



# Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center is to support and facilitate positive developmental outcomes with high-quality services, thereby improving young children's school readiness, and future student achievement.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES / HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

International Day of Persons with disabilities is celebrated yearly on December 3rd. The purpose of this day is to recognize both visible and invisible disabilities to promote the importance of inclusion in life.

December 10th will mark the 75th anniversary of Human Rights Day. It celebrates the rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being regardless of race, color, disability religion, language, national origin, and birth status.

Ways to practice inclusion and diversity with your child:

1. Read books that celebrate differences.
2. Be prepared to answer questions. Talk about it openly and honestly. It's okay to admit that you don't know the answer.
3. Expose your child to diverse experiences and people. Attend cultural events or visit museums.
4. Model inclusive behavior. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, as your child will follow.



## RESOURCES & SERVICES

- Training
- Direct intervention and consultation services
- Developmental screenings and assessments that help determine each child's needs
- Behavioral support strategies for school and home
- Classroom observations
- Transition planning support and linkages with Head Start, MDCPS, and Pre-K services
- Alternative options for your child's educational needs

## ABOUT US

The UM-Linda Ray Intervention Center is a University-based Multidisciplinary Educational Services Center in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Florida's Early Steps program. We provide early intervention services, diagnostic evaluation, consultation, technical assistance, and pre-service and in-service training for families, teachers, school district personnel, and community support providers concerning children and youth with developmental delays or disabilities, complex medical, emotional, or behavioral problems.

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK



## Fake Snow for Pretend Play

1. Mix 2 1/2 cups of pure baking soda with 1/2 cup white hair conditioner in a large bowl.
2. Stir the mixture until the ingredients are well combined. Transfer it to a large bin for children to play with.
3. Enjoy hours of sensory play! Give children materials like arctic animals, toy trucks, and/or a spatula and spoon to use as a shovel.
4. **Infants:** Place fake snow in a Ziploc bag and let them pat and squish the snow.

**Tip:** Add more baking soda if you wish to make your “snow” less wet. You can multiply this recipe if you need to make a larger batch of snow.

**Note:** An adult should ALWAYS supervise as small children may be tempted to put the snow in their mouths or rub their eyes. Wash your little one’s hands immediately after using the snow.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 20th: Parent Training and Family Holiday Party



## Christmas Tree Craft

1. Draw the outline of a Christmas tree in thick, black marker on a piece of construction paper.
  - a. **Infants:** Place the paper in a Ziploc bag.
2. Grab green paint, a paintbrush, or a cotton ball and let your little one paint or stamp their Christmas tree until it is covered.
  - a. If your child likes getting messy have them use their fingers.
  - b. **Infants:** Pour the paint into the Ziploc and let them pat the paint until it spreads,
3. Help your child decorate their tree by gluing cotton balls, sequins, crumpled tissue paper, you name it, onto their tree.

**Note:** Supervise your child while they are crafting. They may be tempted to put supplies in their mouth. Otherwise happy crafting!

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- Teacher Workday
- Recess Day (Closed)
- Legal Holiday

## Location

750 NW 15TH ST  
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## Primary Service Areas

Miami-Dade County  
Broward County  
Monroe County



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