

# Brighter Tomorrows

for South Florida's children and families in need



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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 Pre-K 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 **UM-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 center is an Early Intervention Birth-Two Provider under the state's Early Steps program for young children with disabilities. The UM-Linda Ray Intervention Center is part of the University's Department of Psychology within the College of Arts and Sciences.

## LRIC CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW PLAYGROUND "Best Friends Park"



On June 8th, the Evolv3 Leadership Miami team celebrated with center families and staff the opening of our new and improved playground, aptly named Best Friends Park.

### June 2022

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

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# The Importance of Outdoor Play for Early Learners

**Mastering new skills:** When children play outside, they learn what they're physically capable of, and they develop the confidence to repeat activities until they become masters.

**Social interactions:** Outdoor interactions give children the chance to learn, make discoveries and share their newfound knowledge with other children.

**Learning a variety of skills:** The outdoor environment offers unique ways to build different skills

**Using their imagination:** Children can set their imagination free when they play outside and have fun without the need for various toys or electronics. An outdoor play area makes an excellent setting for playing make-believe.



## Accessible South Florida: Barrier Free Family Recreation

- 1) **South Pointe Park**: Located in Miami Beach, South Pointe Park is a boundless venue enabling children of all abilities to enjoy the facilities there including handicap accessible swing.
- 2) **Perrine Park**: Located in Palmetto Bay, this 27 acres park has barrier free playgrounds enabling kids of all abilities to enjoy its facilities.
- 3) **Unity Park**: Located in the city of Miami, Unity Park provides complete access to children with disabilities with its thoughtful, barrier free layout.
- 4) **Jorge Mas Canosa Park**: Located in the city of Miami, this park provides invaluable recreational opportunities to differently abled kids in the area with its barrier free design.

### How Our Services Are Unique

The Center provides specialized, multidisciplinary services virtually or in person that include:

- ◆ Direct services to children, youth, families, and educators to improve student outcomes.
- ◆ Multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluation services for young children 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.
- ◆ Training for community providers and district staff.