### Resources At the Center

- Developmental screenings and assessments help determine each child’s needs
- Individualized behavioral support strategies for school and home
- Social service resource information
- Transition planning support and linkages with Head Start and PreK services
- Ongoing opportunities to meet and strategize on each child’s educational needs and linkages to services
- Information about alternative educational options for your child

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### The Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC)

The Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC) is a University-based Multidisciplinary Educational Services Center within the Department of Education’s Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System. Additionally, the LRIC is one of the five Early Intervention Birth-Two Programs in Miami within the state’s Early Steps program for young children with disabilities. The LRIC is part of the Department of Psychology within the College of Arts and Sciences. Our mission is to support and facilitate positive developmental outcomes with high quality services, thereby improving young children’s school readiness, and future student achievement.

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**Welcome Back!**

Our 2015-2016 school year is well under way, and we welcome both new and returning students to the Center. We are most appreciative of the funding support for the Center from Miami-Dade County Public Schools for our Birth-Two program and to the Department of Education for our screening and assessment, training and community outreach components for our students. To achieve the best outcomes for your children we want to establish and maintain positive relationships with you, as parents, and your children. To that end, we provide the quality training needed to maintain our professional teaching staff in the best educational practices for young children, behavioral health support for our students and their families, training opportunities for community providers who also work with our children, and we maintain our website [www.fdlrs-um.org](http://www.fdlrs-um.org) and distribute our newsletters with updates and information you can use. Communication is the key to all of our success and we encourage your feedback through our Parent Surveys this year and our daily interactions with you. Please review our school calendars so you can keep track of teacher work days and holidays.

Here’s to a great year for all of our students!

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**Disability History & Awareness Weeks 2015**

The first two weeks of October are Disability History and Awareness Weeks! Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, entitled Disability History and Awareness Instruction, was signed into law in 2008. It requires school districts to designate the first two weeks of October as Disability History and Awareness Weeks and also promotes providing instruction for students in all public schools to expand student knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights movement.

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**Center Name:** FDLRS/UM Multidisciplinary Educational Services Center  
**Location:** UM/Linda Ray Intervention Center, 750 NW 15th Street, Miami FL 33136-1431  
**Primary Service Area:** Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties  
**Services:** Multidisciplinary evaluation and consultation services for children with complex learning, behavioral, medical, and socio-emotional problems, their families, teachers, and schools; parent education and support services; and in-service training to educators and other community professionals. Additional targeted support services for children developmentally impacted by parental substance abuse, child maltreatment and foster care.  
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How our services are unique:
The Center provides specialized, multidisciplinary services that include:

- Direct services to children, youth, families, and educators to improve student outcomes.
- Multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluation services for children and adolescents with complex educational, behavioral, medical, and socio-emotional problems impacting learning and acquisition of skills.
- Direct intervention and consultation services for families and children aimed at improving student learning, skill development, and outcomes through implementation of evidence-based interventions.
- Classroom observations of individual students to build a collaborative action plan intended to improve instructional delivery and student success.
- Technical assistance to individual teachers for implementing recommended interventions and strategies.