



# EARLY LEARNING COALITION

OF BREVARD COUNTY, INC.

8/30/2012

6:00-7:15 PM

COCOA PUBLIC LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM 2, 308 FORREST AVE, COCOA, FL 32922

**FACILITATOR:**

Sky Beard, Executive Director

**NOTE TAKER:**

Jessica Beecham, Executive Coordinator

**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.

**TOPICS COULD INCLUDE:**

- Pre and post assessments for children
- Professional Development needs
- Quality early learning experiences for children
- Business concerns

## Minutes

**TOPIC:**

DCF Licensing Change

**DISCUSSION:**

- Providers discussed the new DCF Licensing staff and expressed that because different counties require different "things" it was difficult when their centers were inspected.
- Providers expressed that they were grateful for the change regarding hiring staff without completing their 40 hours and have a designated time to complete the hours while working at center.

**TOPIC:**

School Board

**DISCUSSION:**

- A provider asked whether Coalition staff was aware of the Brevard Public Schools policy for VPK teachers to have home visits with families of children enrolled in VPK in the fall and is it was policy for a teacher to visit the child's current center?
  - Coalition staff will contact the VPK Coordinator to enquire about the home visits.

**TOPIC:**

Business Marketing

**DISCUSSION:**

- There was the discussion about the providers marketing their businesses
  - Local Parades
  - Mostly word of mouth

**TOPIC:**

Redetermination of Families

**DISCUSSION:**

- A provider inquired about the policy regarding parents not paying their parent fee and if at the time of redetermination their eligibility specialist can be aware of that information before completing the redetermination process.
  - Providers were informed that parents sign a Rights and Responsibilities form and included in the form is the understanding that the parent fee must be paid to the provider.
  - Providers were also informed that if they have a parent that is behind in their co-payments they can contact the eligibility specialist and the specialist will contact the parent on-behalf of the provider.

**TOPIC:****Mandatory Provider Meeting****DISCUSSION:**

- Providers were informed of the mandatory provider meeting on September 19, 2012 at The Knowledge exchange in Palm Bay

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***Other Information*****Resources:**

Each attending center received:

- A copy of the Save the Date flyer for the Provider Meeting on September 19, 2012 at The Knowledge Exchange in Palm Bay
- A copy of The Visionary Director: A Handbook for Dreaming, Organizing, & Improving Your Center
- A copy of Growing Sounds "Becoming My Own Me" Songs for Developing Toddlers by David Kisor
- A copy of Growing Sounds "Beautiful Baby Wonderful Child" Songs for Infants and Toddlers by David Kisor

**Special notes:**