



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.

UM President Frenk and Arts & Sciences Dean Bachas Visit our Center



We were privileged to meet with President Frenk and Dean Bachas during their recent visit to the Center. Discussion topics included community outreach programs, student outcomes and potential partnerships around student health needs.

The Center will be closed on the dates in green below for Spring Break, March 25th through the 29th.

March 2019

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April 2019

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February Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all the families who met with their children's teacher to review their quarterly progress reports. This is a meaningful part of meeting your child's needs at home and through the school partnership.

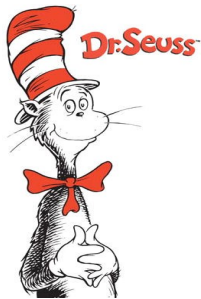
Innovation Fund award announced by the Children's Trust. Our Center has been chosen for funding for a 1-year Innovation grant focused on meeting the needs of infants born substance exposed. The project will create multi-disciplinary teams of child development specialists and infant mental health clinicians from our Center to partner with the Dept. of Children and Families Opioid Unit, with WestCare (The Village) substance abuse treatment program, and the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at two neighborhood hospitals, as a means of providing support to families and home visitation to support their children's health development.

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:

PRACTICUM STUDENTS FROM MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE

Undergraduate students enrolled in the Early Childhood Program at Miami-Dade College completed their practicum hours working in classrooms at our Center during this fall and spring semesters. They all expressed gratitude for the opportunity to help out and to learn more about infant/toddler development and strategies teachers use in early intervention. We appreciate their time and efforts.



Hats Off to Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

March 2nd was Dr. Seuss's birthday—what better way to celebrate than to read? While he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on in the pages of his books. He forever changed the way children's books were written and continues to inspire generations. We are saluting Dr. Seuss and his books this month with book sharing and art activities. Check out the Dr. Seuss art projects in your child's classroom.

Tips for Reading with Your Children

Developing a love for reading begins at home, and Dr. Seuss's words and pictures will make it fun for you and your child. Get started with the tips below from Random House..



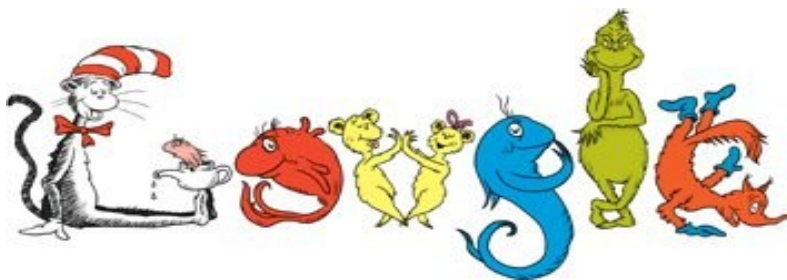
Pick a comfortable spot to read in - one with plenty of light.



Make it a routine - whether it's right before the breakfast, or right before bed, set aside a special time every day.



Give lots of encouragement! Read the words aloud to your child. Point to the pictures. Say the words together. Laugh with your child.



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.
- ◆ Community trainings focused on disability awareness.