



OFFICE OF
Early Learning
LEARN EARLY. LEARN FOR LIFE.



**Early
Learning
Coalition**
of Miami-Dade/Monroe

Early Education. Lifelong Success.

EARLY LEARNING IS CRITICAL TO EDUCATION SUCCESS

When children receive high quality early learning experiences, they are:



Benefit-cost estimates for children attending high quality early learning programs range from **\$3–\$7** saved for every dollar spent.

85%

of children's critical
brain development
occurs by age five

ABOUT US

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring high quality early education for children in Miami-Dade and Monroe. Through a community-based collaborative approach, we are committed to promoting high quality early learning, advocating on behalf of children and preparing every child for success in both school and life.

- ➔ Largest Early Learning Coalition among 31 similar organizations across the State of Florida.
- ➔ Deliver quality early learning to 750 children in high need neighborhoods.
- ➔ Provide school readiness services for more than 50,000 children ages birth to 12 years old throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe.
- ➔ Received the second largest Early Head Start Grant in the nation.

OUR PROGRAMS

We provide a variety of quality and innovative prekindergarten and early learning programs, while also encouraging parental involvement in a child's educational success.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Children who live in Florida and are four or five years of age are eligible for the state's free VPK program. It gives children a jump start - preparing them for school and enhancing their pre-reading, pre-math, language and social skills.

To register, complete the application: www.vpkhelp.org

School Readiness

This program provides a subsidy to parents to assist them with the cost of childcare. Children who are eligible to participate have the opportunity to benefit from high-quality early learning programs in Miami-Dade and Monroe. Priority is given to children from birth to five years of age.

To register, complete the waitlist application:

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/Account/Login>

Early Head Start

The Early Head Start Neighborhood Place program provides quality early education and family support services to 750 children and families residing in high-need neighborhoods. Families also receive assistance with medical, dental, career development services and support to achieve self-sufficiency.

Teenage Parent Program (TAP)

Via this program, teenage parents enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are able to acquire early care and education services. Teen parents are also provided support services that include parenting education classes, developmental screenings and early intervention for babies identified with developmental delays.

Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP)

The CCEP helps working families afford quality child care. Employers who participate in the program contribute money to help employees reduce the costs for childcare. Through federal and state funding, your employer's contributions are matched dollar-for-dollar with money from the CCEP. Parents pay a portion based on a sliding fee scale.

OUR SERVICES

We are committed to excellence and our services help make a difference in our community.



Child Screenings, Assessments, and Inclusion

All children who participate in the School Readiness and Early Head Start Programs and are two months to kindergarten age, qualify for free developmental screenings. Based on the results of the screening and assessment, all children with suspected development delays will receive intervention services to enhance early learning.



Warm Line Services

Available at no charge, these services include child assistance and consultation regarding development, health, disabilities and special needs, provider assistance including strategies, curriculum and environmental adaptations, and family information and referral assistance.



Quality Counts

A voluntary improvement system that reviews early learning programs according to clearly defined, high quality standards. The organization offers support and incentives to help providers reach their goals and improve quality early care and education programs in Miami-Dade and Monroe.



Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)

CCR&R is a free service and out trained staff will:

- Answer your questions about choosing the best child care options for your family
- Provide customized child care listings based on your family's needs
- Offer information about financial assistance as well as other services or programs available in your community

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