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**MEETING AGENDA**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010  
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
(OR UNTIL BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED)  
A. A. MILNE ROOM  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL BUILDING  
2300 HIGH RIDGE ROAD, BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
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**Goodwill Achievement Through Employment (GATE) Program**

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**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM**

**Board of Directors Meeting Date:**  
February 18, 2010

**Prepared By:**  
Christie Young

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE / DESCRIPTION:**

Goodwill Achievement Through Employment (GATE) Program

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the December 17<sup>th</sup> PD2 meeting, Roland Williams from the County Department of Community Services made an appeal to the committee to provide service proposals to partner with the County in ARRA funded programs. The challenge was that the programs must be completed by September 30, 2010. Aruna Gilbert of the Coalition provided Mr. Williams with a proposal to provide child care services for their program clients. Since that date the Coalition, Department of Community Services, Goodwill Gulfstream Industries and Family Central have worked to design a referral system for clients of the Goodwill GATE program. The GATE Program provides job training, employment, and retention services to its clients. Family Central, through its current contract with the Coalition will be providing child care resource and referral, enrollment and provider payment services. The major goal of this contract is to provide clients with child care services to assist them in the successful completion of their job training and placement program with GATE.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

\$72,000.00 – child care slots to serve approximately 24 children.

**4. CURRENT SITUATION**

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County is partnering with the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services and Goodwill Gulfstream Industries to provide child care resource and referral services and enrollment into child care programs to eligible clients in the GATE program and payment to child care providers for child care services. The contract was reviewed and approved by staff of the Coalition, Goodwill and the ELC legal counsel. This contract with Goodwill was executed on February 8, 2010 for the period of February 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Coalition staff recommends that Board approve the execution of this contract.

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## **Finance Report**

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Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 18, 2010

### **Finance Report**

#### **SR Child Care Slots**

Child care slot expenditures for the State School Readiness contract for the month of November 2009 totaled \$3,278,312. The unduplicated number of children served was 9,786 (the duplicated number served was 10,022). As of February 5, 2010, there were 5,955 children on the waiting list.

As illustrated on the enclosed charts, the Coalition's year-to-date totals for actual slot costs compared to Family Central's slot utilization plan indicates that as of November 30, 2009, the Coalition's slot utilization is at 101%. Family Central and Coalition staff will continue to monitor the School Readiness slot utilization to ensure the June 30, 2010 slot utilization plan is executed.

#### **SR Administrative Expenses**

As of November 30, 2009, \$516,636 was charged to the state contract for School Readiness administrative expenses. The Coalition's administrative expenses represented 1.8% of the School Readiness contract expenditures. The Coalition and Family Central combined administrative expenditures were approximately 3.2% and were well below the 5% administrative limit allowed by AWI/Office of Early Learning. The Coalition was in compliance with all School Readiness earmarks and restrictions as of November 30, 2009.

#### **VPK Administrative Expenses**

The allowable VPK administrative, enrollment, and monitoring expenses are limited to 4.85% of the total VPK slot expenditures. Total Coalition and Family Central VPK administrative expenditures were \$439,998 as of November 30, 2009. The VPK administration expenditures as of November 30, 2009 equaled 4.49% of VPK slot expenditures. Therefore, the Coalition is in compliance with all VPK earmarks and restrictions as of November 30, 2009. Based on current projections, combined Coalition and Family Central VPK administration expenses will be less than 4.85% of VPK slot costs for the grant period ending June 30, 2010.

#### **Financial Statements**

Attached are financial statements as of and for the 5 months ended November 30, 2009. The following is an analysis of those financial statements.

#### **Financial Statement Analysis**

The Coalition's financial position is sound as of November 30, 2009. The Coalition's cash, investments, prepaid VPK slots, and grants receivable exceed its accounts payable, due to providers and advances due back to grantors by \$265,985.

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As of November 30, 2009, total Coalition expenditures were within budget. As of November 30, 2009 the Coalition should have 58.34% of its budgeted expenditures remaining. As of November 30, 2009, 59.6% of budgeted expenditures were available for current year expenditures.

The Coalition's School Readiness administration expenditures were slightly under budget as indicated by the fact that 58.7% of budgeted expenditures were available as of November 30, 2009. The Coalition's VPK expenditures were also on track with the budget as indicated by the fact that 58.4% of budgeted expenditures were available as of November 30, 2009.

Family Central was 1.5% under budget for school readiness direct expenses as of November 30, 2009. Family Central expenditures for VPK enrollment, quality assurance, and payment services were 0.9% under budget as of November 30, 2009. Family Central outreach and monitoring expenses were \$12,014 or 15.64% over budget. Family Central intentionally spends more money on VPK monitoring in the beginning of the fiscal year than towards the end or the middle of the fiscal year to find and correct provider compliance issues early in the year. In addition, a large number of outreach events are held in July and August which are the months preceding the beginning of the Fall VPK program. Total Family Central VPK outreach and monitoring expenditures are expected to be within budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

The Children's Place at Homesafe's entry agency expenditures were 11.8% under budget. The School Readiness expenditures for slots or direct services to children were right on target as indicated by the fact that 59.5% of the budget is available as of November 30, 2009. VPK slot expenditures were also on target as indicated by the fact that 59.7% of the budget is available as of November 30, 2009. The Coalition's VPK enrollment is up approximately 15% from the prior fiscal year. Current projections indicate that the Agency for Workforce Innovation will need to increase the Coalition's VPK contract to cover the additional enrollments. Coalition staff has obtained written verification from the Agency for Workforce Innovation that all VPK expenditures will be funded.

### **External Audit**

Rampell and Rampell, P.A. was engaged to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The audit firm concluded its fieldwork and presented the final audit report to the Board. The final audited financial statements have been sent to all required parties including the Coalition's grantors, the Florida Auditor General, and the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. The approved Form 990 tax return was timely submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Agency Certification**

As part of the Nonprofits First agency certification process, the Coalition is required to submit annual documentation to Nonprofits First to continue the Coalition's certification. The Coalition has submitted all of the annually required documents. Nonprofits First has sent official notification that the Coalition has once again achieved certification.

### **AWI Desk Audit**

As part of its desk audit process, the Agency for Workforce Innovation selected a sample of Coalition and Family Central School Readiness and VPK July 2009 expenditures for testing. AWI has issued its final desk audit report. The final report does not note any reportable items or questioned costs.

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### **Update on AWI File Audit**

The Agency for Workforce Innovation performed a School Readiness and VPK file audit at Family Central, Inc. During this audit, the AWI auditors noted that there were 5 instances where the VPK provider files contained good moral character forms where dates were deleted with white out and written over with blue ink or were just written over with blue ink. Per communications with AWI, the good moral character forms could be deemed invalid. AWI has also indicated that it could potentially question costs related to classrooms conducted by instructors that had invalid good moral character forms.

Valid good moral character forms were obtained from the providers and sent to AWI on November 13, 2009. AWI has accepted and cleared all of the good moral character forms. The Agency for Workforce Innovation has issued a draft report that does not contain any questioned costs. The AWI file audit report will be submitted to the Board once it is finalized.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard M. Sothen, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer

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## Finance Report

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**Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of November 30, 2009**

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,929,934.52
Investments	4,996,000.00
Accounts Receivable	7,343,870.22
Prepaid VPK Slots	1,450,086.75
Prepaid Expenses	10,769.71
Total Current Assets	<u>15,730,661.20</u>
Fixed Assets - Net of Depreciation	<u>9,865.28</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 15,740,526.48</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,953,087.20
Due to Providers	16,065.55
Due to Funders	81,678.80
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,050,831.55</u>
L/T Compensated Absences	34,445.11
Deferred Revenue - Grantor Advances	<u>8,403,074.74</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>15,488,351.40</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Current Year Net Income	1,426.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>250,749.08</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>252,175.08</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 15,740,526.48</u></u>

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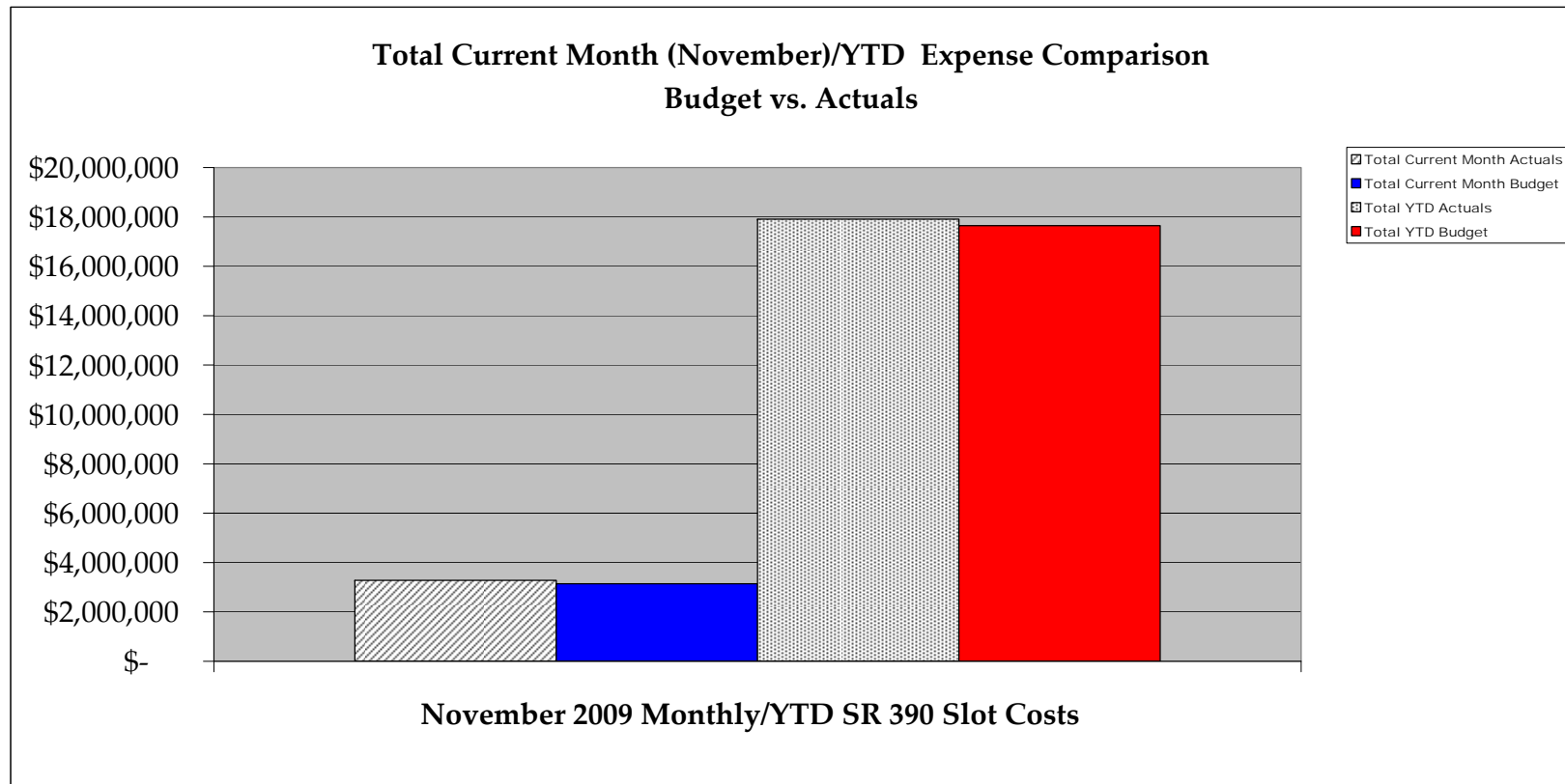
**Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From July 1, 2009 Through November 30, 2009**

