbursement rates;
- Providing direct enhancement services to families and children;
- Developing strategies to meet the needs of unique populations; and
- Establishing specific eligibility priorities.
- Implementing Florida’s Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

The board meets on a bi-monthly basis at the VFW Post 7991 located at 3107 West Dunnellon Road (CR 488) Dunnellon, FL. 34433. The meetings begin at 9:00am and typically end at 11:30am.

Private Sector Eligibility:

Each Private-sector business member must reside in Florida and must be one of the following individuals associated with a private-sector business entity conducting business in Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy or Sumter Counties:

1. An owner having at least a 10-percent ownership interest in the business entity;
2. The chief executive or operating officer of the business entity;

3. A business executive or employee of the business entity who is at the management level or higher with optimum policymaking or hiring authority for the business entity; or
4. An individual who previously met one of the criteria listed above but who is retired from the business entity.

The potential member, their relatives, and the business entity must not have a substantial financial interest in the design or delivery of the Coalition's early education programs. As used in this paragraph the term "relative" has the meaning ascribed in s. 112.3143, F.S.: any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

The following individuals are not eligible to be appointed as private-sector business members:

1. An employee of the early learning coalition or of the fiscal agent, central agency, contractor, or sub-contractor of the Coalition.
2. An employee of a school readiness provider, private prekindergarten provider, public school, or school district.
3. An employee of a child care facility, family day care home, large family child care home, nonpublic school, or faith-based child care provider.
4. An employee of a state university, community college, or other public educational institution.
5. An employee of the Federal Government or state government; of a state, county, or municipal government; or of a public agency.

To be considered for a board member position, please submit the enclosed application to your local Economic Development Council or Chamber of Commerce.

If you have any questions, please call **352-563-9939 / 1-877-336-5437** or write to:

**Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast
Sonya Bosanko, Executive Director
1564 North Meadowcrest Blvd.
Crystal River, FL 34429**

Application for Board Membership

Applicants are considered for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, gender, creed, national origin, age, sexual orientation, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition or disability, or any other legally protected status.

PLEASE PRINT

<u>Date of application:</u>				
How did you learn about us? <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Walk In <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	
Street Address	City	County	State	ZIP
Telephone Number (s)		E-mail Address		Social Security Number

EDUCATION

Name and Location	Number of Years Completed	Course of Study Major/Degree
High School		Diploma or Equivalent: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vocational/Technical College		Did you receive a degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify: _____
Undergraduate College		Did you receive a degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify: _____
Graduate/Professional		Did you receive a degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify: _____

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Summarize any skills and/or certificates that may qualify you as being able to contribute to the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature

Coast board of directors: _____

Summarize special job-related skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experience (include job-related military training) that qualify you for a position as board: _____

State your qualifications as a board member: _____

List professional, trade, business, or civic activities and offices held. (You may exclude memberships which would reveal gender, race, religion, national origin, age, ancestry, or disability or other legal protected status): _____

REFERENCES

Provide information on four professional references (if providing personal references, please exclude relatives).				
Name	Address	Telephone	Type	Years Known
			___ Professional ___ Personal	
			___ Professional ___ Personal	
			___ Professional ___ Personal	
			___ Professional ___ Personal	

PRIVATE SECTOR ELIGIBILITY

Please indicate which of the following statements applies to you:

	Please indicated with an X
An owner having at least a 10-percent ownership interest in the business entity;	
The chief executive or operating officer of the business entity;	
A business executive or employee of the business entity who is at the management level or higher with optimum policymaking or hiring authority for the business entity; or	
An individual who previously met one of the criteria listed above but who is retired from the business entity.	

Please answer the questions below:	Yes	No
Do you, your relatives, or the business entity you are employed with have a substantial financial interest in the design or delivery of the Coalition's early education programs? As used in this paragraph the term "relative" has the meaning ascribed in s. 112.3143, F.S.: any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.		
Are you an employee of the early learning coalition or of the fiscal agent, central agency, contractor, or sub-contractor of the Coalition?		
Are you an employee of a school readiness provider, private prekindergarten provider, public school, or school district?		
Are you an employee of a child care facility, family day care home, large family child care home, nonpublic school, or faith-based child care provider?		
Are you An employee of a state university, community college, or other public educational institution?		
Are you an employee of the Federal Government or state government; of a state, county, or municipal government; or of a public agency?		

DECLARATION: I solemnly declare that the statements made in this application are true.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

<p>COALITION USE ONLY: Member appointed by: ___ EDC ___ Chamber (Attach appointment letter). Member meets private sector criteria ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, date approved by ELC-Nature Coast Board _____ Action Item # _____</p>
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OPTIONAL SERVICE

Please indicate if you would also be interested in serving on the following committees or councils of the Coalition:

	Please indicated with an X
<p>Administrative Committee: The administrative committee is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and tracking of the School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten Plan development • Development and implementation of Procurement and Contract negotiations • Revisions and amendments to the Coalition's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation • Recruitment and recommendations of potential Board Members • Development and review of the Coalition's Budget and Monthly Financial Statements • Review of budget utilization and enrollment • Development and implementation of the Coalition's Cost Allocation Plan and Single Audit Plan. <p>The Committee meets on a monthly basis on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Coalition's Crystal River Office located at 1564 North Meadowcrest Blvd. Crystal River, Fl. 34429. The meetings begin at 9:00am and typically end at 11:00am.</p>	
<p>Advisory Councils: The Coalition has established three advisory councils that represent Citrus County, Sumter County, and the Tri-County Area (Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy Counties). The Councils are responsible for the following in their respective counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Program Services • Oversight of Quality Initiatives • Program analysis and evaluation • Program Improvement Plans • Analysis and tracking of contractor data • VPK Program Development <p>The Citrus County Council meets on a monthly basis on the second Monday of the month at the Coalition's Crystal River Office located at 1564 North Meadowcrest Blvd. Crystal River, Fl. 34429. The meetings begin at 9:00am and typically end at 11:00am</p> <p>The Sumter County Council meets on a monthly basis on the third Wednesday of the month at Wildwood Government Annex located at 362 Shopping Center Drive Wildwood, FL 34785. The meetings begin at 9:30am and typically end at 11:30am.</p> <p>The Tri-County Council meets on a monthly basis on the second Friday of the month at Childhood Development Services located at 212 North Main Street Chiefland Florida 32626. The meetings begin at 9:00am and typically end at 11:00am.</p>	