



VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION !



FOR PROVIDERS WHO PLAN TO RECEIVE SCHOOL READINESS PAYMENTS AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

On April 26, 2011 the Early Learning Coalition Executive Committee voted that effective July 1, 2011, all providers receiving School Readiness payments must show **proof of current child care liability insurance coverage**, including coverage for transportation of children (if SR children are transported by the program). If you serve VPK children only, it is anticipated this will be required for VPK programs as well.

Requirement: By 6/15/11 programs must send proof of child care liability insurance coverage to:

Mail: Okaloosa Walton Child Care Services

Attention: Jennifer Hendrickson

107 Tupelo Avenue

Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

OR

Fax: (Attention Jennifer Hendrickson): 833-9344

The Provider is required to secure sufficient child care liability insurance coverage, including coverage of transportation of children (if SR children are transported by the program), and an endorsement to the policy or policies naming both the Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties and Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services, as additional named insured.

Required minimum coverage for family child care homes: \$300,000 / \$300,000

Required minimum coverage for center-based care: \$500,000 / \$1,000,000

To add additional named insured you will need the following information:

- Gloria Mayo, Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, 2018 Lewis Turner Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547, Fax: 850-833-3632
- Lynn Stephens, Okaloosa Walton Child Care Services, 107 Tupelo Ave., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548, Fax: 850-833-9337

After 6/15/11, parents who have School Readiness funded children in programs which have not submitted proof of child care liability insurance, will be notified to transfer their children to an eligible provider by 6/30/11 if they wish to continue receiving School Readiness funding assistance.

Only those programs returning proof of child care liability insurance will receive a provider agreement for 2011-2012.

We know this is difficult for many of you who may have depended on the liability of your homeowners or other types of coverage in the past. **In items #13 and #14 of the current 2010- 2011 Provider Agreement, you signed, stating that you agree to maintain child care liability insurance as a School Readiness provider. In the 2011-2012 contract, these items will be replaced with the requirements described in the box above.**

For Family Child Care Homes, information concerning the insurance you may need can be found at:

- www.dcins.com (DCI Insurance in Florida is called APlus Insurance) (800) 624-0912 or (800) 359-4300 (Toll Free)
- www.afds.com Thomco (888) 515-8537 (Toll Free)
- www.morganinsurance.com Morgan and Associates, Inc. (Military families only): 1-800-273-4510

For helpful information: Tom Copeland's guidelines: www.resourcesforchildcaring.org

www.resourcesforchildcaring.org/index.cfm?page=business (Select: "Legal & Insurance" and then "Find an Insurance Company")

For Center-Based Child Care, contact the insurance agent or company handling your current child care liability insurance. Additional information may be obtained from: www.Blockinsurance.net / 1-800-225-0863 or www.Childcareinsurance.com / 1-800-431-1270. For assistance concerning this requirement, please contact Debra Self at 833-9334.

