

Early Learning Coalition

of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-61.1.11	Title: School Readiness Providers – Multiple Areas of Noncompliance	
<i>Formerly addressed in: ELPC- 61.2.1 and ELCPC-61.2.2</i>	Review Date: September 2011	Next Review Date: August 2012

References: School Readiness Provider Agreement, Chapter 411, F.S., Child Care Development Fund (federal)

Purpose: To outline enforcement actions with School Readiness providers who are noncompliant in multiple areas.

Background: *The Early Learning Coalition must implement a comprehensive program of School Readiness services that enhance the cognitive, social, and physical development of children to achieve the performance standards and outcome measures adopted by the Agency for Workforce Innovation. At a minimum, these programs must contain the following elements:*

- a. Developmentally appropriate curriculum designed to enhance the age-appropriate progress of children in attaining the performance standards adopted by the Agency for Workforce Innovation.*
- b. A character development program to develop basic values.*
- c. An age-appropriate assessment of each child's development.*
- d. A pretest administered to children when they enter a program and a posttest administered to children when they leave the program.*
- e. An appropriate staff-to-children ratio.*
- f. A healthy and safe environment.*

The Coalition is committed to supporting Providers to ensure quality programs. Providers with non-compliances will receive technical assistance. Ultimately, failure to adhere to the terms of the Agreement or any violations described herein may result in the discontinuance of funding, parent notification of non-compliance, or ineligibility to participate in certain incentive programs. Providers are prohibited from charging School Readiness parents for lost revenue due to violations of the School Readiness Agreement.

This Coalition policy and procedure is inclusive to all caregiver settings: child care center, licensed family child care home or informal provider receiving School Readiness (SR) funding.

Policy:

In the event a Provider fails to meet compliance in more than one area within a 24 month period, the Coalition will conduct a staffing to determine the appropriate enforcement actions which may include:

1. **Technical Assistance**
2. **Service Improvement Agreement**
3. **Provider Conference at Coalition Office**
4. **Nonpayment for School Readiness**
5. **Notification of Parents of School Readiness Children**
6. **Termination of School Readiness Agreement**

Note:

Providers are prohibited from requiring School Readiness parents to cover payment for lost revenue due to violations of the School Readiness Agreement.

Providers may appeal action taken in accordance with this policy with the [School Readiness/VPK Grievance and Dispute Resolution Policy \(ELCPC-10.1\)](#).

Exhibits:

Provider Staffing Summary Form – *QA-50-F7*

Provider Enforcement Conference Form *QA-50-F8*

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