	Current Year Actual	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Variance	% Annual Budget Remaining
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>				
GRANT INCOME - SCHOOL READINESS/CCEP	\$ 17,715,424.28	\$ 42,480,289.00	\$ (24,764,864.72)	58.3%
GRANT INCOME - VOLUNTARY PRE-K	9,626,521.15	23,880,000.00	(14,253,478.85)	59.7%
GRANT INCOME - VOLUNTARY PRE-K OUTREACH & MONITORING	44,424.23	76,817.00	(32,392.77)	42.2%
GRANT INCOME - CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL	5,891,649.50	15,633,573.00	(9,741,923.50)	62.3%
GRANT INCOME - SCHOOL DISTRICT	307,256.14	1,000,303.00	(693,046.86)	69.3%
GRANT INCOME - PBC BOCC	57,000.00	285,000.00	(228,000.00)	80.0%
GRANT INCOME - DOE VPK FACILITATOR	35,401.61	88,128.32	(52,726.71)	59.8%
GRANT INCOME - LOCAL BUSINESSES	223,457.94	517,650.00	(294,192.06)	56.8%
INTEREST INCOME	492.08	-	492.08	N/A
CONTRIBUTIONS	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-100.0%
SALARY REIMBURSEMENTS - ELC BROWARD	20,984.15	51,140.63	(30,156.48)	59.0%
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 33,942,611.08</u>	<u>\$ 84,022,900.95</u>	<u>\$ (50,080,289.87)</u>	<u>59.6%</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
COALITION SCHOOL READINESS ADMIN EXPENSES	\$ 365,311.67	883,615.84	\$ 518,304.17	58.7%
COALITION VPK ADMIN EXPENSES	64,529.86	155,107.23	90,577.37	58.4%
COALITION SCHOOL READINESS QUALITY EXPENSES	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.0%
COALITION VPK QUALITY EXPENSES	35,401.61	88,128.32	52,726.71	59.8%
FCI VPK ENROLLMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE EXPENSES	375,867.93	922,352.00	546,484.07	59.2%
FCI VPK OUTREACH & MONITORING EXPENSES	44,024.23	76,817.00	32,792.77	42.7%
FCI SCHOOL READINESS DIRECT EXPENSES	2,192,477.84	5,460,865.00	3,268,387.16	59.9%
HOMESAFE SCHOOL READINESS DIRECT EXPENSES	79,414.72	266,000.00	186,585.28	70.1%
SCHOOL READINESS SLOT EXPENSES	21,595,763.41	53,267,474.79	31,671,711.38	59.5%
VPK SLOT EXPENSES	9,188,393.81	22,802,540.77	13,614,146.96	59.7%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>33,941,185.08</u>	<u>84,022,900.95</u>	<u>50,081,715.87</u>	<u>59.6%</u>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<u>\$ 1,426.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,426.00</u>	

# Finance Report

OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING/AWI  
 Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
 November 2009 Monthly/YTD SR 390 Slot Costs  
 Fiscal Year 2009-2010

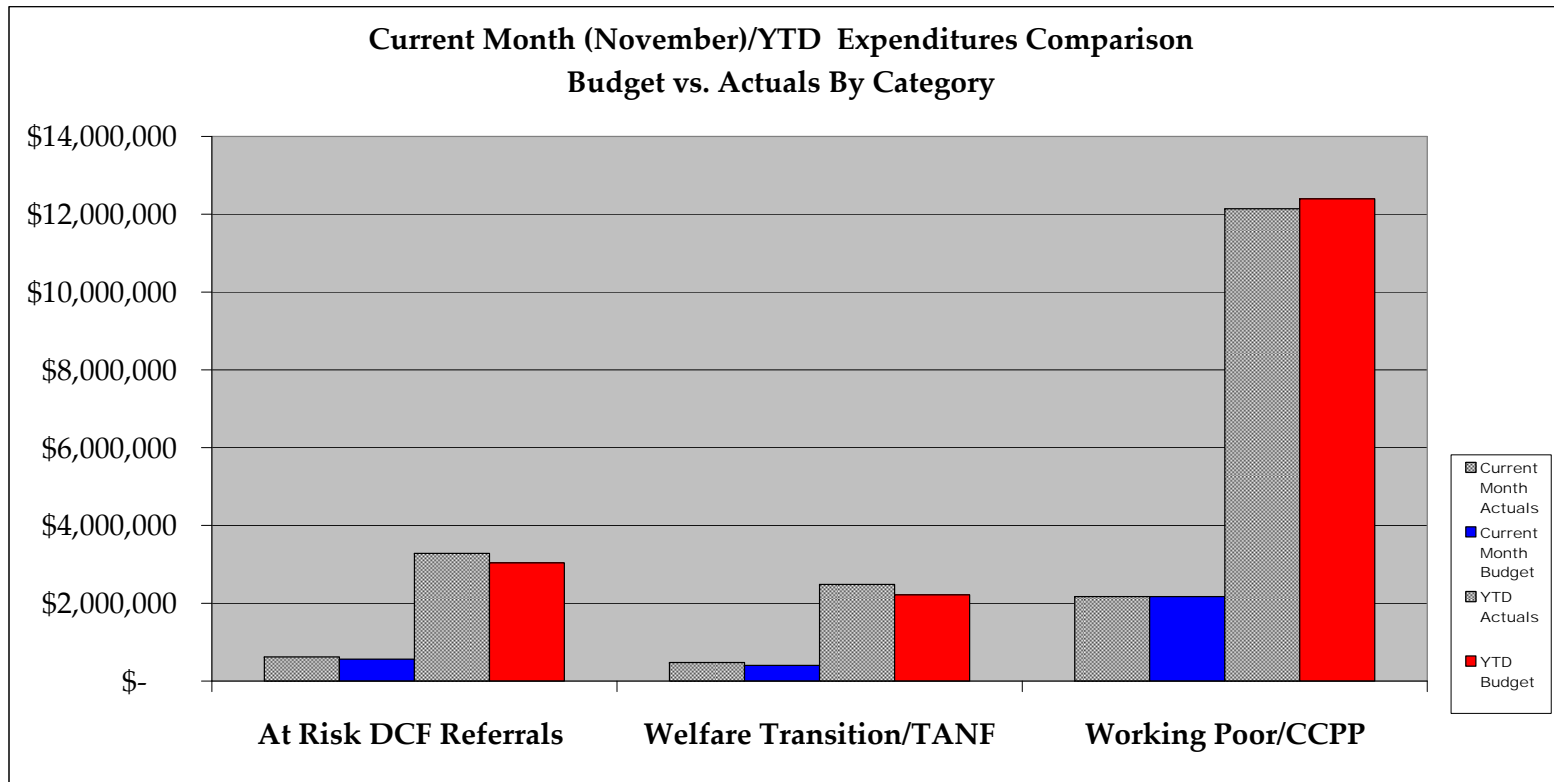
FY09-10	FY09-10 Annual Budget	Current Month Actuals	Current Month Budget	Monthly Actuals vs. Budget Variance	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Budget	YTD Actuals vs. Budget Variance
At Risk DCF Referrals	\$ 7,160,433	\$ 623,140	\$ 563,971	110%	\$ 3,283,104	\$ 3,039,909	108%
Welfare Transition/TANF	\$ 5,197,588	\$ 481,244	\$ 402,891	119%	\$ 2,483,709	\$ 2,216,310	112%
Working Poor/CCPP	\$ 27,531,204	\$ 2,173,928	\$ 2,171,783	100%	\$ 12,140,521	\$ 12,391,809	98%
<b>Total Slot Costs</b>	<b>\$ 39,889,225</b>	<b>\$ 3,278,312</b>	<b>\$ 3,138,645</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>\$ 17,907,334</b>	<b>\$ 17,648,028</b>	<b>101%</b>



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 Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
 November 2009 Monthly/YTD SR 390 Slots Cost Report  
 Fiscal Year 2009-2010

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF  
December 17, 2009**

**Members Present**

Christina Worley  
Tana Ebbole  
John O'Malley  
Ken Kahn  
Dr. Marsha Fishbane  
Perry Borman  
Philippe Jeck  
Dr. Roanne Moreno  
Dr. Barbara Weinstein  
Patrick Cannan  
Nicole Matlock  
Wanda Baldwin  
Commissioner Vana  
Kathy Adams  
Dr. Carmen Nicholas  
Kristy Pressly  
Leondrae Camel  
Howard Burnston

**Members Absent**

Helene Rosen  
John O'Malley  
MJ Steele

**Guests**

Ilene Silber  
Beverly Sears  
Tracy Crawford  
Terrie Ellis  
Beverly Beguesse  
Karen Deringer  
Sally Laws  
Gail Fabian  
Juanita Bentley  
Elizabeth Jackson  
Barry Miller  
Reinier Potts  
Tijuana Williams  
Ann de las Pozas  
Ainsworth Geddes  
Kathy Haight  
Nate Nichols  
Jorge Perez

**Ex-officio**

Warren Eldridge  
Vivian Blackmon-Taylor  
Mike Sothen  
Christie Young  
Ginger Gladden

*These minutes summarize key action items of the meeting of the Board of Directors for the Early Learning Coalition. They do not include all issues discussed. A transcript of the meeting by recorded audiotape is the official record and is available to all interested parties.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kathy Adams called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum of voting members was established.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Items VIII B, D, E will be included in the Executive Director's report.

