

QUALITY COUNTS

Palm Beach County's Quality Rating Improvement System



SEEK Scholarship and Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry Approved Conferences for *Quality Counts* Participants

A SEEK Scholarship award to attend Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry-Approved conferences may be available to practitioners who are employed at *Quality Counts* programs and meet scholarship eligibility requirements. Registry-Approved conferences may be found on the web at www.pbcregistry.org/ConfSearch.asp

Effective January 1, 2011, the SEEK Scholarship award to attend Registry-Approved conferences will be based on the *early conference registration fee for members*, not to exceed a maximum amount of \$350.00. SEEK Scholarship is not available for pre-conference events or additional workshop fees that may be assessed.

If the *early conference registration* deadline for *members* has passed, a practitioner can apply to be **reimbursed** at the early conference registration fee for member rate. A SEEK Scholarship application and registration information must be submitted prior to the event date to be considered for reimbursement of that cost. If approved, the practitioner will receive a letter indicating the amount awarded. Once pre-approved, reimbursement is based on submission of successful completion of the event and acceptable proof of payment.

The Registry has preapproved some conferences. See the list at www.pbcregistry.org/ConfSearch.asp. If a conference has not been preapproved by the Registry, information about the conference should be submitted to the Registry at least 60 days prior to the event date. Registry staff will contact the organization regarding the process of obtaining registry approval. If a conference is approved, it will be listed on the website above.

Important Reminder: Conference hours will **not** count toward the 45 ECE Informal Hour benchmark but will count toward the Annual 50 Points requirement.



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