

# Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc.

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| <b>Subject:</b> Definition of <u>faith-based</u> (to apply to the Representative of Faith-based providers Board seat) |   | <b>Policy/Procedure #</b> ADM-2 |
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- I.     **PURPOSE:** To establish a standardized definition to be consistently applied to the Board seat: Representative of Faith-based providers.
  
- II.    **CONTACT:** Anne Bouhebent, Executive Director.
  
- III.   **CROSS REFERENCES:** Florida Statutes Section 411.01; Section 402.316; AWI-OE Policy Number OEL-PI-0012-05;

Florida Statutes Section 411.01 lists required membership for the Board of Directors charged with the governance of the Early Learning Coalitions. The representative for faith-based child care providers is a non-voting, mandatory seat that rotates from one county within the ELCFH service area to the next every three years. Interest in the seat is solicited by the ELCFH; faith-based providers in the county where the seat resides are given the opportunity to vote for a qualified representative using a ballot issued by the ELCFH.

An individual interested in serving as the representative for faith-based child care providers must be directly affiliated with a religious exempt child care facility as defined in Florida Statutes Section 411.01; Section 402.316. The facility must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an integral part of a church or parochial school conducting regularly scheduled classes, courses of student or educational programs and
  
2. Be accredited by, or be a member of, an organization that publishes and requires compliance with its standards for health, safety and sanitation.

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