Christina Worley motioned, Dr. Fishbane seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve to move items VIII B, D, E to the Executive Director's report.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

The Board members introduced themselves to the new Board Chair, Kathy Adams. Mrs. Adams gave special recognition to past chair Traver Gruen-Kennedy and also reminded the Board members of the Board retreat scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION**

Philippe Jeck reported that the Nominating Committee is submitting their recommendation to the Board to consider Howard Burnston of Gunster, P.A. as an Early Learning Coalition Board member.

Philippe Jeck motioned, Tana Ebbole seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation to elect Howard Burnston as a Board member representing the private sector.

Howard Burnston joined the table of Board members for the duration of the meeting.

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### PRESENTATION

Rampell and Rampell, P.A. presented the annual audit report for ELCs fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Christina Worley congratulated Mike Sothen of the Coalition for a clean audit and also thanks to Rampell and Rampell for their hard work in completing the audit report.

Christina Worley motioned, Dr. Fishbane seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the annual audit report.

Christina Worley motioned, Ken Kahn seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to authorize the treasurer, Dr. Fishbane to sign the 990 tax document.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Eldridge also reported that CSC and ELC met to look at the Quality Counts and Quality Improvement System. The goal was to find out if there is an impact and if there are positive changes to the program for growth. A more in depth study of the outcomes will be presented at the Board retreat.

Mr. Eldridge and M.J. Steele of the Palm Beach County School District have spoken and have researched more thoroughly Title 1 funds with the State.

Mr. Eldridge met with the Agency for Workforce Innovation along with the Chairs of the state's 31 Early Learning Coalitions. The ELC Chairs continue their pursuit of requesting reinstatement of grant revenue that was decreased last year. The funds were replaced with non-recurring stimulus funds. The Chairs are gubernatorial appointees and maybe their efforts can make a difference.

Warren Eldridge attended the Florida Chamber of Commerce's event in Orlando. Of importance is that the Chamber has adopted early care and education as one of their platforms this year.

Kathy Adams reported that the Palm Beach County Early Childhood Cabinet had its first meeting. The purpose of the Cabinet is to support the achievement of child well-being outcomes in Palm Beach County. The Cabinet will meet twice annually with additional meetings as needed.

Mr. Eldridge mentioned that he met with Family Central and the family child care providers on a Friday night in December for two hours. Mr. Eldridge commended the providers for their dedication in attending the meeting knowing many of them had a training to attend the next morning.

### CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Early Learning Coalition Plan Amendment (Curriculum)
- B. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2009
- C. Approval of Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting Minutes November 19, 2009
- D. Finance Report

Tana Ebbolle motioned, Christina Worley seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the Consent Items.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### *Legislative Update*

Legislative Priorities:

The Early Childhood Challenge Grant has not passed but the Coalition is including it on its legislative priorities to show how important it is to draw down these federal funds. The State is at a point where it does not have additional money to draw down federal funds. The Coalition will need to make sure that it is in step with its partners to make sure the VPK program receives funding. The Coalition is also in support of afterschool funding because there are more and more children entering this program. Also, the Coalition supports Healthy Start (looking at determining the best way to work with the whole family beginning with prenatal). Finally, the Coalition is in support of streamlining the State system regarding duplicate performance standards.

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Warren Eldridge reported that the State of Florida Early Learning Caucus met for the first time. The Early Learning Caucus was founded by Representative Ari Porth. The Children's Services Council in Broward was very active in developing the Caucus. Warren Eldridge attended this meeting. Rep. Porth shared details on the "Protecting Florida's Most Vulnerable Citizens Act." This bill is to support that background checks are completed before caregivers of children and the elderly begin work.

Mr. Eldridge discussed the statistic that 75% of 17 to 24 year old Americans do not qualify to serve in the Army because of school failure, criminality and/or physical fitness. Lieutenant General Kerrick is in support of a federal initiative to inspire our young people to do better. The Coalition would like to utilize him as a spokesperson for advocacy of early childhood education programs. Dr. Barbara Weinstein and Chairperson Kathy Adams agreed to meet with Lieutenant General Kerrick along with Warren Eldridge.

### ***VPK Update***

Warren Eldridge reported that VPK enrollment increased by 20% for the third year in a row.

### ***Family Central Monitoring Report***

Warren Eldridge provided an update on the Agency for Workforce Innovation's comments on Family Central, Inc. (FCI) which were communicated on May 21, 2009. This verbal communication contained compliance issues relating to VPK provider files. Since that time, FCI and the Coalition prepared and submitted a correction action plan to the State. The Coalition has completed a monitoring of VPK school year and summer files and all compliance matters have been addressed. Currently, the State has not issued a written report but has accepted the Coalition's corrective action plan.

### ***Child Care Provider Visits***

Warren Eldridge mentioned the Coalition will begin scheduling child care provider site visits for the Board members in three to four months.

### ***Fundraising Committee***

The members of the fundraising committee include Christina Worley, Kristy Pressly, Ken Kahn and Howard Burnston. Vivian Blackmon-Taylor and Ann de las Pozas will contact the committee members in January to schedule the initial meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Market Rate Report presented by Vivian Blackmon-Taylor***

Vivian Blackmon-Taylor reported on the market rates. Topics discussed were Gold Seal designation, comparison of Gold Seal rates, market rates, maximum payment rates and rate frequency/central tendencies (mean, median and mode).

Christina Worley inquired if we have looked at the three accrediting agencies and are they comparable in terms of what they are requiring. Ms. Blackmon-Taylor responded that there are differences. The Coalition will have a crosswalk as to what the different standards of the accrediting agencies are so that everyone can see the differences and similarities between them.

Dr. Carmen Nicholas mentioned that NAEYC has 9% of providers with Apple having 27% of providers which is a big difference. There was a time when NAEYC accreditation was the standard. Providers have sought other accreditations due to the increasing costs of the NAEYC accreditation. Is the Coalition aware of the requirements of the programs of the NAEYC accreditation?

Christina Worley would like to know the costs for each of the accreditations being offered. Barbara Weinstein mentioned that the costs are different and the requirements are very different. Also, the time of the accreditation is very different. The Apple accreditation is quicker. Yet they still get the 20% increase in pay. Tana Ebbole requested to lay it out side by side the similarities and differences. Ms. Ebbole also would like to know the percentages three years ago and five years ago so that the Board could see changes in patterns.

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Nicole Matlock mentioned that the NAEYC accreditation requires the teachers have bachelor's degrees. The private providers cannot afford to pay a teacher \$40,000. Providers cannot afford medical benefits like the School Board. The private providers chose Apple because it is easier to complete but it is still a lot of work to do.

Howard Burnston inquired if the Coalition knows the various results that we get from the various Gold Seal providers. Warren Eldridge replied that the State has never done an outcome study as it relates to Gold Seal. The first outcome study that Mr. Eldridge has seen was last month from Quality Counts. It's expensive and a risk to have someone come in and do an analysis of your program. If the Board will direct me I would like to send a letter to the State (DCF and AWI) asking for an outcome study. The Board requested that Mr. Eldridge write a letter to the State.

Warren Eldridge reported he would like to hire a professional who develops surveys relating to rates and send it out to the provider community in order to get feedback from the providers. This will take time. It will take many months to finalize. This is something we want to get right. We want to make sure we are paying for quality when paying these rates.

Ms. Blackmon-Taylor explained again that the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile is not the mean or average. 75<sup>th</sup> percentile is that 75% are at or below the market rate and 25% are above the market rate.

Tana Ebbole inquired what is the relationship between what we pay, what providers charge and the calculated market rate? How far are we off? Ms. Blackmon-Taylor responded that what we are paying is lower than the market rate. The Mean and Median is a good indication of what the providers are paying. Those who are getting the 20% payment they are much closer to the mean, median and mode but they are still not at the market rate.

Tana Ebbole said the intent of Gold Seal is to focus on quality. However, if Gold Seal does not even pay the market rate it's not being spent for quality it's being spent for base operations. Mr. Eldridge wants to know how we can ensure that we are paying for quality and paying providers the appropriate rate. How do we get there? This is why we are taking the time to meet with the Board, to get feedback from the providers, and visit child care facilities.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dr. Carmen Nicholas commented that the Head Start expansion program was started in December and they started with 119 children.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elizabeth Jackson has concerns regarding Quality Counts and that some children are leaving one school for another. Warren Eldridge replied that parents are given parental choice and that the parents are given all the information available to them to make a choice. Part of Quality Counts is Continue to Care. With Continue to Care, scholarship funds are offered to Quality Counts providers only. Kathy Adams said the centers that have the Quality Counts program have a dramatic increase in improving child outcomes. That is what we are focusing on with local tax dollars to make that kind of child outcome impact.

Elizabeth Jackson commented on the sign in and out sheets that are required. The electronic system is given a grace period of four days with only printed first and last names required. Those who submit the sheets manually have to provide the sheets with signatures when the monitoring personnel come into the facility. They would like to revisit the signatures and grace period on manual submissions.

