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President's Message



Dear Friends:

The summer school break is right around the corner. Now, before school ends, is the ideal time for parents to start to think of activities children can do during the summer. Reading is an ideal activity; fun for kids of all ages and important to help prevent the loss of learning gains, known as summer slide, that occurs for some children during the summer school break. For children who are too young to read independently, the same benefits can be achieved when parents or older siblings read developmentally appropriate books with them. Here are some helpful tips to prevent summer slide: <https://bit.ly/2kzZGn9>

We are very excited to announce that The Children's Trust and the Early Learning Coalition will soon roll out a new quality improvement system that will build on lessons learned from the current Quality Counts Program. Over the years that Quality Counts has been in existence, we have seen reduced teacher turnover, increased teacher education levels, improved quality in classroom environments and child-teacher interactions, and the creation of more high-quality learning programs for thousands of children in our community. The significant financial investments made by The Children's Trust and the Early Learning Coalition greatly contributed to these achievements. Collectively, we have raised the early care and education quality bar.

Plans are now underway to make even greater improvements in the quality of early education programs operating in Miami-Dade. As the body of research in the field of early child development and education has grown, new and improved practices have been identified and these will become the foundation of the new quality improvement system. In addition to the practical applications of the research, the new system will also delve into the financial challenges of child care providers and how best to help providers meet those challenges.

We will continue to provide regular updates as the plans for implementation of the new quality improvement system progresses. For more comprehensive information, please see the letter drafted by James Haj, President/CEO of the Children's Trust and myself at: http://www.elcmdm.org/downloads/2018QC_ELPFP.pdf

As always, we thank you for your partnership and encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for up-to-date information on the new quality improvement system, programs and events.

Sincerely,

Evelio C. Torres
President & CEO

CALLING ALL SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS!
 You are invited to apply for the 18-19 Early Learning Performance Funding Project (ELPFP)
 2018-2019



<p>EARLY LEARNING PERFORMANCE FUNDING PROJECT (ELPFP)</p> <p>Now in its fifth year - Take advantage of the strategies offered to improve the quality of teacher-child interactions in your center and improve child outcomes.</p>	<p>BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING</p> <p>Receive an additional rate for each SR birth through school age child in attendance. Providers may increase their rate even more by conducting child assessments on all SR children birth through five.</p>	<p>QUALITY STRATEGIES</p> <p>Participants choose one or more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMC) Child Assessment Training and Implementation School Readiness Teacher Training (SACET) Approved Training Certified Coaching Professional Development Plan Program
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Learn more about the project by viewing this recorded webinar

Visit:
<https://youtu.be/DnJUd004CAg>

Research on the ELPFP

Results from the 2016-2017 ELPFP Evaluation study determined the following findings:

ELPFP sites improved program quality for 14,733 children who received school readiness funds. Over 1,300 teachers from 272 early learning providers improved program quality, teacher/child interactions, and their skills and knowledge in educating young children.

RECEIVE FREE CLASS OBSERVATIONS ON SELECTED CLASSROOMS

Providers receive payment based on class SCORES and participation- the higher the CLASS score, the higher the differential payment.



The window for applications opens May 30, 2018, and closes June 15, 2018. Apply for the 2018-2019 Early Learning Performance Funding Project here:
<https://earlylearningpfp.fldoe.org/Home/Welcome>

Having trouble applying?
Email performancefunding@oel.myflorida.com or call 855-890-3226.

Regions Bank Delivers Financial Seminars to Parents of Early Head Start Children

Regions believes in providing - wherever and whenever - the knowledge people need for making better financial decisions. That commitment explains how some Miami-area bankers came to deliver seminars to parents of children enrolled at Early Head Start centers serving low-income families.



Sessions are held as parents pick up their children. They leave with budgeting templates, an understanding of credit reports, information about free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and other financial tools.

In Miami's Liberty City neighborhood, Regions Bank Branch Managers Della Pitts (left) and Tanisha Johnbaptiste (center) share financial insights with a parent at Liberty Academy Daycare. Regions financing helped Liberty Academy expand its facilities to provide services to more families.



Following a 2017 pilot program conducted in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Regions bankers in the first four months of 2018 presented to 171 parents and 33 staffers at 26 Early Head Start centers, providing 78 hours of community service. Those numbers continue to grow.

Parents seminars have resulted in new banking relationships including checking accounts, mortgage applications, insurance policies, and debt-management assistance. Responding to participants' requests, some future sessions will focus entirely on the home-buying process.

Have Your Center's Voice Heard

We are excited to share the opportunity to participate in an ongoing study capturing early childhood educator perspectives across Miami-Dade/Monroe. In collaboration with The Children's Trust, the Children's Forum, and the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade, the University of California, Berkeley's Center for the Study of Child Care Employment (CSCE) is conducting a study exploring the workplace supports that matter most to the success of early childhood leaders and educators.

