



Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Serving Citrus – Dixie – Gilchrist – Levy – Sumter Counties

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Subject: Quality Initiative Programs FY 2010-2011

The Coalition has received direction from the Agency for Workforce Innovation/Office of Early Learning with regard to the implementation of Quality Initiative programs for this fiscal year. As you recall, the new legislation included changes to the implementation of Quality Initiatives statewide; however, the rule-making process must be initiated.

While rule is being developed, AWI/OEL has directed Early Learning Coalitions to implement Quality Initiatives according to currently approved guidelines. To meet this direction, the Administrative Committee will be recommending budgets for the various QI programs to the Board. Final approval of the FY 10-11 Quality Initiatives budgets will be considered at the October 6, 2010 Board meeting.

Early Learning providers and staff members may begin submitting applications for the Quality Initiative programs currently adopted by the Board. Programs include:

- Professional Development Reimbursement Program
- Teacher Incentive Payment Program (TIP Program)
- Accreditation Mini Grant Program
- Inclusion Mini Grant Program
- Provider Recruitment/Expansion Program

Please note that no funds will be disbursed until Board approval of QI budgets has been completed.

All QI forms and program guidelines are available on the Coalition's website at www.elc-naturecoast.org.

Any questions may be directed to your local Program Manager.

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