



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF DUVAL

Professional Development - Curriculum Workgroup

Approval of Preschool Curricula

DECEMBER 13, 2006



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BOARD MOTION

All early learning centers (licensed, gold seal, and religious exempt) with an agreement to receive school readiness children will use one of the developmentally appropriate preschool curricula approved by the Early Learning Coalition of Duval by August 1, 2007.

Early Learning centers that would like to present their own curriculum or an assortment of curricula for consideration as developmentally appropriate may do so through the process defined by the Early Learning Coalition on or before May 15, 2007.



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RATIONALE FOR MOTION

Per Section 4.3.1 of the ELC of Duval Coalition Plan 2006-2009 submitted to the State Office of Early Learning, and Florida Statute 411.01, ELC of Duval is required to ensure that school readiness programs provide the elements necessary to prepare children ready for school, by providing a curriculum that addresses acceptable practices based on the Florida School Readiness Performance Standards. ELC of Duval is required to have a process in place for identifying, monitoring, and providing support to providers on developmentally appropriate curricula, as well as a process in place for a provider to submit a developmentally appropriate curriculum for evaluation and / or recommendation.



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THE PROCESS USED TO EVALUATE CURRICULA

The subcommittee met on Monday, October 16, 2006 to review existing curricula and to determine standards and criteria for any new curricula that Providers in Duval may want to consider using in the preschool classrooms in their centers.



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MATERIALS USED BY COMMITTEE

- VPK Overview of Curricula Standards
- NAEYC Guidelines
- Florida School Readiness Performance Standards
- Curriculum Characteristics - from Duval
- Domain Coverage - from Duval
- Suggested Checklist - from Duval
- ELC of Nature Coast, Leon / Gadsen, Orange - materials and program checklists.



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CURRICULUM ATTRIBUTES DISCUSSED:

- ✓ Language and Communication
- ✓ Emergent Literacy
- ✓ Social/Emotional development
- ✓ Cognitive development and General knowledge
- ✓ Approaches to learning
- ✓ Motor development
- ✓ Physical Health



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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- ✓Philosophy
- ✓Age intended for
- ✓Language options
- ✓Inclusion
- ✓Meeting Florida School Readiness Performance Standards
- ✓Materials
- ✓Room arrangement
- ✓Daily Schedule
- ✓Professional Development
- ✓Price



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APPROVED DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRESCHOOL CURRICULA

- ✓ Creative Curriculum
- ✓ DLM Early Childhood Express
- ✓ ELLM Plus
- ✓ Harcourt
- ✓ High Reach
- ✓ High Scope
- ✓ Houghton Mifflin
- ✓ Links to Literacy
- ✓ Saxon
- ✓ Wee Learn