SEQUAL (Supportive Environmental Quality Underlying Adult Learning), is a way for administrators and teaching staff to provide feedback about their workplaces, focusing on how the workplace supports directors and staff to learn and to continue to develop their

knowledge and skills on the job.

All directors and teaching staff who participate will receive a \$20 Target gift card as a thank-you for their time.

You may have recently received an email about the study in your email inbox. If you have not received the email, and would like to participate, please email aline.hankey@berkeley.edu. CSCCE researchers will be reaching out to centers to distribute physical versions of the survey to center staff beginning Monday, May 7th. If your center is selected, we hope that you will consider participating.




Haz que se escuche la voz de su centro

Estamos entusiasmados por brindar les la oportunidad de participar en un estudio continuo que captura las perspectivas de los educadores de la primera infancia en Miami-Dade. En colaboración con The Children's Trust, Children's Forum y Early Learning Coalition de Miami-Dade/Monroe, el Centro para el Estudio del Empleo de Cuidado Infantil (CSCCE) de la Universidad de California - Berkeley está realizando un estudio que explora los apoyos en el lugar de trabajo que más aportan al éxito de directores y educadores de la primera infancia. El **SEQUAL (Supportive Environmental Quality Underlying Adult Learning)** es una forma para que los administradores y los maestros puedan dar sus opiniones sobre sus lugares de trabajo, centrándose en cómo el lugar de trabajo ayuda a los directores y a los educadores a aprender y continuar desarrollando sus conocimientos y habilidades en el trabajo.

Todos los directores y los maestros que participen recibirán una tarjeta de regalo Target de \$20 como agradecimiento por su tiempo.

Puede ser que recientemente hayas recibido un correo electrónico sobre el estudio en su casilla. Si no ha recibido el correo y desea participar, envíe un correo electrónico a aline.hankey@berkeley.edu. Los investigadores de CSCCE se comunicarán con los centros para distribuir las versiones físicas (en papel) de la encuesta al personal del centro a partir del lunes 7 de mayo. Si su centro es seleccionado, esperamos que considere participar.



Together for Children

Only as one can we protect and empower our youth

Together for Children
Community Update
Perrine - Goulds - Richmond Heights Coalition


Our community has come together to protect and to wrap its arms around our youth. Please join us for the Together for Children — Perrine-Goulds-Richmond Heights Coalition Update!

Discussion topics to include:

- Review of Neighborhood Action Plan
- Together for Children Countywide Update

Monday, June 4, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Miami Southridge Senior High School
19355 S.W. 114 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33157



Strengthening Families • Empowering Youth • Protecting Youth



Together for Children

Sólo unidos podemos proteger y empoderar a nuestra juventud

Together for Children
Actualización comunitaria
Coalición de Perrine - Goulds - Richmond Heights

Nuestra comunidad se ha unido para proteger y resguardar a nuestra juventud. Por favor, únase a nosotros en la actualización de la Coalición de Perrine-Goulds-Richmond Heights — Together for Children! Los temas de diálogo incluirán:

- Revisión del Plan de Acción de Vecindario
- Actualización a nivel del condado de Together for Children

Lunes, 4 de junio del 2018
6:00 p.m.

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Fortaleciendo familias • Empoderando la juventud • Protegiendo la juventud



Together for Children

Se sipman la nou fe yonsel n ap ka pwoteje e respònsabilize jèn nou yo

Together for Children
Dènye Nouvèl Kominotè sou
Kowalisyon Perrine - Goulds - Richmond Heights

Kominisè nou an mèl ansanm pou pwoteje e pwoteje jèn nou yo. Silvoupil vin jwenn avèk nou pou Dènye Nouvèl Kowalizyon "Together for Children" (Tèt Ansanm pou Timoun) – nan Penine-Goulds-Richmond Heights!

Sijè diskisyon yo gen ladan:

- Revizyon Plan Aksyon pou Katye a
- Dènye Nouvèl konsènan Together for Children nan tout Konte a

Lendi 4 jen 2018

6:00 diswa

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ELC Café
with Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of ELC

Gender in the Early Years



Gender doesn't just mean the colors and the words "boy" and "girl" that we use to describe children. It's a complex set of ideas that shapes how we see the world and how we act in it. Gender is a social construct that is learned and reinforced through our interactions with others. It's a part of who we are and how we live.

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Join the ELC as we learn how to give every child the tools to learn, grow, and be their authentic selves.

