

*****IMPORTANT PROVIDER UPDATE*****

Enrollment Update

South Florida Workforce and the Department of Children and Families were recently advised that the Coalition's enrollment target for children in BG5 (transitional child care) has been reached. Effective **July 1, 2007**, there will be **NO** referrals issued to these clients (BG5). Enrollment for children in BG8 had previously been closed.

CDS will continue to process referrals received **prior** to July 1, 2007 until July 16, 2007, and **NO** BG5 referrals will be accepted **after July 16, 2007**. As providers, you should see **no additional enrollments** in these **two** categories (BG5 and BG8). The **only** categories now eligible for enrollment are BG1 (at-risk) and BG3 (TANF).

Please note that this does **not affect clients who are scheduled for re-determination.*

Reminder: The "10 Day" Rule

Please remember that when parents are provided vouchers for care, they are given **five (5) days** to enroll their children. Providers are then given **48 hours** to send that enrollment data to CDS. If the child does not appear enrolled in the EFS within **10 days**, they are terminated and their voucher is no longer valid.

Providers, once you receive the voucher, please send enrollment data to CDS right away, and do not accept **ANY vouchers that are over 10 days old!*

Updated Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Rates and Parent Sliding Fee Scale

Each year the Federal Government adjusts the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) which could affect the eligibility of clients and/or the fees they pay for child care. The Coalition decided **not** to change the parent fees this year; however, if the parent's income level has changed they will pay according to that income.

**A copy of this scale is included with this News Alert for your records.*

Family Expo Event a Success!

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe participated in the First Annual Family Expo this past weekend. Over the two days of the event, roughly 40,000 people came out to enjoy the festivities and visited the ELC booth.



Please join us at the upcoming **Latin Expo being held during the **NCLR Annual Conference**, taking place **July 21 – 23, 2007** at the **Miami Beach Convention Center!***