

Office of Early Learning Announces New Director



**Melody (Mel) Jurado, P.H.D was appointed the Director for the Office of Early Learning during the 2010-2011 legislative session. The new Florida Office of Early Learning (which is a stand-alone agency within the Department of Education) will be housed in the Florida Lottery Building in Tallahassee. Before being appointed, Dr. Jurado served as the Chair of the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County since 2005. Dr. Jurado was the past president of The Profitable Group, an OD/HR consulting and training organization committed to performance improvement, leading and developing organizations, teams and individuals in the pursuit of quality, by providing measurable improvement and bottom-line results in the areas of service, sales, information, efficiency, productivity, objectivity and innovation. She will be a valuable asset to the early learning community.**