

**3.4 Parent Involvement and Skill-building**

**3.4.1.** Describe how the coalition ensures the provision of parent involvement and skill-building/education opportunities. (s. 411.01(4)(o), F.S.)

**Response Assessment: Evaluation**

The Coalition provides training for child care providers to assist them in effectively engaging families in their child’s education and development. The Coalition also provides materials and resources on child development to School Readiness and VPK families.

Identify expected results relative to this element in the chart below:

Required Element	Current Situation	Objective	Activities	Outcome
3.4.1. Parent Involvement and Skill-building	The Developmental Flipbooks were developed in 1990 and does not align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards 2009: Birth through Three.	1. Increase parents’ opportunity for involvement in their child’s education.  2. Increase parent access to skill building resources.	1. The Coalition will evaluate the frequency and type of parent engagement opportunities offered by child care providers through survey.  1b. Training will be offered on ways to engage families in early childhood programs.  1c. A Train-the-Trainer series of workshops will be offered for directors on family engagement issues.  2. Revise the current	1. The Coalition will establish baseline data on frequency and type of parent engagement opportunities through child care providers by December 2011.

Required Element	Current Situation	Objective	Activities	Outcome
			<p>Pinellas Developmental Flipbooks to align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards Birth through Three.</p> <p>3. Videos will be played on the monitors at all intake offices on parent education topics.</p>	

**3.4.2.** Describe how the coalition provides family literacy opportunities. (s. 411.01(4) (o), F.S.)

**Response Assessment: Evaluation**

Identify expected results relative to this element in the chart below:

Required Element	Current Situation	Objective	Activities	Outcome
3.4.2. Family Literacy	<p>Coalition funds the following Family Literacy Programs:</p> <p>1. Coalition funds books for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative program "Born to Read".</p>	<p>1. Foster parental awareness about the importance of reading to their children.</p>	<p>1. "Born to Read" staff will distribute 2,000 books at presentations offered annually, countywide, to neighborhood family centers and health</p>	<p>1. 50% of library cards issued through Born to Read will be activated by use at a public library.</p>

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	<p>2. The “Community of Readers Program” was eliminated in 2009.</p> <p>3. Coalition funds the Florida First Start Program that offers to high risk parents, whose children are not enrolled in any early childhood programs, the opportunity to increase family literacy, environmental health and safety, have their children screened and assessed for developmental delays, link parents to existing services, provide in home visitation, parent education and self sufficiency, and offers supports especially to ESOL families. Families set up goals for learning self sufficiency skills and</p>	<p>2. Increase School Readiness funded children’s access to age appropriate books.</p> <p>3. Provide access to literacy services to high-risk families that do not have their children enrolled in early education programs.</p>	<p>clinics, parent groups and programs working with parents of young children.</p> <p>2. a. Provide a selection of age appropriate books at each intake office for children/ parents to choose from</p> <p>2.b. Provide consultation to parents on the importance of reading with their child.</p> <p>2.c. Distribute age appropriate books at community events.</p> <p>2.d. Survey parents at intake or redetermination on literacy habits to evaluate family literacy needs.</p> <p>3. Florida First Start will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In home visitation</li> <li>• Family literacy</li> <li>• Parent education</li> </ul>	<p>3. a. 50% of families enrolled for 6 months or more will utilize the public library as indicated by library card activation.</p>

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	<p>family literacy which are assessed at monthly home visits.</p> <p>The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program is funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board Children Services Council of Pinellas and provided by R'Club Child Care. This program offers home instruction to parents with children ages 3 and 4 years.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linkage to services</li> <li>• Screening and assessment of children</li> <li>• Supports for ESOL families</li> <li>• Play groups for parent/child interaction and social skill development</li> <li>• Community education &amp; sponsorship</li> </ul>	