Terrie Ellis on behalf of Palm Beach County Child Care Director's Association requests a meeting to review school readiness service agreements for changes, clarifications and deadlines.

Tracy Crawford of the Palm Beach County Child Care Director's Association mentioned that the providers work hard for Gold Seal but are now having to undertake QIS without receiving funding. They would like to be guaranteed funding if they follow QIS requirements.

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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2009**

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**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 18, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tana Ebole motioned, Christina Worley seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**School Readiness – Reduction Exercise - \$10 million**

	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Grant Award #</b>	<b>FY 10-11 Base Allocation</b>	<b>Allocation Percentage</b>	<b>\$10 M GR \$12.2 M Federal Reduction</b>	<b>FY 10-11 Base After Reduction</b>	<b>Children Cut @ \$4,000 per</b>
1	Alachua	SR069	\$ 9,819,556	1.7294%	\$ (384,148)	\$ 9,435,408	96
2	Baker	SR009	\$ 1,047,587	0.1845%	\$ (40,982)	\$ 1,006,605	10
3	Bay	SR349	\$ 5,803,376	1.0221%	\$ (227,032)	\$ 5,576,344	57
4	Bradford	SR009	\$ 1,238,614	0.2181%	\$ (48,455)	\$ 1,190,159	12
5	Brevard	SR089	\$ 17,565,604	3.0937%	\$ (687,179)	\$ 16,878,425	172
6	Broward	SR099	\$ 41,583,094	7.3237%	\$ (1,626,760)	\$ 39,956,334	407
7	Calhoun	SR349	\$ 690,379	0.1216%	\$ (27,008)	\$ 663,371	7
8	Charlotte	SR119	\$ 2,836,364	0.4995%	\$ (110,961)	\$ 2,725,403	28
9	Citrus	SR019	\$ 2,873,295	0.5060%	\$ (112,405)	\$ 2,760,890	28
10	Clay	SR009	\$ 3,836,594	0.6757%	\$ (150,090)	\$ 3,686,504	38
11	Collier	SR159	\$ 4,574,001	0.8056%	\$ (178,938)	\$ 4,395,063	45
12	Columbia	SR029	\$ 4,053,260	0.7139%	\$ (158,566)	\$ 3,894,694	40
13	Dade	SR199	\$ 107,941,748	19.0109%	\$ (4,222,757)	\$103,718,991	1,056
14	Desoto	SR119	\$ 1,307,954	0.2304%	\$ (51,168)	\$ 1,256,786	13
15	Dixie	SR019	\$ 719,558	0.1267%	\$ (28,150)	\$ 691,408	7
16	Duval	SR169	\$ 28,652,962	5.0464%	\$ (1,120,924)	\$ 27,532,038	280
17	Escambia	SR179	\$ 13,764,845	2.4243%	\$ (538,490)	\$ 13,226,355	135
18	Flagler	SR189	\$ 1,112,603	0.1960%	\$ (43,526)	\$ 1,069,077	11
19	Franklin	SR349	\$ 377,342	0.0665%	\$ (14,762)	\$ 362,580	4
20	Gadsden	SR049	\$ 3,215,363	0.5663%	\$ (125,787)	\$ 3,089,576	31
21	Gilchrist	SR019	\$ 663,492	0.1169%	\$ (25,956)	\$ 637,536	6
22	Glades	SR159	\$ 277,412	0.0489%	\$ (10,853)	\$ 266,559	3
23	Gulf	SR349	\$ 397,032	0.0699%	\$ (15,532)	\$ 381,500	4
24	Hamilton	SR029	\$ 721,654	0.1271%	\$ (28,232)	\$ 693,422	7
25	Hardee	SR119	\$ 1,539,473	0.2711%	\$ (60,225)	\$ 1,479,248	15
26	Hendry	SR159	\$ 1,586,467	0.2794%	\$ (62,064)	\$ 1,524,403	16
27	Hernando	SR409	\$ 3,318,938	0.5845%	\$ (129,839)	\$ 3,189,099	32
28	Highlands	SR119	\$ 2,679,681	0.4719%	\$ (104,831)	\$ 2,574,850	26
29	Hillsborough	SR279	\$ 43,337,500	7.6327%	\$ (1,695,393)	\$ 41,642,107	424
30	Holmes	SR349	\$ 1,044,103	0.1839%	\$ (40,846)	\$ 1,003,257	10
31	Indian River	SR339	\$ 2,889,922	0.5090%	\$ (113,056)	\$ 2,776,866	28
32	Jackson	SR349	\$ 2,092,960	0.3686%	\$ (81,878)	\$ 2,011,082	20
33	Jefferson	SR049	\$ 823,754	0.1451%	\$ (32,226)	\$ 791,528	8
34	Lafayette	SR029	\$ 279,195	0.0492%	\$ (10,922)	\$ 268,273	3
35	Lake	SR289	\$ 6,782,978	1.1946%	\$ (265,355)	\$ 6,517,623	66
36	Lee	SR159	\$ 12,058,719	2.1238%	\$ (471,746)	\$ 11,586,973	118
37	Leon	SR049	\$ 8,979,239	1.5814%	\$ (351,274)	\$ 8,627,965	88
38	Levy	SR019	\$ 1,789,966	0.3153%	\$ (70,025)	\$ 1,719,941	18
39	Liberty	SR049	\$ 337,730	0.0595%	\$ (13,212)	\$ 324,518	3
40	Madison	SR049	\$ 1,229,685	0.2166%	\$ (48,106)	\$ 1,181,579	12
41	Manatee	SR319	\$ 8,770,152	1.5446%	\$ (343,094)	\$ 8,427,058	86
42	Marion	SR329	\$ 9,378,785	1.6518%	\$ (366,905)	\$ 9,011,880	92
43	Martin	SR339	\$ 2,780,358	0.4897%	\$ (108,770)	\$ 2,671,588	27
44	Monroe	SR199	\$ 3,072,710	0.5412%	\$ (120,207)	\$ 2,952,503	30
45	Nassau	SR009	\$ 1,246,787	0.2196%	\$ (48,775)	\$ 1,198,012	12
46	Okaloosa	SR359	\$ 6,145,641	1.0824%	\$ (240,422)	\$ 5,905,219	60

**School Readiness – Reduction Exercise - \$10 million**

47	Okeechobee	SR339	\$ 1,791,283	0.3155%	\$ (70,076)	\$ 1,721,207	18
48	Orange	SR379	\$ 36,405,846	6.4118%	\$ (1,424,222)	\$ 34,981,624	356
49	Osceola	SR389	\$ 5,919,545	1.0426%	\$ (231,577)	\$ 5,687,968	58
50	Palm Beach	SR399	\$ 34,469,620	6.0708%	\$ (1,348,476)	\$ 33,121,144	337
51	Pasco	SR409	\$ 10,544,120	1.8570%	\$ (412,493)	\$ 10,131,627	103
52	Pinellas	SR419	\$ 29,454,369	5.1875%	\$ (1,152,276)	\$ 28,302,093	288
53	Polk	SR429	\$ 19,056,147	3.3562%	\$ (745,490)	\$ 18,310,657	186
54	Putnam	SR439	\$ 4,107,923	0.7235%	\$ (160,705)	\$ 3,947,218	40
55	Santa Rosa	SR449	\$ 3,688,392	0.6496%	\$ (144,292)	\$ 3,544,100	36
56	Sarasota	SR459	\$ 4,827,658	0.8503%	\$ (188,861)	\$ 4,638,797	47
57	Seminole	SR469	\$ 8,231,746	1.4498%	\$ (322,032)	\$ 7,909,714	81
58	St. Johns	SR439	\$ 3,234,514	0.5697%	\$ (126,536)	\$ 3,107,978	32
59	St. Lucie	SR489	\$ 8,513,035	1.4993%	\$ (333,036)	\$ 8,179,999	83
60	Sumter	SR019	\$ 1,644,124	0.2896%	\$ (64,319)	\$ 1,579,805	16
61	Suwannee	SR029	\$ 1,316,238	0.2318%	\$ (51,492)	\$ 1,264,746	13
62	Taylor	SR049	\$ 902,876	0.1590%	\$ (35,321)	\$ 867,555	9
63	Union	SR029	\$ 454,209	0.0800%	\$ (17,769)	\$ 436,440	4
64	Volusia	SR189	\$ 12,747,997	2.2452%	\$ (498,711)	\$ 12,249,286	125
65	Wakulla	SR049	\$ 779,545	0.1373%	\$ (30,496)	\$ 749,049	8
66	Walton	SR359	\$ 1,351,669	0.2381%	\$ (52,878)	\$ 1,298,791	13
67	Washington	SR349	\$ 1,110,912	0.1957%	\$ (43,460)	\$ 1,067,452	11
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 567,790,200	<b>100.0000%</b>	\$ (22,212,350)	\$545,577,850	<b>5,555</b>

**GATEWAY**

	Columbia	SR029	\$ 4,053,260	0.7139%	\$ (158,566)	\$ 3,894,694	40
	Hamilton	SR029	\$ 721,654	0.1271%	\$ (28,232)	\$ 693,422	7
	Lafayette	SR029	\$ 279,195	0.0492%	\$ (10,922)	\$ 268,273	3
	Suwannee	SR029	\$ 1,316,238	0.2318%	\$ (51,492)	\$ 1,264,746	13
	Union	SR029	\$ 454,209	0.0800%	\$ (17,769)	\$ 436,440	4
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 6,824,556	<b>1.2020%</b>	\$ (266,981)	\$ 6,557,575	<b>67</b>

**CNBB**

	Baker	SR009	\$ 1,047,587	0.1845%	\$ (40,982)	\$ 1,006,605	10
	Bradford	SR009	\$ 1,238,614	0.2181%	\$ (48,455)	\$ 1,190,159	12
	Clay	SR009	\$ 3,836,594	0.6757%	\$ (150,090)	\$ 3,686,504	38
	Nassau	SR009	\$ 1,246,787	0.2196%	\$ (48,775)	\$ 1,198,012	12
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,369,582	<b>1.2979%</b>	\$ (288,303)	\$ 7,081,279	<b>72</b>

