



Board Action Item

Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc. May 24, 2006

Subject: Approval of 2006-2007 Parent Sliding Fee Scale

Proposed Recommendation: Recommendation for approval of the ELC-SWF 2006-2007 Parent Sliding Fee Scale which reflects the most recent 2006 Dept. of HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Background Information:

AWI expects each Coalition to adopt a sliding fee scale establishing a co-payment for parents based upon their ability to pay according to family income, which is required to be implemented and reflected in each program's budget.

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services annually revises the federal poverty guidelines. Upon issuance of the guidelines, the coalition is required to amend their Plan to include the AWI issued sliding fee scale options that reflect the FPL guidelines.

Action Taken: FEE CHANGE

Debbie Johnson, Fiscal Director for CCSWFL was asked to make recommendations for adoption of the AWI issued Parent Fee Scale, reflecting the most recent 2006 FPL Guidelines. Debbie is in agreement to adopt the fee schedule change. This fee change would **not** have a negative impact on families because the daily fee intervals will remain the same. All parents have equal access to services and the fee rates are set at affordable intervals and would not change from the current levels that parents are currently accustomed to.

If the schedule is not adopted and implemented, parents will be forced to pay a higher proportion of their income on fees.

Family of three with average income of \$16,600 in a center based program with (2) preschoolers:

- 1st child -parent fee -subsidized - \$2.40 per day
- 2nd child-parent fee - subsidized - \$1.20 per day
- Average monthly child care cost for two children - \$720.00
- Average monthly income for \$16,600 - \$1383

Child care costs of \$720.00 based on average monthly income would represent 52% of the families income. Child care parent fees for subsidized care would cost parent \$72.00 per month, this would represent 5% of the families income.

Coalition Meeting: May 24, 2006

Submitted By: Barbara Saunders, Executive Director
ELC Executive Board

Approved
Date:

Motion:
Second: