



## Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Serving Citrus – Dixie – Gilchrist – Levy – Sumter Counties

### Provider Alert #20

**Date:** March 27, 2008

**Subject:** Administrative Committee Meeting

On March 26, 2008 the Administrative Committee held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The following action (related directly to early learning programs) was taken:

**School Readiness Enrollment:** The Administrative Committee noted an overall surplus of \$36,000 in the direct services budget. The overall surplus includes:

- The actual cost of school readiness services for the period of July 2008 to February 2008
- The projected cost of school readiness services for the period of March 2008 to June 2008
- The increase in the Citrus and Dixie County reimbursement rates (equal to the 2005 Market Rate)

The projection does **NOT** include the potential 2007 Market Rate reimbursement increase.

As a result, the Administrative Committee voted unanimously to maintain a freeze on open enrollment.

**FY2008-2009 School Readiness Budget:** Coalition staff requested the Administrative Committee to provide direction on the philosophy of budget allocations for the FY2008-2009 school readiness budget. Specifically, Coalition staff requested direction on the priority of funding for direct services and quality initiative programs. Coalition staff notified the Administrative Committee of the informal provider survey which was conducted to determine provider philosophy as it relates to prioritizing direct service funding or quality initiative funding. As a result of the survey data, which indicated a strong commitment to direct service funding, and in consideration of a potential \$372,000 reduction in the FY2008-2009 school readiness budget, the Administrative Committee directed Coalition staff to present the draft FY2008-2009 school readiness budget with an allocation priority in the direct services budget.

The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2008 beginning at 9:00AM. The meeting will be held at the Coalition's Crystal River office. Providers may attend the meeting in person or call into the meeting at 1-800-503-2899 (conference code # 4937505.) The Committee will review the proposed **FY2008-2009 Early Learning Budget** during the April meeting.

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