Naples Chapter Reading and Literacy

ELLM (Early Literacy Learning Model) Seeds Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

18 weeks between November and April as chapter is mainly seasonal in SW Florida

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $10,000

**Partnerships**

Early Learning Literacy Model from University of North Florida -

Florida Institute of Education and Books for Collier Kids

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? 1.) The administrators of the ELLM program support the classroom model through teacher training/education; providing salaried coaches; administrative support and oversight; and financial support for all aspects of the program including the purchase of needed classroom materials.

2.) Books for Collier Kids works in concert with CCS Naples to provide books for the children in the ELLM program so that each child receives a book a month for ten months of the school year to take home and keep.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 1100 children and families served

Age range of clients served: Children are part of the School District, county or private pre-school program. They are 4 going on 5 when they enter the program.

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 60-70

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Using materials provided by this program, the volunteers work directly with the pre kindergarten children to enhance their literacy skills and improve their language skills.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: To raise early literacy readiness and achievement and to raise families' awareness of the importance of early literacy.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? weekly sets of materials that are age and curriculum appropriate for the volunteers to use with the children.

Interface with the ELLM personnel; Recruit volunteers and work with ELLM Seeds Volunteer Coordinator to place volunteers in schools and with teachers that mesh with the volunteer's schedule; Work with the ELLM Seeds Bag Refurbishment group to organize "bag assembly" days at which CCS volunteers help replenish the materials in the bags that are used by the ELLM Seeds Volunteers Ensure that the materials get in the hands of the ELLM volunteers on a timely basis; Communicate with Literacy VP concerning current activities and purchases or proposed purchases; Work with Literacy Vice President to develop budget based on the needs reported to the ELLM Seeds Volunteer Coordinator.

The children are engaged and have fun as they learn important vocabulary and become more familiar with storybooks and school-based literacy events. They are given the important support that they need to have a successful school experience.

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