



Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Serving Citrus – Dixie – Gilchrist – Levy – Sumter Counties

Provider Alert #39

Date: September 2, 2008
Subject: Administrative Committee Meeting

On August 27, 2008 the Administrative Committee held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The following action (related directly to early learning programs) was taken:

School Readiness Enrollment: As a result of a potential deficit in the direct services budget the Committee voted unanimously to close open enrollment for school readiness services in all five counties effective August 27, 2008 to September 24, 2008.

Service Delivery System: The Committee directed the Executive Director to re-submit a study conducted last fiscal year with regard to revising the Coalition's service delivery system to conduct all services "in-house" eliminating the current contracting process. The Committee will review the study during the September 24, 2008 meeting.

FY2007-2008 Budget Review: The Committee reviewed the final financial statements of FY2007-2008 and noted a trend to prioritize child enrollment over quality as it related to the allocation of school readiness funds. Members noted concerns with the trend questioning the Coalition's mission to offer quality education programs. It is anticipated that the members will note this concern during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on September 3, 2008.

The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24, 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.)

If you have any questions or concerns related to this Alert please contact Sonya Bosanko at 352-563-9939 Ext. 224 or sbosanko@elc-naturecoast.org

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