**Okaloosa/Walton**

	Okaloosa	SR359	\$ 6,145,641	1.0824%	\$ (240,422)	\$ 5,905,219	60
	Walton	SR359	\$ 1,351,669	0.2381%	\$ (52,878)	\$ 1,298,791	13
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,497,310	<b>1.3204%</b>	\$ (293,300)	\$ 7,204,010	<b>73</b>

**Miami-Dade/Monroe**

	Miami-Dade	SR199	\$ 107,941,748	19.0109%	\$ (4,222,757)	\$103,718,991	1,056
	Monroe	SR199	\$ 3,072,710	0.5412%	\$ (120,207)	\$ 2,952,503	30
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 111,014,458	<b>19.5520%</b>	\$ (4,342,963)	\$106,671,495	<b>1,086</b>

**Southwest Florida**

	Collier	SR159	\$ 4,574,001	0.8056%	\$ (178,938)	\$ 4,395,063	45
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Lee	SR159	\$ 12,058,719	2.1238%	\$ (471,746)	\$ 11,586,973	118
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 18,496,599</b>	<b>3.2576%</b>	<b>\$ (723,600)</b>	<b>\$ 17,772,999</b>	<b>182</b>

**Northwest Florida**

Bay	SR349	\$ 5,803,376	1.0221%	\$ (227,032)	\$ 5,576,344	57
Calhoun	SR349	\$ 690,379	0.1216%	\$ (27,008)	\$ 663,371	7
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Washington	SR349	\$ 1,110,912	0.1957%	\$ (43,460)	\$ 1,067,452	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 11,516,104</b>	<b>2.0282%</b>	<b>\$ (450,518)</b>	<b>\$ 11,065,586</b>	<b>113</b>

**Charlotte/Desoto/Hardee/Highlands**

Charlotte	SR119	\$ 2,836,364	0.4995%	\$ (110,961)	\$ 2,725,403	28
Desoto	SR119	\$ 1,307,954	0.2304%	\$ (51,168)	\$ 1,256,786	13
Hardee	SR119	\$ 1,539,473	0.2711%	\$ (60,225)	\$ 1,479,248	15
Highlands	SR119	\$ 2,679,681	0.4719%	\$ (104,831)	\$ 2,574,850	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,363,472</b>	<b>1.4730%</b>	<b>\$ (327,185)</b>	<b>\$ 8,036,287</b>	<b>82</b>

**Nature Coast**

Citrus	SR019	\$ 2,873,295	0.5060%	\$ (112,405)	\$ 2,760,890	28
Dixie	SR019	\$ 719,558	0.1267%	\$ (28,150)	\$ 691,408	7
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Sumter	SR019	\$ 1,644,124	0.2896%	\$ (64,319)	\$ 1,579,805	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,690,435</b>	<b>1.3545%</b>	<b>\$ (300,855)</b>	<b>\$ 7,389,580</b>	<b>75</b>

**Flagler/Volusia**

Flagler	SR189	\$ 1,112,603	0.1960%	\$ (43,526)	\$ 1,069,077	11
Volusia	SR189	\$ 12,747,997	2.2452%	\$ (498,711)	\$ 12,249,286	125
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 13,860,600</b>	<b>2.4411%</b>	<b>\$ (542,236)</b>	<b>\$ 13,318,364</b>	<b>136</b>

**Pasco/Hernando**

Pasco	SR409	\$ 10,544,120	1.8570%	\$ (412,493)	\$ 10,131,627	103
Hernando	SR409	\$ 3,318,938	0.5845%	\$ (129,839)	\$ 3,189,099	32
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 13,863,058</b>	<b>2.4416%</b>	<b>\$ (542,333)</b>	<b>\$ 13,320,725</b>	<b>135</b>

**Martin/Okeechobee/Indian River**

Indian River	SR339	\$ 2,889,922	0.5090%	\$ (113,056)	\$ 2,776,866	28
Martin	SR339	\$ 2,780,358	0.4897%	\$ (108,770)	\$ 2,671,588	27
Okeechobee	SR339	\$ 1,791,283	0.3155%	\$ (70,076)	\$ 1,721,207	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,461,563</b>	<b>1.3141%</b>	<b>\$ (291,902)</b>	<b>\$ 7,169,661</b>	<b>73</b>

**Big Bend**

Gadsden	SR049	\$ 3,215,363	0.5663%	\$ (125,787)	\$ 3,089,576	31
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Taylor	SR049	\$ 902,876	0.1590%	\$ (35,321)	\$ 867,555	9
Wakulla	SR049	\$ 779,545	0.1373%	\$ (30,496)	\$ 749,049	8
<b>Total</b>		\$ 16,268,192	<b>2.8652%</b>	\$ <b>(636,423)</b>	\$ <b>15,631,769</b>	<b>159</b>

**St. Johns/Putnam**

St. Johns	SR439	\$ 3,234,514	0.5697%	\$ (126,536)	\$ 3,107,978	32
Putnam	SR439	\$ 4,107,923	0.7235%	\$ (160,705)	\$ 3,947,218	40
<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,342,437	<b>1.2932%</b>	\$ <b>(287,241)</b>	\$ <b>7,055,196</b>	<b>72</b>

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5	Brevard	SR089	\$ 17,565,604	3.0937%	\$ (3,365,816)	\$ 14,199,788	841
6	Broward	SR099	\$ 41,583,094	7.3237%	\$ (7,967,903)	\$ 33,615,191	1,992
7	Calhoun	SR349	\$ 690,379	0.1216%	\$ (132,286)	\$ 558,093	33
8	Charlotte	SR119	\$ 2,836,364	0.4995%	\$ (543,487)	\$ 2,292,877	136
9	Citrus	SR019	\$ 2,873,295	0.5060%	\$ (550,564)	\$ 2,322,731	138
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14	Desoto	SR119	\$ 1,307,954	0.2304%	\$ (250,622)	\$ 1,057,332	63
15	Dixie	SR019	\$ 719,558	0.1267%	\$ (137,877)	\$ 581,681	34
16	Duval	SR169	\$ 28,652,962	5.0464%	\$ (5,490,309)	\$ 23,162,653	1,373
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19	Franklin	SR349	\$ 377,342	0.0665%	\$ (72,304)	\$ 305,038	18
20	Gadsden	SR049	\$ 3,215,363	0.5663%	\$ (616,109)	\$ 2,599,254	154
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51	Pasco	SR409	\$ 10,544,120	1.8570%	\$ (2,020,401)	\$ 8,523,719	505
52	Pinellas	SR419	\$ 29,454,369	5.1875%	\$ (5,643,869)	\$ 23,810,500	1,411
53	Polk	SR429	\$ 19,056,147	3.3562%	\$ (3,651,424)	\$ 15,404,723	913
54	Putnam	SR439	\$ 4,107,923	0.7235%	\$ (787,136)	\$ 3,320,787	197
55	Santa Rosa	SR449	\$ 3,688,392	0.6496%	\$ (706,748)	\$ 2,981,644	177
56	Sarasota	SR459	\$ 4,827,658	0.8503%	\$ (925,047)	\$ 3,902,611	231
57	Seminole	SR469	\$ 8,231,746	1.4498%	\$ (1,577,318)	\$ 6,654,428	394
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61	Suwannee	SR029	\$ 1,316,238	0.2318%	\$ (252,210)	\$ 1,064,028	63
62	Taylor	SR049	\$ 902,876	0.1590%	\$ (173,004)	\$ 729,872	43
63	Union	SR029	\$ 454,209	0.0800%	\$ (87,033)	\$ 367,176	22
64	Volusia	SR189	\$ 12,747,997	2.2452%	\$ (2,442,695)	\$ 10,305,302	611
65	Wakulla	SR049	\$ 779,545	0.1373%	\$ (149,372)	\$ 630,173	37
66	Walton	SR359	\$ 1,351,669	0.2381%	\$ (258,999)	\$ 1,092,670	65
67	Washington	SR349	\$ 1,110,912	0.1957%	\$ (212,866)	\$ 898,046	53
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 567,790,200	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>\$ (108,796,549)</b>	<b>\$ 458,993,651</b>	<b>27,197</b>

**GATEWAY**

	Columbia	SR029	\$ 4,053,260	0.7139%	\$ (776,661)	\$ 3,276,599	194
	Hamilton	SR029	\$ 721,654	0.1271%	\$ (138,279)	\$ 583,375	35
	Lafayette	SR029	\$ 279,195	0.0492%	\$ (53,498)	\$ 225,697	13
	Suwannee	SR029	\$ 1,316,238	0.2318%	\$ (252,210)	\$ 1,064,028	63
	Union	SR029	\$ 454,209	0.0800%	\$ (87,033)	\$ 367,176	22
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 6,824,556	<b>1.2020%</b>	<b>\$ (1,307,680)</b>	<b>\$ 5,516,876</b>	<b>327</b>

**CNBB**

	Baker	SR009	\$ 1,047,587	0.1845%	\$ (200,732)	\$ 846,855	50
	Bradford	SR009	\$ 1,238,614	0.2181%	\$ (237,336)	\$ 1,001,278	59
	Clay	SR009	\$ 3,836,594	0.6757%	\$ (735,145)	\$ 3,101,449	184
	Nassau	SR009	\$ 1,246,787	0.2196%	\$ (238,902)	\$ 1,007,885	60
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,369,582	<b>1.2979%</b>	<b>\$ (1,412,115)</b>	<b>\$ 5,957,467</b>	<b>353</b>

**Okaloosa/Walton**

	Okaloosa	SR359	\$ 6,145,641	1.0824%	\$ (1,177,591)	\$ 4,968,050	294
	Walton	SR359	\$ 1,351,669	0.2381%	\$ (258,999)	\$ 1,092,670	65
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,497,310	<b>1.3204%</b>	<b>\$ (1,436,590)</b>	<b>\$ 6,060,720</b>	<b>359</b>

