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# Board Member Application

**Children's  
Hearts, Minds  
and Future Under  
Construction**

**PROCEED WITH CAUTION**

Yes  No

Do you have a passion to see children succeed?

Yes  No

Do you believe in citizen leadership to make a difference for children?

Yes  No

Are you willing to use your time, talents, influence and expertise to ensure that our children from birth to age five have every opportunity to succeed by receiving the early learning experiences needed to lay a foundation for success?

Yes  No

Can you work effectively and cooperatively with others to envision a successful future?

If you answered YES to these questions, then we would like you to consider serving on the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco-Hernando, a volunteer board of committed citizens focused on the success of our children.



## Responsibilities of Early Learning Coalitions

Coalitions were created in statute to oversee and improve the readiness and successful outcomes of children birth to kindergarten in the community (F.S. 411.01 and F.S. 1002). The Governor appoints the Chair and additional private sector members. More than one-third of the members of each Early Learning Coalition must be private sector business members within the geographic region served by the Coalition. A minimum of 18 and a maximum of 35 may serve on the local Coalition Board.

## Board Roles

- Establish strategic direction
- Ensure resources are available
- Provider oversight / accountability
- Ensure legal and ethical operations: Government in the Sunshine

## Basic Responsibilities

- Determine mission and purpose
- Select, evaluate, and support the executive director
- Ensure effective organizational planning
- Ensure adequate resources
- Manage resources effectively
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the Coalition's programs and services
- Enhance the Coalition's public standing
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability
- Recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance
- Provide outreach and advocacy for Coalition's mission

## Early Learning Coalition Board Member Expectation Statement

- Attend board meetings, special committee meetings, special events as appropriate
- Be knowledgeable and informed of the Coalition's mission, vision, and overall purpose
- Review the agenda and supporting materials prior to the meetings and contribute positively to the discussion
- Become familiar with the Bylaws and follow them
- Recognize that the only employee of the board is the executive director; the executive director directs the activities of the staff
- Become knowledgeable about the field of early care and education and the importance of quality experiences birth to five
- Serve as an ambassador promoting the work of the Coalition
- Abide by a code of ethics and Government in the Sunshine laws
- Exercise fiduciary oversight by reviewing financial information and asking relevant questions
- Participate in the annual evaluation of the executive director
- Participate in an annual self-assessment for board members

## Personal Characteristics Desired

- Ability to analyze and synthesize information, work well in groups and listen to the thoughts and opinions of others
- Willingness to leverage relationships in personal and professional spheres of influence to further the work of the Coalition
- Willingness to work and problem solve with individuals of diverse backgrounds and ethnicity demonstrating mutual respect
- Respect for and adherence to governing laws of the Coalition
- Friendliness, responsiveness, honesty, integrity, and a sense of humor are paramount



### For more information

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## Board Candidate Information

We encourage you to consider joining us for this important work and complete the information below for submission to our Executive Committee.

Last Name:  First Name:  Title:

Mailing Address:

City:  Zip:  E-Mail:

Home Phone:  Cell Phone:  Work Phone:

Employer:

Position:

City:  Zip:

Do you have the flexibility to attend meetings during work hours (8-5)?  Yes  No

Do you have the flexibility to attend meetings after hours?  Yes  No

What special skills or expertise will you bring to the Coalition Board?

Are you currently serving on any other boards? (Please list)

Other civic, community or charitable organizations where you have served:

Are you related to any other Coalition board members, staff, or child care/early learning providers? (Please list)

How much time monthly can you devote to Coalition work?

Candidate's Signature:  Date:

(Please use additional paper if necessary)

