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Early Learning Coalition Releases RFP for Services

OCALA, FL (January 4, 2010) – The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County has released a Request for Proposals for selected services. The purpose of the RFP is to secure a contract(s) to provide quality and innovative school readiness core program services and the State funded voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) program services for the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

The service components include school readiness eligibility determination, child care resource & referral, provider payment services for school readiness, parent and child services, VPK eligibility, certification of parents and provider payments, and information technology services. Bidders may respond to specific components or the entire RFP.

The Coalition supports the importance of preparing children to enter school ready to learn, supports the subsidy system as a method to enhance family economic self-sufficiency and recognizes the primacy of parents as their child's first teachers.

Requests for the RFP with attachments, and questions, should be directed to Roseann Fricks, Executive Director, at (352) 369-2315 or rfricks@elc-marion.org. Responses to the RFP are due February 26, 2010.

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