**Miami-Dade/Monroe**

	Miami-Dade	SR199	\$ 107,941,748	19.0109%	\$ (20,683,150)	\$ 87,258,598	5,171
	Monroe	SR199	\$ 3,072,710	0.5412%	\$ (588,774)	\$ 2,483,936	147
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 111,014,458	<b>19.5520%</b>	<b>\$ (21,271,924)</b>	<b>\$ 89,742,534</b>	<b>5,318</b>

**Southwest Florida**

**School Readiness – Reduction Exercise - \$50 million**

	Collier	SR159	\$ 4,574,001	0.8056%	\$ (876,443)	\$ 3,697,558	219
	Glades	SR159	\$ 277,412	0.0489%	\$ (53,156)	\$ 224,256	13
	Hendry	SR159	\$ 1,586,467	0.2794%	\$ (303,989)	\$ 1,282,478	76
	Lee	SR159	\$ 12,058,719	2.1238%	\$ (2,310,619)	\$ 9,748,100	578
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 18,496,599	<b>3.2576%</b>	\$ <b>(3,544,207)</b>	\$ <b>14,952,392</b>	<b>886</b>

**Northwest Florida**

	Bay	SR349	\$ 5,803,376	1.0221%	\$ (1,112,008)	\$ 4,691,368	278
	Calhoun	SR349	\$ 690,379	0.1216%	\$ (132,286)	\$ 558,093	33
	Franklin	SR349	\$ 377,342	0.0665%	\$ (72,304)	\$ 305,038	18
	Gulf	SR349	\$ 397,032	0.0699%	\$ (76,077)	\$ 320,955	19
	Holmes	SR349	\$ 1,044,103	0.1839%	\$ (200,065)	\$ 844,038	50
	Jackson	SR349	\$ 2,092,960	0.3686%	\$ (401,040)	\$ 1,691,920	100
	Washington	SR349	\$ 1,110,912	0.1957%	\$ (212,866)	\$ 898,046	53
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 11,516,104	<b>2.0282%</b>	\$ <b>(2,206,647)</b>	\$ <b>9,309,457</b>	<b>551</b>

**Charlotte/Desoto/Hardee/Highlands**

	Charlotte	SR119	\$ 2,836,364	0.4995%	\$ (543,487)	\$ 2,292,877	136
	Desoto	SR119	\$ 1,307,954	0.2304%	\$ (250,622)	\$ 1,057,332	63
	Hardee	SR119	\$ 1,539,473	0.2711%	\$ (294,985)	\$ 1,244,488	74
	Highlands	SR119	\$ 2,679,681	0.4719%	\$ (513,464)	\$ 2,166,217	128
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 8,363,472	<b>1.4730%</b>	\$ <b>(1,602,558)</b>	\$ <b>6,760,914</b>	<b>401</b>

**Nature Coast**

	Citrus	SR019	\$ 2,873,295	0.5060%	\$ (550,564)	\$ 2,322,731	138
	Dixie	SR019	\$ 719,558	0.1267%	\$ (137,877)	\$ 581,681	34
	Gilchrist	SR019	\$ 663,492	0.1169%	\$ (127,134)	\$ 536,358	32
	Levy	SR019	\$ 1,789,966	0.3153%	\$ (342,983)	\$ 1,446,983	86
	Sumter	SR019	\$ 1,644,124	0.2896%	\$ (315,037)	\$ 1,329,087	79
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,690,435	<b>1.3545%</b>	\$ <b>(1,473,595)</b>	\$ <b>6,216,840</b>	<b>369</b>

**Flagler/Volusia**

	Flagler	SR189	\$ 1,112,603	0.1960%	\$ (213,190)	\$ 899,413	53
	Volusia	SR189	\$ 12,747,997	2.2452%	\$ (2,442,695)	\$ 10,305,302	611
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 13,860,600	<b>2.4411%</b>	\$ <b>(2,655,885)</b>	\$ <b>11,204,715</b>	<b>664</b>

**Pasco/Hernando**

	Pasco	SR409	\$ 10,544,120	1.8570%	\$ (2,020,401)	\$ 8,523,719	505
	Hernando	SR409	\$ 3,318,938	0.5845%	\$ (635,955)	\$ 2,682,983	159
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 13,863,058	<b>2.4416%</b>	\$ <b>(2,656,356)</b>	\$ <b>11,206,702</b>	<b>664</b>

**Martin/Okeechobee/Indian River**

	Indian River	SR339	\$ 2,889,922	0.5090%	\$ (553,750)	\$ 2,336,172	138
	Martin	SR339	\$ 2,780,358	0.4897%	\$ (532,756)	\$ 2,247,602	133
	Okeechobee	SR339	\$ 1,791,283	0.3155%	\$ (343,235)	\$ 1,448,048	86
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,461,563	<b>1.3141%</b>	\$ <b>(1,429,740)</b>	\$ <b>6,031,823</b>	<b>357</b>

**Big Bend**

	Gadsden	SR049	\$ 3,215,363	0.5663%	\$ (616,109)	\$ 2,599,254	154
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**School Readiness – Reduction Exercise - \$50 million**

	Jefferson	SR049	\$ 823,754	0.1451%	\$ (157,843)	\$ 665,911	39
	Leon	SR049	\$ 8,979,239	1.5814%	\$ (1,720,548)	\$ 7,258,691	430
	Liberty	SR049	\$ 337,730	0.0595%	\$ (64,714)	\$ 273,016	16
	Madison	SR049	\$ 1,229,685	0.2166%	\$ (235,625)	\$ 994,060	59
	Taylor	SR049	\$ 902,876	0.1590%	\$ (173,004)	\$ 729,872	43
	Wakulla	SR049	\$ 779,545	0.1373%	\$ (149,372)	\$ 630,173	37
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 16,268,192	<b>2.8652%</b>	\$ <b>(3,117,213)</b>	\$ <b>13,150,979</b>	<b>778</b>

**St. Johns/Putnam**

	St. Johns	SR439	\$ 3,234,514	0.5697%	\$ (619,778)	\$ 2,614,736	155
	Putnam	SR439	\$ 4,107,923	0.7235%	\$ (787,136)	\$ 3,320,787	197
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 7,342,437	<b>1.2932%</b>	\$ <b>(1,406,914)</b>	\$ <b>5,935,523</b>	<b>352</b>

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## Analysis of Wise Bill

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Subject: Analysis of Wise bill  
Date: Wed, 3 Feb 2010 11:10:37 -0500  
From: Amy.Schrader@gray-robinson.com  
To: aghazvini@hotmail.com

Hi Alisa,

I have now reviewed Sen. Wise's proposed bill and your analysis. I believe everything in your analysis is on target and I only have a few points to add.

1. The addition of the word "board" in section 411.0101(5)(d), appears to be an attempt to bring ELCs within the definition of "state agency."
2. The use of the singular word "program" throughout most of the new provisions suggests that the legislature is envisioning a homogenous program be administered across all ELCs.
3. There is a new requirement that AWI establish criteria for use of federal quality funds, and as you mentioned are taking away discretion from ELCs to engage in quality improvement programs and the like as the ELC sees fit.
4. Although the new provisions now require ELCs to solicit comments from the local community regarding their plans, there is no direction as to how these comments are to be solicited or whether local community members have a right to challenge the plan if their comment was not incorporated.
5. New language describes enhancement services as including provider supports and professional development and states that these services must be specifically set out in the ELC's plan as approved by AWI. This again suggests there will be very limited flexibility in providing these services.
6. Section 287.057, Fla. Stat., no longer would apply to procurements by ELCs, but AWI rules will apply. The statute does not specify anything about these procedures other than the requirement to follow federal standards where federal dollars are concerned.
7. The revision eliminates provisions relating to fiscal agents, therefore suggesting that they can no longer be used.

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## Analysis of Wise Bill

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8. The state is proposing to distribute program funding by county instead of by coalition. This could potentially result in some funding changes.

Please let me know if this is the type of input you need and if it would be helpful to include information as an addition to your memo or in another fashion.

Thanks,

Amy

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Palm Beach County's Children's Services Council,  
Early Learning Coalition and Healthy Beginnings Coalition**

**2010 Legislative Priorities**

***A Comprehensive System For Early Childhood Is Within Reach!***

**Position Florida for Federal Funds**

Significant federal funds for home visiting, early learning and various early childhood initiatives are available or being debated in Congress. Florida should position itself to take advantage of all federal funds for early childhood programs and system development by providing resources to conduct planning processes, make application, and provide required matching and maintenance of effort funds. Florida's poor standing in the receipt of federal funds and the benefit of the funds to our economy make it essential to be ready to apply.

**Find Revenue Solutions - Protect Current Levels of Funding for Early Childhood Programs**

Reductions have already been proposed by agencies in response to the Governor's request. In 2009 stimulus funds prevented cuts to essential programs for our young children however stimulus funds phase out by the 2010/2011 year. Eliminate inappropriate sales tax exemptions and identify possible revenue to support children and other vulnerable populations in the state. Identify all federal dollars for children and families that Florida "leaves on the table." Fund and maintain essential services for children and assure federal dollars are not lost due to general revenue cuts. Require an update on revenue maximization efforts by state agencies.

**Ensure Accountability - Fund Programs and Services Based on Evidence and Research**

Support data systems, evaluations, research and evidenced based programs to guide the selection and funding of state and local programs that achieve outcomes for identified target populations. Assess current programs on a scale of effectiveness, raise effectiveness and ensure accountability.

**SUPPORT AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM OF CARE**

**1. Establish an Advisory Council on Early Childhood**

Support Florida's application to the federal government for an Advisory Council on Early Childhood. Assure Florida's Advisory Council on Early Childhood will represent and integrate all state and local early childhood systems.

## **2. Fund Access to Quality Early Care and Education for All Eligible Children**

**The Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) reports a shortfall of \$37 million for children in child care and \$55.8 million in PreK due to the use of stimulus funds to replace nonrecurring funds in the 2009/2010 budget.**

**In addition, in response to the Governor’s budget instructions, AWI has proposed a \$55.6 million reduction in funding for child care for working poor and a \$35.1 million reduction in Pre-k; a drop per child from \$2575 to \$1942.**

**Early Care and Education System Refinement-** Support the development of a coordinated statewide professional development system. Support the use of evidence based curriculums, pre-and post-tests, and universal screenings and assessments in all early childhood programs. Require background checks for all child care employees prior to employment. Position Florida to address all of the components identified in proposed early learning challenge grants. Authorize AWI as the responsible state level entity for early care and education.

