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Spring Break is March 23-27th

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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.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

Hard to believe we are in the 3rd quarter of the school year already. March starts discussions with our three year old classes about the enrollment process for Head Start for August. MDCPS is also finishing speech screenings and evaluations, as needed. Our partnership with the UM School of Nursing has allowed multiple groups of UM undergrad nursing students to participate weekly at our Center. The students participate with the children. They have also developed parent and staff workshops on student health issues based on surveys of requested topics. Each cohort of students has developed a Health Fair for parents. A CPR training for parents is being scheduled in March. The Center, in coordination with UM and MDCPS, is working on preventative measures in response to the nationwide coronavirus spread. Parents have continued to receive information from our website at [www.fdlrs-um.miami.edu](http://www.fdlrs-um.miami.edu).

**March 2020**

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**April 2020**

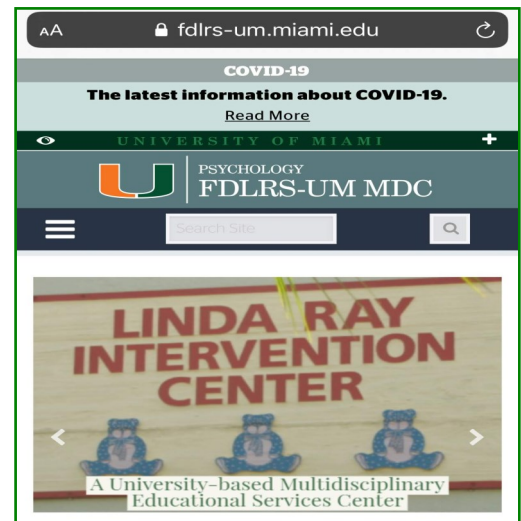
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- New Teachers Report
- Teacher Planning Day
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- Legal Holiday

**Nursing Health Fair**



**Coronavirus link on our website**



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 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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## Talking to Children about Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Credit: <http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/>

News of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is everywhere, from the front page of all the papers to the playground at school. Many adults, parents and caregivers are wondering how to bring up the epidemic in a way that will be reassuring and not make kids more worried than they already may be. The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents and other adults who work closely with children to filter information and talk about it in way children can understand.



### These tips can help:

- **Simple reassurance.** Remind children that researchers and doctors are learning as much as they can, as quickly as they can, about the virus and are taking steps to keep everyone safe.
- **Give them control.** It's also a great time to remind children of what they can do to help – washing their hands often, coughing into a tissue or their sleeves, and getting enough sleep.
- **Watch for signs of anxiety.** Children may not have the words to express their worry, but you may see signs of it. They may get cranky, be clingier, have trouble sleeping, or seem distracted. Keep the reassurance going and try to stick to your normal routines.
- **Monitor their media.** Keep young children away from frightening images they may see on TV, social media, computers, etc. For older children, talk together about what they are hearing on the news and correct any misinformation or rumors you may hear.

### What Is the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are common causes of colds and respiratory tract infections. At the end of 2019, a new type of coronavirus began making people sick in China. You might hear the virus called COVID-19. Some of the first cases were diagnosed in people who had visited a market selling live seafood and animals. There is currently no vaccine to prevent Coronavirus.

The best way to prevent the illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

## Our Student Art Show!

The March Art Show drew a large number of parents and family members to view the children's art work.

