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THE VOTES ARE IN: LOCAL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TOP LIST OF “2011 BEST OF EAST & CENTRAL PASCO”

Pasco residents, readers voted five (5) PHELHC child care providers as “Best in child care”

The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. (PHELHC) is proud to recognize five (5) local child care providers who earned the title of “BEST OF” in child care, voted online by residents of Pasco and Readers of *The Pasco Tribune*.

WINNERS:

- GOLD: Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center
- SILVER: Sugar ‘N Spice, Heritage Academy School
- BRONZE: Kids’ Stuff Preschool

Readers were asked to vote between May 25 and June 17 to select those companies they believe represent Pasco’s best. The honor was announced on August 24, by the publisher and staff of *The Pasco Tribune* and in a special section of their publication honoring recipients.

PHELHC wishes to thank its fantastic providers for going above and beyond for our children and their families, continuously providing the best child care services

On behalf of the five recipients, PHELHC wishes to particularly thank the community for expressing confidence in their services. PHELHC as well as its over 300 providers will continue to serve the mission of preparing children to enter and succeed in school.

The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. is one of 31 Early Learning Coalitions in Florida. It works to ensure that programs and services are available to assist families with young children during their formative years. Florida’s Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program is for all children who are four-years old on or before September 1st. School Readiness provides assistance for low-to-moderate income working families by paying a portion of the childcare costs on a sliding fee schedule. Starting as separate organizations in 2000, Pasco and Hernando counties joined forces to form the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties in 2005. The non-profit serves over nine thousand children between infancy and five years old, working with over 300 providers in the counties.

For more information about the ELC and its services, visit www.phelc.org.

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