**Quality Child Care –** Fund quality childcare for children from working poor families. **This program includes matching federal funds.**

**Pre-kindergarten –** Maintain a quality pre-kindergarten program for 4-year olds.

**Early Steps -** Fund critical early intervention for young children ages birth to three. **This program includes matching federal funds.**

## **3. Support a Statewide System of Evidence and Research-Based Programs to Improve Birth Outcomes, Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect and Improve School Readiness**

Position Florida for federal home visiting program funds. Support a statewide system of evidenced based and research based home visiting programs in which local communities can select programs that achieve outcomes for target populations such as Nurse Family Partnership, Parent Child Home, Healthy Families, and others that help children be ready for school, healthy and free from abuse. Maintain funding with increased rigorous evaluation of home visiting.

**In response to the Governor’s budget instructions, the Department of Health has proposed a \$6.4 million reduction in funding for Healthy Start and the Agency for Health Care Administration has proposed reducing Medicaid coverage for pregnant women from 185% of federal poverty level to 150% of federal poverty level.**

**Healthy Start -**Fund and support development of data-driven, research based programs and strategies for pregnant women, mothers and newborns. **This program includes matching federal funds.**

**Healthy Families –**Fund the Healthy Families Florida program and continue to add to evaluation research about the program.

**SUPPORT THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

**Afterschool Funding** – Assure funds for afterschool programs are maintained and distributed statewide. Ensure that funding formulas and policies do not discourage Early Learning Coalitions from serving school age children.

**Summer Camp Personnel** - Implement fingerprinting screening checks for staff in overnight and full day summer camp programs to assure our children are safe.

**Child Booster Seats** -Support a mandatory requirement that an approved child restraint device be used for children ages 4-8 while riding in motor vehicles.

**Monitor Issues**

1. **Monitor the Children and Youth Cabinet** - Monitor the work of the Cabinet and its subcommittees in creating a vision and plan to support children and families in the state.
2. **Support the Early Childhood Caucus**, a bipartisan effort in the Florida Legislature to address early childhood.
3. **Monitor the proposal for a Universal Identification** number for children receiving services from state and local agencies.
4. **Monitor AWI's formula for allocating school readiness funds** among Early Learning Coalitions to assure it is fair and equitable and uses new dollars to achieve equity.
5. **Monitor the OPPAGA study to examine early care and education and Pre-kindergarten** at the local level.
6. **Monitor Child Welfare Funding** to assure that funding is maintained.
7. **Monitor Medicaid/Health Care Reform**-Address the evaluation results of the Medicaid Pilots prior to expanding the program. Assure other proposals protect children and pregnant women.
8. **Support KidCare and Monitor Outreach** - to assure all eligible children have access to the **KidCare** Program. Monitor implementation and encourage new streamlining measures.
9. **Monitor the activities, recommendations and results of the Florida Campaign to end Child Homelessness.**

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## NAEYC Children's Champions Update – President's Budget Request

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### NAEYC Children's Champions Update - President's Budget Request Places Priority on Early Childhood Investments

February 1, 2010

Today the President released his budget request for fiscal year 2011. In a very tough budget climate, early childhood education is a priority for additional investments. The proposal helps improve access and affordability for low-income working and middle class families and quality improvements across the range of settings.

The Administration is seeking a significant restructuring of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act along its four reform areas of college and career-ready standards and assessments, effective teachers, data systems, and turning around low performing schools with several program eliminations and consolidations into new groupings. The budget request also would authorize Race to the Top and Investing in Innovation Grants which were created and funded under the ARRA (stimulus) package. There is \$1 billion held aside for ESEA if Congress reauthorizes the law this year. Although there is an increase for IDEA state grants, we urge the Administration to increase investments in early intervention Part C and special education preschool grants for a more inclusive early childhood investment agenda.

Here are highlights of the President's budget request (increases and freezes reflect FY 2010 without ARRA/stimulus funds):

**Child Care & Development Block Grant - a total increase of \$1.6 billion; half would be in the discretionary side and half in the mandatory side, including funding for quality improvements. The budget proposal also would adjust the mandatory portion for inflation after FY 2011.**

Head Start/Early Head Start -- \$989 million increase

Early Learning Challenge Fund - when passed, would provide nearly \$9 billion over 10 years (House bill passed; Senate awaiting action)

Title I - frozen

Literacy - consolidates many programs into a comprehensive birth through high school literacy grant program. \$250 million total, of which 15% for birth to kindergarten, 40% for kindergarten through fifth grade, and 40% for middle and high school and 5% for technical assistance and other activities. The FY 2010 appropriations bill eliminated separate funding for Early Reading First and Reading First. Under the consolidation, Even Start would be eliminated.

Teachers - Proposal to consolidate 9 separate programs into 3 programs: Effective Teachers and Leaders \$2.5 Billion (formula, consolidates ESEA Title II); Teacher and Leader Innovation fund \$950 million (competitive, eliminates Teacher Incentive Fund and other programs) and Teacher and Leader Pathways (competitive; would eliminate Title II Teacher Quality Partnerships for the consolidation)

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Race to the Top - would authorize Race to the Top and increase by \$1.35 billion

Investing in Innovation - would authorize and increase by \$500 million

IDEA Part C - frozen

IDEA Section 619 preschool - frozen

Part B state grants - \$250 million increase

21st Century Community Learning Centers - frozen

CAMPIS - frozen at \$16 million

Child Nutrition -- \$1 billion increase

In addition, the Administration would nearly double the Child & Dependent Care tax credit that helps middle class families offset the cost of child care.

A reminder: this is the beginning of a process. It's the Administration's roadmap but Congress can adopt or change it. Please stay tuned for alerts on the budget resolution and other parts of the funding process.

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## White House Calls For Child Care Funding Increase

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From NACCRRRA

January 25, 2010

Capitol Connection

CCR&Rs' weekly source for federal child care policy news.

**\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\***

White House Web Site Posts Child Care Funding Increase!

The White House web site has posted a press release related to initiatives the President will propose this week to assist families in this economy. Specifically with regard to child care, the President will propose doubling the value of the child care tax credit AND

increasing the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) by \$1.6 billion, the largest one-year increase for child care in 20 years. To read a copy of the President's press release, click here  [<http://capwiz.com/naccrra/utr/1/BCFULXVCFA/MQFJLXVEPM/4579209731>](http://capwiz.com/naccrra/utr/1/BCFULXVCFA/MQFJLXVEPM/4579209731)  .

It's exciting to see the President putting a priority on child care. Now is the time to build on the President's budget proposal and insist that Congress reauthorize the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) in order to improve the quality and availability of child care nationwide. You can expect to hear more from us on this in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, the President is scheduled to deliver his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Wednesday, January 27, at 9:00pm (EST). The President will propose his FY2011 budget on Monday, February 1. We will share information on both as soon as possible to ensure that all of us have the most up to date information and can fully participate in this year's reauthorization and budget related issues.



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## A Closer Look At Obama's New Budget

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<< [President Obama's New Budget Offers Head Start a Raise, Creates Other Early Learning Incentives](#) | [Medical Journal Formally Retracts Study on Autism and Vaccines. What Now?](#) >>  
Feb 02 2010

# A Closer Look at Obama's New Budget Shows Other Help for Early Learning

by [Paul Nyhan](#) | 1 Comments

Massive presidential budget proposals are worth a second, third and fourth look and a closer examination of President Obama's plan reveals more good news for early learning, including a fresh focus on early literacy and a boost for child nutrition.

For example, President Obama tucked a proposed increase of \$1 billion for child nutrition in his budget, the [National Association for the Education of Young Children reports](#). Obama also wants to wrap together a group of literacy programs into "a comprehensive birth through high school literacy grant program. \$250 million total, of which 15% for birth to kindergarten..."

Even though shiny new programs sound great, [CLASP points out](#) Obama is focused on building upon what is already there, such as child care block grants and Head Start. (The president, however, clearly wants to add the creation of the Early Learning Challenge Fund to his resume. He asked for \$9 billion over ten years, CLASP reports.)

*The administration's FY 2011 budget proposal represents a blueprint for the vision that President Obama would like to put in place. It is clear that high-quality, comprehensive early childhood programs that serve the needs of vulnerable children and their families are at the forefront of that vision. – "Administration Reverses a Decade of Indifference." CLASP, 2/1/10.*

To help you digest Obama's many plans for early education here are a few resources to get you started:

- ["Obama's FY11 Budget Requests a Boost for Early Childhood Programs."](#) Early Ed Watch, 2/2/10.
- ["President's Budget Request Places Priority on Early Childhood Investments."](#) NAEYC, 2/1/10.
- ["Administration Reverses a Decade of Indifference."](#) CLASP, 2/1/10.
- ["Administration's FY 2011 Budget: Early Childhood Highlights."](#) National Women's Law Center, 2/1/10.
- ["Capitol Connection:CCR&R's Weekly Source for Federal Child Care Policy News"](#) NACCRRRA, 2/1/10.

Tomorrow, we will take a look closer to home, examining Gov. Christine Gregoire's proposed cuts that could trim child care subsidies.

**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Board Meeting Date:**

February 18, 2010

**Prepared By:**

Vivian Blackmon-Taylor

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE / DESCRIPTION:**

Fundraising

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the December meeting a Fundraising Committee was established. The committee is staffed by Vivian Blackmon-Taylor from the Early Learning Coalition and Ann de las Pozas from Family Central. The fundraising committee is scheduled to meet on March 2, 2010 to develop a fundraising strategy.

Vivian Blackmon-Taylor, Mike Sothen and Add de las Pozas met with Fundraising Committee member Christina Worley in January 2010, to gather information on prior fundraising efforts supporting early childhood education in Palm Beach County.

