



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.

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.



IMPACT OF MUSIC ON CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Music and singing to your infant can have a major impact on their development. Singing to your child promotes bonding, encourages play, assists with transitions, listening skills, and language development, and teaches rhythm and rhyme.

Here are some tips on how to use music at home:

- Use music that encourages vocabulary or following simple commands (i.e., Head, Shoulders...). This encourages listening skills and building vocabulary.
- Use manipulatives or visuals that are associated with songs. For example, animal puppets for 'Old McDonald Had a Farm.'
- Change the words to some familiar songs to introduce new vocabulary and keep things lively. For instance, instead of an itsy bitsy spider it can be a big giant spider.
- Use a familiar song or tune to help with transitions, clean up time, or teaching moments. You could use the tune of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' and sing "This is how we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth. This is how brush out teeth before we go to bed."

Happy Singing!



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
- Evidence-based parenting program service



MUSIC AND AUSTISM

Children with ASD are reported to have a strong preference for music compared to verbal material. Music has shown that it supports the cognitive, emotional, and social needs including mood management, personal development, and social inclusion of children with ASD. Please keep in mind that there are individuals with autism that have a hard time engaging in musical activities because of sensory aversions to certain sounds or textures. To assist this, modify the pitch, rhythm, and/or tempo of your singing, Noise reduction earmuffs are also helpful to decrease overstimulating sounds.



CARNIVAL FOR CARE JUNE 7, 2024

Join for a fun family day to enjoy rides games, food, drinks, prizes, and more! Siblings are welcome.

**Sponsored by Coral Gables Senior High School: Bridge for Peace 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 7th:** Teacher Appreciation Day
- **May 17th:** Music Intervention on Early Childhood Development Training
- **May 27th:** Memorial Day (Center Closed)

May 2024						
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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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