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Dear Parent/Caregiver/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you are currently receiving financial assistance for your child care costs through the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

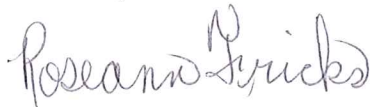
Because of funding decreases, the Coalition Board of Directors has approved the following for School Readiness Child Care Services:

1. Utilization of the expanded Sliding Scale B for determination of parent fees towards child care costs, instead of the Simplified Sliding Scale C currently used.
2. Effective **December 1, 2011**, there will be a 25% discount for children receiving services who are siblings.
3. Effective **December 1, 2011**, there will be an **INCREASE** in parent fees you are currently paying your child care provider. Minimum increase for the youngest child receiving services will be \$.49 per day. If you are receiving financial assistance for more than one child, you may see a decrease in your overall parent fees because of the sibling discount also effective **December 1, 2011**.
4. A second **INCREASE** in parent fees will be effective **July 1, 2012**. The minimum increase for the youngest child receiving services will be an additional \$.49 per day.

Child Care Providers will be notified on December 2, 2011 on their attendance rosters for December 2011 as to new parent fees that they will need to collect. A letter will be mailed to each Parent/Caregiver/Guardian with new fees during the second week in December. Remember the increased parent fee will be effective **December 1, 2011**.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Coalition office at 352-369-2315.

Sincerely,



Roseann Fricks
Executive Director