# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY							
Meeting Date:	June 3, 2014	[X]	Consent	 [	]	Regular	
Department		[ ]	Ordinance	I	]	Public Hearing	
Submitted By:	Community Services	5					
Submitted For:	Head Start/Early Hea	ad Star	t & Children'	s S	erv	ices	
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF							
Confidentiality A	tle: Staff recommends Agreement with The Ea April 14, 2014, to impro	rly Lea	rning Coalitio	n c	of P	<b>file:</b> Data Provision and alm Beach County, Inc. its and toddlers.	

**Summary:** This agreement assists the Head Start program in its continued efforts to increase recruitment for qualified families and ensures a seamless transition to a new grantee in order to provide services to infants and toddlers. The data sharing collaboration includes, but is not limited to educational assessments, participant application information, income verification documents, program eligibility, health disability and inclusion records. Federal and State initiatives encourage the development of collaborative agreements between agencies. This agreement reduces duplication of services; facilitates improved service delivery for infants and toddlers and utilizes available resources more effectively. This agreement is being submitted in accordance with Countywide PPM No. CW-O-051 to allow the Clerk's Office to note and receive this item. This agreement was executed by delegated authority. On March 11, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to execute data sharing agreements for this purpose. No County funds are required. (Head Start) Countywide (TKF)

**Background and Justification:** Federal and State initiatives encourage the development of collaborative agreements. These agreements will extend services to infants and toddlers who meet the eligibility criteria for Head Start.

Attachments: Da	ta Provision and Confidentiality Agreement	w/ ELC ==========
Recommended B		5/12/14
	Department Director	Date /
Approved By:		5/23/14
	Assistan⊭ County Administrator	Date
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## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

#### Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: A.

Fiscal Years	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	-0-				
External Revenue					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					.,
NET FISCAL IMPACT	-0-				-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

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External Revenue					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	-0-	2-77.03			
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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B. Recommended So	urces of Funds/	Summary of F	iscal Impac	ct:	
C. Departmental Fisca		Moy na Malhotra, Dir	rector, Finar	ncial & Sup	port Svcs
A. OFMB Fiscal and/o		V COMMENTS	-		
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B. Legal Sufficiency:					
Chief Assistant Cour	nty Attorney	22/14			
C. Other Department	Review:				

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

#### DATA PROVISION AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

#### Recitals:

**WHEREAS**, the Parties mutually recognize the importance of enhancing the educational readiness of children to enter the educational system and have each implemented various programs towards addressing such goal;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to work in cooperation with each other with respect to programs for young children as contemplated under the School Readiness Acts (Florida Statutes Section 411.01 *et seq.*) and the Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten Education Program (Florida Statutes 1002.51 *et seq.*) (collectively, the "Acts") with the mutual goal of preparing children for success in school:

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such cooperative efforts and for the purpose of the recruitment, selection and enrollment of eligible children into Head Start / Early Head Start programs, it will be necessary for the AGENCY to provide information to the COUNTY which may include individual records of children enrolled in the AGENCY'S school readiness programs and the VPK program (collectively, the "Records"); and

WHEREAS, the AGENCY is willing to provide the Records to the COUNTY, and the COUNTY is willing to protect such records and the data contained therein, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, including Section 411.011 and Section 1002.72, Florida Statutes, which authorizes release of such information; provided that it is protected in a manner that will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than those authorized to receive such records; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

### Terms:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 2. The AGENCY will provide to the COUNTY such information as mutually determined from time to time as reasonably necessary to serve and advance their cooperative efforts to further each Party's mutual and individual interests in enhancing school readiness and VPK programs.
- 3. The COUNTY acknowledges that the Records are confidential pursuant to Section 411.011 and Section 1002.72, Florida Statutes, and confidential and exempt from the provisions of the Florida Public Records Law, Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. The COUNTY agrees it shall protect the Records and the data contained therein that it receives from the AGENCY in a manner that will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than

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those authorized to receive the records. Further, COUNTY acknowledges and agrees to abide by the privacy measures set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), to the same extent that such measures are applicable to the AGENCY with respect to the information provided COUNTY under this Agreements.

