

**Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.
May/June 2007**

Internal Operations Report

VPK

The State Board of Education set the 2005-2006 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness rate minimum at 201. Five providers (6%) in the Pasco/Hernando area scored in this quartile. Low Performing providers must submit an Improvement Plan no later than August 9, 2007. Coalition staff will provide technical assistance to providers requesting assistance. Additional information is available online at www.vpk.fldoe.org.

Coalition staff participated in 14 VPK enrollments during the month of May and performed monitors in 194 VPK classrooms.

The final figures for children participating in the VPK fall program are 868 in Hernando and 2,156 in Pasco. Summer sessions are currently underway at four public school locations in Hernando County and three in Pasco County. Summer enrollment is down statewide and this is true of the summer enrollment in Pasco County. Hernando County enrollment increased over last year.

Match

Pasco County does not have any recorded cash match for the FY 2006-2007. There is a \$46,250 cash match for Hernando County. The total Match is budgeted at \$344,000.

School Readiness

OEL, Coalition staff and Childhood Development Services met to discuss the contract for the upcoming fiscal year. The current contract expires on June 30, 2007.

OEL did not approve the request for an increase in the Infant/Toddler rates for this fiscal year. It will be revisited sometime in the new fiscal year.

AWI/OEL submitted the report from their recent visit to our office. Copies are available for review.

The Coalition served 3,156 Pasco County children and 1,262 Hernando County school readiness children during the month of May. These numbers represent an increase of 23 children in Hernando and 274 children in Pasco County over

May 2005-2006 numbers. Historical numbers are available on the www.flsrcs.org website.

Financial

The coalition received the grant application for fiscal year 2007-2008. It was signed and returned to AWI for final approval on June 19, 2007. The funds will be available for use when AWI/OEL finalizes the agreement. The total grant for school readiness for 2007-2008 is expected to be the same as for 2006-2007 (\$15,151,219) There is an increase in the VPK grant to \$11,577,004.

Monthly fiscal reviews continue for all cost reimbursement invoices and expenditures remain with the approved financial limitations.