

Message from the President & CEO

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As President and CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/ Monroe, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season. This is a time of hope and giving thanks, and I would like to express my gratitude to our colleagues and partners for all that you do to make early childcare and education better in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

In 2008, we launched the Quality Counts program; aimed at improving early childcare and education settings and creating environments where children can thrive. We also witnessed the highest number of centers certified for VPK and the largest number of children enrolled in the program. Additionally, we were able provide special classroom materials and curricula to over 600 providers through our Quality Initiatives, which help centers and family childcare homes serving School Readiness children.

I am proud of what we have been able to do, and I congratulate each an every one of you who help serve our community of families and children for your dedication and commitment. It is through your hard work, and the vision of our leaders, that our mission and vision are realized. We look forward to the New Year, and to continue our efforts to serve the families and children of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

Happy Holidays!

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