PANELISTS

Teri Garcia
 Director of Youth Services
 Suriname

Alfredo Diaz, M.D.
 Pediatric Endocrinologist
 Children's Hospital
 Suriname

Luke Jelle
 Executive Director, YES Institute
 Suriname

Janet Lopez
 Education Specialist, YES Institute
 Suriname

Dr. Maria A. Hight, LMFT
 Lead Therapist, Youth Program
 Suriname

Featuring workshops with community members and a special video tour of the Miami Dade Public Library System.

Friday, June 8, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

David Lammie & Community Meeting Room
 Early Learning Coalition
 of Miami Dade County
 2555 Ponce de Leon, Suite 300
 Coral Gables, FL 33134

RSVP to Rosalind Martinez
rosalind@elc.miami.gov
 or call 305-446-7200 x2265

For questions about accessibility or accommodations requests, please contact:
 Rosalind Martinez at 305-446-7200 x2265

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SAVE THE DATE

Monroe Early Childhood Conference and Resiliency Summit

Building a Strong Foundation

September 22, 2018
Key West Marriott
3841 N Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL 33040

Join community partners along with early learning and child care leaders to collaborate strong children, families and communities, and develop ways to make our communities even stronger.

Who should attend? Professionals, parents, youth and interested individuals in the areas of:

- Transportation
- Communications
- Workforce Housing
- The Local Economy
- Safety and Security
- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Child Care Best Practices
- Physical and Mental Health
- Youth Development
- Faith-based Community

Join us, we are celebrating strong children, families and communities.



KEYS STRONG

AGÉNDELO

Monroe Early Childhood Conference and Resiliency Summit

Por la creación de bases sólidas

22 de septiembre de 2018
Key West Marriott
3841 N Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL 33040

Únase a socios de la comunidad y líderes de educación en la primera infancia y cuidado infantil para aclarar roles, familias y comunidades fuertes y desarrollar formas para fortalecer aún más a nuestras comunidades.

¿Quiénes deberían asistir? Profesionales, padres, jóvenes y personas interesadas en los áreas de:

- Transporte
- Comunicaciones
- Viviendas para la fuerza laboral
- Economía local
- Protección y seguridad
- Primera infancia
- Educación y desarrollo
- Mejores prácticas de cuidado infantil
- Salud física y mental
- Desarrollo de la juventud
- Comunidades de fe

Particpe con nosotros para aclarar niños, familias y comunidades fuertes.



KEYS STRONG



1st Children First **Foundation**
A professional development conference for the early childhood education community

Save the Date

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2018

Pre-conference LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Early Childhood Development: The Cornerstone of a Healthy Community

Miami Dade College - North Campus
11380 NW 27th Ave - Miami, FL 33167

The Early Childhood network is supported by leaders who promote best practice models that support better outcomes for children and families. Join us for a candid discussion on early childhood policies, best practices and business development.

For additional information please contact:
Professional Development Institute
professionaldevelopment@mdc.edu - 305.546.7222 ext. 2330




1st Children First **Por la creación de bases sólidas**
Conferencia de desarrollo profesional para la comunidad de educación de la primera infancia

Agéndelo

30 de NOVIEMBRE de 2018

Conferencia previa: CUMBRE DE LÍDERES
Desarrollo de la primera infancia: El pilar de una comunidad sana

Miami Dade College - North Campus
11380 NW 27th Ave - Miami, FL 33167

La red Early Childhood está respaldada por líderes que promueven modelos de mejores prácticas que sustentan la obtención de resultados positivos para los niños y las familias. Únase al debate franco sobre políticas de primera infancia, mejores prácticas y desarrollo comercial.

Para recibir más información, póngase en contacto con:
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1st Children First **Building a Strong Foundation**
A professional development conference for the early childhood education community

CHILDREN FIRST CONFERENCE

Save the Date

DECEMBER 1ST, 2018

Miami Dade College - North Campus
11380 NW 27th Ave - Miami, FL 33167

Join your fellow early childhood educators and schoolmates at The Children First Conference. You will experience professional development that reinforces core competencies for early learning practitioners and supports positive outcomes for children and families.

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1st Children First **Por la creación de bases sólidas**
Conferencia de desarrollo profesional para la comunidad de educación de la primera infancia

CHILDREN FIRST CONFERENCE

Agéndelo

1º de DICIEMBRE de 2018

Miami Dade College - North Campus
11380 NW 27th Ave - Miami, FL 33167

Participe junto a sus colegas educadores y defensores de la primera infancia en la Children First Conference. Esta experiencia de desarrollo profesional reforzará las competencias clave de los educadores de aprendizaje temprano para sustentar la obtención de resultados positivos para los niños y las familias.

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Early Learning Coalition Program Information and Updates

1. [Early Head Start Enrollment](#)
2. [Capitol Connection](#)
3. [Read to Learn Book Club](#)
4. [Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2018-2019 Kindergarten Enrollment](#)

Upcoming Events

[History Miami Free Family Fun Day](#)



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