



# Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Serving Citrus-Dixie-Gilchrist-Levy-Sumter Counties

## Provider Alert #9

**Date:** January 7, 2008

**Subject:** Enforcement of School Readiness Parent Fees- Additional Information

On January 4, 2008 the Coalition released a Provider Alert with the subject: Enforcement of School Readiness Parent Fees. The following provides additional information.

Early learning providers are required to enforce the collection of parent fees when a child is absent from the school readiness program if the absence is claimed and paid as a reimbursable day. Early learning providers are not mandated to collect the parent fee on non-reimbursable days.

When an Early Learning Provider offers discounts to workers whose children attend their program, the discount is NOT considered a scholarship; however, is considered a benefit. Providers should indicate the parent fees as paid on the School Readiness Provider Quarterly Report, and maintain supporting documentation. Supporting documentation must include a description of the provider's benefit package that is available to all employees.

Please contact the Coalition if you have any questions or concerns.

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