



Newsletter

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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.



LEARNING AT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Keep your child learning during the holiday break through **PLAY!** Play helps build new skills such as communication, advance planning, managing emotions, and building relationships. Play is a critical part of a child's overall learning and development. There are many ways to facilitate play at home.

Dolls, for instance, are toys that can support social-emotional development by teaching **imitation**; i.e., patting, carrying, burping and **turn-taking**; i.e., "I kiss the baby" now "you kiss the baby".

Play cooking is another form of play that can teach important language and fine motor skills. These skills include **planning, list-making, and multistep task**. Use verbs like "cut", "chop," "mix," "stir", and "pour", and adjectives to develop communication.

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.



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



TOYS FOR CHILDREN WITH VARYING ABILITIES

- **Indoor Therapy Swing:** Helps children feel soothed, develop fine motor skills and balance while also building muscle.
- **Teachable Touchables Texture Squares:** Supports vocabulary development and tactile awareness.
- **Camo Chameleon Bean Bag Toss:** Promotes hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills.
- **Vtech Tote and Go Laptop:** Introduces cause-and-effect (push a button, get a response).
- **Switch Adapted Puppy:** Engages children with limited movement through an easy-to-press switch device.
- **Feelings In a Flash - Emotional Intelligence Flashcard Game:** Helps children identify different feelings and emotions, build confidence, learn coping skills, and practice empathy.
- **Rock Pets Turtle:** An open-ended game that gives creative freedom.

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Project Toy

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 20th; Parent Training- Supporting Play as an Important Learning Tool
- January 30th: TCT Book Mobile

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

Location

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Primary Service Areas

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Broward County
Monroe County

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