- 4. The Parties mutually acknowledge that the provision of the Records by the AGENCY to the COUNTY is intended to assist the AGENCY in enhancing the cognitive, social and physical development of children and the AGENCY'S efforts to implement comprehensive program readiness services to eligible children.
- 5. The COUNTY will not disclose the Records to any third party without the prior written consent of the AGENCY, with the AGENCY consenting to disclosure to the entities set forth on the attached Exhibit "A", subject to the remainder of this paragraph 5. Exhibit "A" may be amended from time to time by the AGENCY'S Chief Executive Officer, with consent of the AGENCY'S counsel, and by the County Administrator / designee. COUNTY agrees that prior to any disclosure to a third party, including the entities set forth on Exhibit "A", either it or the AGENCY shall have a written contract in place whereby each such entity agrees to protect the Records and the data therein in a manner that will not permit the personal identification of an enrolled child or their parents by persons other than those authorized to receive the Records. Further, COUNTY agrees that only individuals who are authorized to receive or review the Records will have access to such records and the data contained therein, and that all such individuals shall abide by the requirements of confidentiality and non-disclosure contained in this Agreement and the Acts through execution of individual non-disclosure forms to be maintained by COUNTY, which form is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 6. This Agreement may be terminated by any Party by giving the other Party sixty (60) days prior written notice of such termination. Upon termination of the Agreement and upon the AGENCY'S request, COUNTY shall either return or destroy all Records and any other information and documents provided to COUNTY by the AGENCY pursuant to this Agreement. In this regard, COUNTY shall also require all third parties which have Records and any other information and documents in accordance with this Agreement to return all such Records, information and documents to the AGENCY or destroy same.
- 7. Any notice or other written communications between the AGENCY and the COUNTY shall be considered delivered when posted by certified mail or delivered in person to the respective party at the addresses indicated below:

To AGENCY:

Warren Eldridge, Chief Executive Officer

2300 High Ridge Road, Suite 115

Boynton Beach, FI 33426

To COUNTY:

Robert Weisman, County Administrator

Palm Beach County

301 N. Olive Ave. 11<sup>th</sup> Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

- 8. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida. The venue of any such litigation shall be had only in the courts of Palm Beach COUNTY, Florida.
- 9. The relationship between the COUNTY and the AGENCY is that of independent contractors, and neither shall be considered a joint venturer, partner, agent, representative or other | County ELC Data Sharing Agreement final doc County ELC Data Sharing Agreement doc 2

relationship of the other for any purpose expressly or by implication. ACCORDINGLY, NO RIGHTS OR INTERESTS GRANTED HEREIN BY EITHER PARTY SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONFER ANY RIGHTS OF SUCH PARTY'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO THE OTHER, THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, OR REPRESENTATIVES AND, AS SUCH, ALL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SHALL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO EACH PARTY UNDER THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 10. This Agreement shall not be construed as constituting a waiver of any rights to sovereign immunity granted to the AGENCY and COUNTY under the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida.
- 11. COUNTY acknowledges that the AGENCY is a Florida not-for-profit, IRS designated 501(c)(3) corporation subject to the terms of Chapter 411.01, et. seq., Florida Statutes, and other laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America now or hereafter enacted, as the same may be modified or amended from time to time. If any part of this Agreement is contrary to, prohibited by or deemed invalid under § 411.01, Fla. Stat., or any other applicable law or regulation of the State of Florida or the United States of America, such provision or obligation shall be inapplicable and be deemed omitted to the extent so contrary prohibited or invalid, but the remainder hereof shall not be invalidated thereby and shall be given full force and effect so far as possible.
- 12. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other negotiations, understandings and representations, if any, made by and between the Parties.

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Signatures on following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date first set forth above.

AGENCY:

By: Warnen Eldridge, CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY COUNSEL TO THE AGENCY:

By: 4 01

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert Weisman, County Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY COUNSEL TO THE COUNTY:

## Exhibit "A"

**Entities Approved for Disclosure** 

#### Exhibit "B"

## **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is authorized to receive or review from the AGENCY individual records (collectively the "Records") of children enrolled in the AGENCY'S School Readiness programs and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program (see, respectively, Florida Statutes Section 411.01 et. seq., and Section 1002.51 et.seq.) and will have access to such Records and to the data contained therein. The undersigned further agrees that he/she shall protect the Records and the data contained therein in a manner that will not permit the personal identification of an enrolled child or their parents by persons other than those authorized to receive the Records.

IN WITN	ESSS WHEREOF, the und	lersigned has execu	ted this Confidential	ity Agreement as
of the day of	f, 2014			
Signature				
Print Name				
Date				