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MARION COUNTY, FL - The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County is one of the recipients of the 2010 IBM KidSmart Early Learning Program Grant through the Association of Early Learning Coalitions (AELC), an organization representing the Executive Directors of Florida's 31 Early Learning Coalitions. The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County is responsible for local administration of early learning programs and is dedicated to supporting early learning providers in delivering services that support good outcomes for young children and their families. The IBM KidSmart Grant will enable the coalition to distribute seven computer systems loaded with high quality early education software to not-for-profit early learning sites that serve low-income children. The recipient of the computers in Marion County will be the Marion County Public Library Headquarters Ocala location and the Freedom Public Library, and the branches in Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest and Reddick. The KidSmart Early Learning Program will provide important resources to support children's success and improve the quality of early learning environments.

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