



**EARLY LEARNING COALITION**  
OF BREVARD COUNTY, INC.

11/08/2012  
6:00-8:00 PM  
THE CHILDREN'S CENTER, 5650 S. WASHINGTON AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL  
3280

**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**

<b>TOPIC:</b>	Provider Sharing
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Providers present took this time to share information from their individual centers.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lori Duester (The Children's Center) and Sky Beard explained the CATCH program to providers present and gave out copies of the Healthy Habits for Families Newsletter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A tour was given of The Children's Center and the group discussed the services provided.</li> </ul>	

<b>TOPIC:</b>	ELC Staff Directory
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a request that ELC put together an ELC Manual for providers to include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Description of staff responsibilities with phone numbers and extensions</li> <li>○ Explanation of the Coalition's programs</li> <li>○ "How to get started as a child care provider" that includes items such as:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finger printing requirements</li> <li>▪ DCF licensing</li> <li>▪ Other information about what is required to be a School Readiness or VPK provider</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>Monitoring/Licensing</b>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers discussed DCF child care licensing. Providers mentioned that they are finding that the Portal is not working correctly sometimes. They also expressed that they sometimes need clearer direction from the inspectors.</li> <li>• Providers inquired about when there will be monitoring again; they feel it is way to keep teachers “in-line” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sky informed the providers that ELC will be hiring new staff for monitoring due the Coalition bringing those services in-house.</li> <li>○ Sky also discussed the CLASS assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus of CLASS is on the teacher/student interaction;</li> <li>▪ Good tool for professional development;</li> <li>▪ Statewide program assessment tool; although assessments are not required</li> <li>▪ Hiring and training staff to use tool, then providers will be trained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Providers also discussed their interest in Brevard establishing a Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Important for marketing and parent education</li> <li>▪ ELC has been talking to the Board of Directors about creating a program in Brevard</li> <li>▪ In order for a QRIS to be effective, it has to involve incentives</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>ELC Funding Formula</b>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Providers discussed the importance of advocating for more funding and getting the community involved.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Resources:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Special notes:</b> N/A</p>	