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## **COALITION RANKS 7<sup>TH</sup> ON “THE NONPROFIT TIMES” LIST OF “50 BEST NONPROFITS TO WORK FOR IN 2012”**

*This nationwide survey and awards program—founded in 2010—recognizes 50 organizations as the best places of employment in the nonprofit industry. The Coalition is one of four organizations listed with headquarters in Florida.*

**The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.** was recently recognized by The NonProfit Times, a leading national publication for nonprofit management, as one of the **“50 Best NonProfits to Work For in 2012.”**

The Coalition, with 36 employees at the time of the application, ranks 16<sup>th</sup> on the list of 50, which includes organizations as the American Heart Association with 2,694 employees (ranked 39<sup>th</sup>) and the Mayo Clinic Health System with 1,512 employees (ranked 48<sup>th</sup>).

The top 50 organizations were subdivided into three categories: large, medium and small employers. Within the small employers list, the Coalition ranks seventh alongside organizations as the Animal League Defense Fund (ranked 4<sup>th</sup>) and the Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc. (ranked 6<sup>th</sup>).

Of the 17 small organizations listed, the Coalition is the only organization with headquarters in the state of Florida, and is one of only four organizations listed within the top 50 organizations with headquarters in Florida.

Coalition Executive Director James J. Farrelly expressed sentiments of both excitement and appreciation.

“This is our highest honor to date,” Farrelly said. “It proves that not only is the Coalition’s mission honored by staff, and its policies and practices effective, but also that they are appreciated and valued by our employees. It is their dedication and commitment to our mission that truly makes the Coalition the best place to work.”

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“Being recognized as one of the top nonprofits in the nation is a tremendous honor,” said Program Manager Kim Borrego. “Knowing that we’re one of four in Florida to even make the list is a testament to our organization and employees.”

Mobile Outreach Specialist Bev Doucet shared sentiments of appreciation for the community and local businesses who support the Coalition's mission of preparing children in our counties to enter and succeed in school.

"This is an amazing, family-oriented organization, and I work with the dream team," Doucet said. "Our community is so giving. They make children a priority and our success wouldn't be possible without them."

To view the complete list and accompanying article, visit [www.TheNonProfitTimes.com](http://www.TheNonProfitTimes.com).

For more information about the "50 Best NonProfit to Work For in 2012" list, visit [www.BestNonProfitsToWorkFor.com](http://www.BestNonProfitsToWorkFor.com).

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*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.*

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