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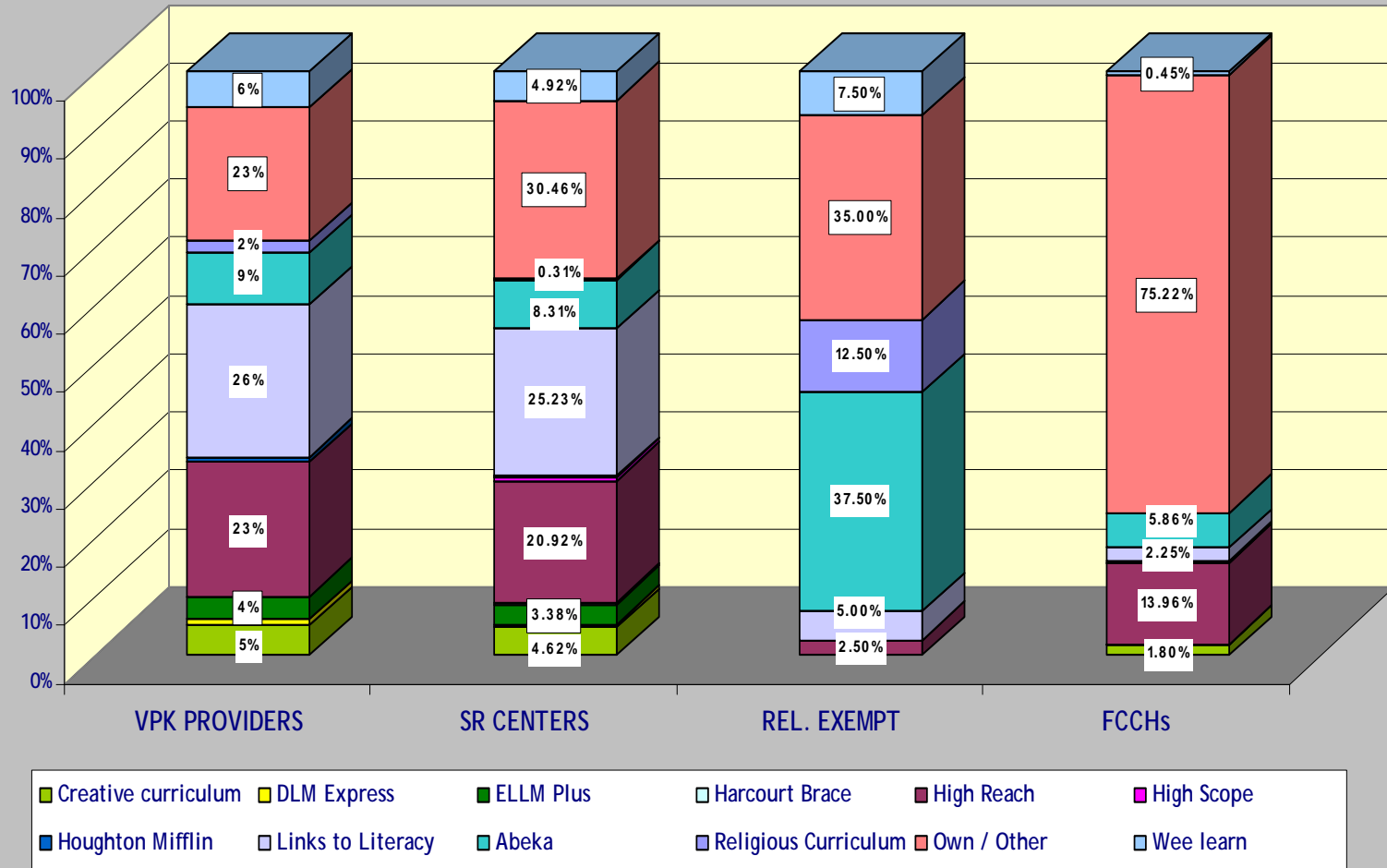
The subcommittee then

- reviewed the DAP curricula in use in Duval
- matched it against the standards and criteria discussed
- verified approval of those curricula
- and created a process for reviewing additional curricula

The approval process includes a self-study, a request for approval and curriculum materials.



CURRICULUM USAGE *AS REPORTED BY THE PROVIDERS* TO ELC OF DUVAL DURING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF PROVIDER PROFILE IN THE DATABASE





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CURRICULUM USAGE AS REPORTED BY THE PROVIDERS TO ELC OF DUVAL DURING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF PROVIDER PROFILE IN THE DATABASE

PERCENTAGE OF PROVIDERS WHO REPORT USING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM:

- ✓61% of the School Readiness providers
- ✓66% of the VPK providers
- ✓15% of the religious exempt providers
- ✓18% of the family child care homes

Data reported does not include 39 informal providers and 71 extended providers.



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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Inventory of curricula - through March 2007

Curriculum fairs - April, May, and June 2007

Curriculum funds to be designated in FY 2007-2008 budget

DAP curriculum in place - August 1, 2007

Curriculum monitoring - September, October, and November 2007

Subsequent support provided for early learning facilities

Appropriate sanctions (as approved by ELC Board)



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ELC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CURRICULUM WORKGROUP

Chair: Carole Byrd, Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Marge Campany - Department of Education, Office of Early Learning

Annie Milton, Cathy Parker - Early Learning Coalition of Duval

Frances Gupton - Brewer Center

Ginger Peacock Preston - Jacksonville Children's Commission

Ginger Hudson, Debbie Phillips - Duval County Public Schools

Mandy Kirk, Connie Gutknecht - Episcopal Children's Services

Karen Landry, Jacksonville Urban League

Darlene Gore - Faith-based Center Representative



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CURRICULUM APPROVAL PROCESS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Miriam Folk, Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Deliah Floyd - Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Annie Milton - Early Learning Coalition of Duval

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