



EARLY LEARNING COALITION
OF BREVARD COUNTY, INC.

8/06/2013

6:30-9:00 PM

VIERA CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

3395 VIERA BLVD, VIERA, FL 32940

FACILITATOR:

Sky Beard, Executive Director

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angel Kids, Little River, Bear Hugs and Viera Children's Academy

TYPE OF MEETING:

Child Care Chat

Child Care Chat is an informal discussion with Executive Director, Sky Beard. This is not a formal, mandatory Provider Meeting. It is an opportunity for those involved in early learning to get together and talk about topics of interest. Please feel free to drop by one of the following locations to chat about any questions or suggestions you may have.

Minutes

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

- VPK in public schools
- Enrollments low this summer
- 2 month at-risk referrals difficult for families and providers
- Managing comments from parents on social media
- Recommend that early childhood education programs use private providers in their curriculum like they used to
- Questions about health care reform and the impact on their businesses; requested "bulk purchasing" or negotiating of common expenses
- Discussed insurance requirements as identified in early learning legislation; providers concerned that some in the industry don't have required insurance
- Discussed planning underway with Brevard Workforce to create a "Child Care Business 101" series; all very interested
- Discussed provider reimbursement rates; discussed factors involved
- Discussed Child Care Resource & Referral
- Discussed availability of ERS (ITERS, ECERS, FCCRS) and CLASS program assessments