



FDLRS-University of Miami  
Multidisciplinary Educational Services Center



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**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 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

**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.

*Holiday Season Begins!*

Our 2018 –2019 school year is well under way. 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.miami.edu](http://www.fdlrs-um.miami.edu) 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.

**October 2018**

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**November 2018**

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- New Teachers Report
- Teacher Planning Day
- Teacher Planning Day No Opt
- Legal Holiday



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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**Ongoing support activities for our students and community:**  
Quarterly updates on your children's progress will be sent home throughout the school year

**HANEN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

*Learning Language and Loving It* is an in-service education program that equips teachers with practical, interactive strategies for building the social, language and early literacy skills of preschool children. Thanks to the program's three-pronged approach aimed at prevention, intervention and enrichment, our teachers and classroom assistants continue to learn how to ensure that *every* child in the classroom receives the support he/she needs – including those with language delays and those who are second-language learners. Our teachers are using these strategies to build language skills in your children everyday.

**BABY DOLL CIRCLE TIME**

We also know it's hard for young children to be away from their parents and for you to be away from your children. Baby Doll Circle Time helps us form more caring relationships, and bridge the gap between the home family and the school family. The children interact with their baby dolls in the same ways we interact with the children individually. If we play peek-a-boo, stop and go, or tickling games with your child, your child will play the same game with the baby doll. In doing so, the children re-experience our connections over and over again, helping to optimize their development.

**BOOK SHARING FOR EARLY LITERACY**

Your children are learning the basic steps for requesting an adult or sibling to read to them, how to handle a book and turn the pages and how to follow along as the story is read. These skills will help your child become more familiar with book sharing and prepare your child for reading when he/she is older. Spending time sharing books at home is an investment in learning.

**PUERTO RICO CHILD WELFARE TEAM VISITS FDLRS-UM MDC**

Our FDLRS-UM MDC, in collaboration with Judge Cindy Lederman and the Juvenile Court, hosted a multi-disciplinary team from Puerto Rico. The Judge and child welfare team from PR came to observe the partnership activities between our early intervention services and trainings, and the court. Hope is for continued collaboration activities between the Miami team and Puerto Rico.



**PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Parent input and feedback about services at FDLRS-UM MDC is critical to our accountability. The Fall Survey will be distributed in October and a synthesis of results provided back to parents in November.

**COLGATE BRIGHT SMILES FUTURES** program's mobile dental clinic came to FDLRS-UM MDC in October where children had dental screenings, and follow-up recommendations were sent home.

**STUDENT ART SHOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7TH**

Parents will have the opportunity to view their children's art "masterpieces" at the Fall Art Show in November.