



Newsletter

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center is to support and facilitate positive developmental outcomes with high-quality services, thereby improving young children's school readiness, and future student achievement.

COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Communication devices are tools that children and adults can use to communicate. These devices are most often used by children and adults who may have a difficult time communicating or are non-speaking. They can help support people of all ages, even those younger than three years old.

Benefits of communication devices include:

- **Increased communication:** Communication devices can help support young children with their language development by introducing them to new words and helping them communicate with their friends, caretakers, and teachers.
- **Independence:** Children are able to express their wants and needs.
- **Decreases frustration:** Children who are unable to express their needs might get frustrated. Communication devices can help children to communicate what they want or need.

ABOUT US

The UM-Linda Ray Intervention Center is a University-based Multidisciplinary Educational Services Center in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Florida's Early Steps program. We provide early intervention services, diagnostic evaluation, consultation, technical assistance, and pre-service and in-service training for families, teachers, school district personnel, and community support providers concerning children and youth with developmental delays or disabilities, complex medical, emotional, or behavioral problems.



RESOURCES & SERVICES

- Training
- Direct intervention and consultation services
- Developmental screenings and assessments that help determine each child's needs
- Behavioral support strategies for school and home
- Classroom observations
- Transition planning support and linkages with Head Start, MDCPS, and Pre-K services
- Alternative options for your child's educational needs



TYPES OF COMMUNICATION DEVICES

There are many different types of communication devices, ranging from low-tech to high-tech. Some examples include:

- **Low-Tech:**
 - Communication books/boards: This has pictures on it that a child can point to when they want to say something.
 - Visual symbols: There are cards with pictures on them. A child can hand the card to someone to show them what they want.
- **Mid-Tech:**
 - GoTalk: A device with pre-recorded messages.
 - Single button: A button that says one single message.
- **High-Tech:**
 - Communication apps: These are apps that can be downloaded to a cellphone or tablet for communication.
 - Example: Proloquo2Go

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 28: Family Health Fair

September 2023						
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- Teacher Workday
- Recess Day (Closed)
- Legal Holiday

Location

750 NW 15TH ST
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Primary Service Areas

Miami-Dade County
Broward County
Monroe County

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