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INTERVENTION CENTER



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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.



FLORIDA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

In the state of Florida, November is Family Engagement in Education month. During this month we celebrate the important roles parents and families play in the education of their children. When there is teamwork between the school and families to support learning, the children become more motivated; this is reflective not only in school, but also within their life.

There's many ways parents can become involved in their children's school. Some examples include helping with homework, volunteering, and staying informed about their child's activities and ways to help them.

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



HOW THE CENTER ENGAGED WITH THEIR FAMILIES

- 'Raising Healthy Kids' training: the training informed our parents on the importance of healthy eating and different strategies of getting their child to eat healthy foods.
- Canned foods and turkey drive: Thanks to our community supporters our parents received canned foods and turkeys to enjoy during the Thanksgiving break.
- Winter Musical Story-time with Miami Children's Museum: Parents came to read books and sing songs about the upcoming joyful season with their children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TIPS TO HELP YOUR PICKY EATER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Meals with extended family can be stressful for you and your picky eater:

- Try giving them their “food” before company arrives.
- During the main meal allow them to be involved with setting up and serving others
- Have any snack item on their plate that they enjoy, just make sure they participate.
- Being around others eating, seeing and smelling new foods will help them in their food journey.
- Place a few items that they accept, on their plate and a cup/bottle to drink from this way they are “eating” even if it’s not exactly what others are.
- Baking with your child can provide a sensory based activity that is fun and will also help your child tolerate textures first on their hands and later for tasting.

TRY THIS FUN ACTIVITY AT HOME:

Roll, cut, shape cookie dough and smash chocolate chip morsels in dough. Use icing to top the cookies, allowing children to use their hands and getting them dirty as a way to increase tolerance to tactile sensory activities.

Have fun and enjoy!

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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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