In the near future board members will be asked to submit names and contact information for potential supporters.

**3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

None

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**5. RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report and no Board action is needed at this time.

**ERS Implementation Plan – Draft Status Report**

On January 29, 2010 at the Board Retreat staff was tasked with designing a plan for implementation of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) in Palm Beach County.

The Board identified areas of opportunities including:

- Designing a consistent structure that supports and feeds into the Quality Counts system.
- The process should be a stair stepping process leading to achievement of higher quality in all centers receiving school readiness funds.
- Using a valid and reliable tool to assess quality environments for children; use of quality dollars to fund stipends based on provider ratings. Valid and reliable tools promote assessment in a consistent and reliable manner.

The Board tasked the Coalition to present an implementation plan to include the following:

- Cost
- Options on how to cover the cost
- Ensure parent choice in selection of child care providers/options
- System supports needed to implement this system
- Alignment of current licensing processes with the ERS

**Current Status:**

The State has initiated a Program Assessment Workgroup which began its efforts on February 4, 2010. The Coalition staff is participating in this workgroup and will be included in the review of the documents and the cost associated with the roll out of the chosen document by individual Coalitions. Currently it is the intent of the state to incur all costs associated with training and purchasing of tools for each individual coalition.

**Statewide Program Assessment Workgroup**

**Goal:**

The goal of the workgroup is to look for a tool that can be used as a continuum to the Statewide Quality Rating System and to provide consistency in regards to developmentally appropriate practices and child outcomes. The Workgroup is charged with looking at existing infrastructure of each Coalition as the system is

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## Environmental Rating Scale Implementation Plan – Draft Status Report

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built with the outcome of being able to identify tools that best assess quality in our programs.

Tasks:

1. The workgroup is tasked with presenting recommendations to AWI by April 1.
2. The purpose of this project is to be able to aggregate statewide data on program assessments in a consistent manner.
3. AWI is here to serve as staff support for this workgroup and group members should feel free to send any documents, questions, comments or concerns to any of the workgroup support staff (Jennifer Park, Abby Thorman or Doreen Moskowitz), at any time.
4. Staff will work to synthesize documents and materials for aggregate distribution to the workgroup.
5. Recaps of future calls will be sent out to workgroup members within one business day, following the call.
6. The three tasks being undertaken with ARRA dollars are:
  - a. Professional Development
  - b. Child Progress
  - c. Program Assessment
7. A survey is being prepared for distribution to the early learning coalitions to obtain the current status of what is being used and what supports are needed for implementation of program assessment tools.
8. The initial purchase of materials and the training for a cadre of trainers will be with ARRA funds from AWI. Coalitions will not incur this expense from their individual budgets.
9. Tool decided upon should be a tool that is owned by the workgroup. Members should continually communicate what is and is not working so that tool presented is one that is endorsed by the group.

The next steps for the workgroup include drafting the guiding principles for the work at hand, scheduling time with the authors of the tools for a meeting. The workgroup will be meeting weekly to map out a course for the work to be done.

Measurement(s) selected to assess programs should:

- Include options to appropriately assess all school readiness programs
- Assess teacher/provider interactions, learning environments and program operations;
- Build from a strong research base on how to best assess programs and improve opportunities for young children;
- Reflect best practices and existing capacity within Florida and best practices and lessons learned nationally;
- Include recommendations and supports to help programs improve quality over time, not merely report the results of the assessment;

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- Reflect insights of providers and other stakeholders who will be affected by the decisions made by the Program Assessment Work Group; and
- Have a clear plan for sustainability to ensure this work continues after the ARRA funds expire.
- In addition to learning about the use of the tools in Florida and around the nation, information on what other information is gathered to assess programs is needed.
- Need to be open to using a hybrid of both or tool(s) plus checklist(s) like some other states.
- Include consideration of other tools beyond the Environment Rating Scales and the CLASS, to include the NAFCC tool Benchmarks to Quality tool for family child care homes and the Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers Program Assessment Rating Scale (PITC PARS).
- Provide support to providers and other stakeholder groups to inform for partnership building in implementation.

Proposed ELCPBC next steps:

The Coalition will continue on the task of looking at its current infrastructure and the anticipated needs of implementing the ERS while following the work of the statewide workgroup. In addition the Coalition will continue its work on mapping out a plan for implementation inclusive of a cost analysis as requested by the Board by the June 2010 meeting.

**VPK Update**

**2009/2010 VPK ENROLLMENT DRIVE**

<b>COE's Distributed</b>	<b>(F)Fall 09/10</b>
<b>Week of December 28th</b>	
Monday, December 28, 2009	1
Tuesday, December 29, 2009	5
Wednesday, December 30, 2009	5
Thursday, December 31, 2009	2
Friday, January 1, 2010	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Outreach Week of Dec 28th</b>	
	<b>(F)Fall 09/10</b>
	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Count This Week</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Fall</b>	
<b>10495</b>	
<b>Total Eligibility entered in EFS</b>	10518
<b>Total Enrollments entered in EFS</b>	9126
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>9</b>

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**Child Care Site Visits**

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**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Board Meeting Date:**

February 18, 2010

**Prepared By:**

Vivian Blackmon-Taylor

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE / DESCRIPTION:**

Board of Directors Site Visits

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In November 2006 Coalition Board members visited a variety of child care programs participating in the school readiness program. Plans are being developed for board members to visit a wide array of child care providers in a variety of socio-economic geographical areas in March/April 2010.

**3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

Overview of Site Visits

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**4. RECOMMENDATION:**

In an effort for these site visits to be as beneficial as possible input from the board is requested in developing the plan.



### **Overview of ELC Board 2010 Child Care Site Visits**

Plans are being developed for board members to visit a wide array of child care providers in a variety of socio-economic geographical areas. Family Central will randomly select Gold Seal designated and non-accredited centers. CSC will select Quality Counts centers. There will be centers for each of the categories above in the following area boundaries:

- ◆ North: Jupiter south to 45<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach
- ◆ Central: 45<sup>th</sup> Street south to Forest Hill Boulevard
- ◆ South: Forest Hill Boulevard to Boca Raton
- ◆ West: State Road 7 (U.S. 441 to the Glades)

The pre-selected sites will be contacted by the Coalition staff to advise the providers of the possibility of a visit from one of the members of the Coalition's Board during March/April 2010.

In an effort for these site visits to be as beneficial as possible input from the board is requested in developing the plan.

1. Purpose of Visits – The goal of the site visits will inform the how the visits are designed. What do board members see as the goal of the visits?
2. Orientation – Options for an orientation prior to the site visits include:
  - a. Receiving a parent packet that offers the tools and information in selecting quality child care.
  - b. A 30-minute in person and/or on-line orientation to include information on selecting quality child care and what to look for during site visits.
3. Scope of site visit – It is proposed that the site visits be conducted in the morning between the hours of 8 to 12. This would typically provide the opportunity for observation of the arrival period, breakfast if applicable, and transition into active learning activities. The visit would also include an opportunity for discussion with the Center Director regarding the benefits and struggles of their program. The afternoon hours typically include lunch, nap-time, enrichment activities (center time, music and movement, etc) and recess.
4. Accompaniment - Do board members want to be accompanied by a staff person with expertise in early childhood education and/or quality?

Board Members will receive an e-mail from the Early Learning Coalition outlining the process for the site visits.

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**Provider Survey**

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**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Board Meeting Date:**

February 18, 2010

**Prepared By:**

Vivian Blackmon-Taylor

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE / DESCRIPTION:**

Provider Survey

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the September 17, 2009 Coalition meeting the first of several presentations was made in order for the board to review the maximum child care reimbursement rate paid to providers. It was suggested by the Board that the Coalition create a formal survey to providers so everyone has an opportunity to express their thoughts on the reimbursement rates.

Members of the Coalition staff have met with SRA Research Group, Inc. to begin development of the provider survey.

Following is an excerpt from the opening paragraph of the survey draft:

*The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County is reviewing reimbursement rates as they relate to the quality of child care. Please take a few moments to complete this important survey. The Early Learning Coalition Board of Directors will be making decisions on reimbursements based in part on your responses to this survey. Please keep in mind there are no right or wrong answers. We are just looking for your opinions.*

The four key questions that the survey seeks to answer include:

- 1 – What is stronger among providers: quality or reimbursement?
- 2 – Do the providers understand if rates increase the number of children may decrease?
- 3 – Is there a difference between ages – pre-school versus after school?
- 4 – What is the difference among providers in the focus on quality?

**3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

None

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**5. RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report and no board action needed at this time.

**Gold Seal Cost Comparison of NAEYC and APPLE**

**COST COMPARISON OF NAEYC AND APPLE**

<b>NAEYC</b>					
	<b>Level 1 (10-60 children)</b>	<b>Level 2 (61-120 children)</b>	<b>Level 3 (121-240 children)</b>	<b>Level 4 (241-360 children)</b>	<b>Every additional 120 children</b>
Step 1 Enrollment in Self Study	\$425	\$525	\$650	\$775	Add \$100
Step 2 Application/Self Assessment	\$200	\$275	\$350	\$425	Add \$75
Step 3 & 4 Candidacy / Site Visit	\$650	\$775	\$950	\$1,150	add \$100
Annual Report	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	Add \$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,575</b>	<b>\$1,925</b>	<b>\$2,350</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>	

<b>APPLE (Cost for FACCM members only)</b>					
<b>In Florida programs must be members in good standing of FACCM to participate in APPLE Accreditation</b>					
Application fee (To receive the APPLE Accreditation manual and to begin the self-study process)	\$350				
Verifier fee (Submitted with the program portfolio and indicating that the program is ready for a verification visit.	\$450	\$550	\$850 (2 or more verifiers or a verifier for 2 or more days)	Additional \$200 for each additional 120 children (over 240) based on licensed capacity	
Annual Update Fee Submitted annually on the anniversary of the date on the accreditation certificate	\$200 Submitted and paid in the month annual update is due				
	\$250 Submitted and paid late				
	An annual update not received within 3 months after the date due will place the program's accreditation in jeopardy.				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>		