Resources at the Center:

- Developmental screenings and assessments help determine each child's needs
- Individualized behavioral support strategies for school and home
- Transition planning support and linkages with Head Start and Pre-K services
- Alternative options for your child’s educational needs

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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLAY

The first 3 years of a child’s life is an essential time when the brain is developing and is the most intensive period for acquiring speech and language skills. These skills develop best in an environment that is rich with sounds, visuals, and consistent exposure to the speech and language during play. Children should explore their environments through play to understand more about how things work around them.

Tips during play:

* Observe your child during play activities and learn what he or she is interested in.
* Play should be child directed. Follow the lead of the child during different activities they are motivated by.
* Provide labels for different objects and use language with simple and correct sentence structure.
* Get creative and have fun during play! A block can be a block but it also can be an apple, a rocket ship, or a house!
How Our Services Are Unique

The Center provides specialized assistances that include:

♦ Direct services
♦ Multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluation
♦ Direct intervention and consultation services
♦ Classroom observations
♦ Technical assistance
♦ Training

Join Us!

On Thursday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. at the UM, Linda Ray Intervention Center, 2nd Floor

Family Health Fair

Receive FREE home safety items!

Information on water safety, developmental Milestones, food allergies, and common childhood illnesses.

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