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The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe and Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Partner to Bring the Latest in Best Practices in Early Education and Infant Mental Health



Official Joint Statement

The [Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring children in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties have access to high-quality early education and the [Florida Association for Infant Mental Health \(FAIMH\)](#), Florida's professional association supporting infant and children's mental health across disciplines, have joined forces to bring together key professionals for the Children First Conference. Together, both organizations will convene stakeholders who nurture and support children and families in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties by way of the Children First Conference.

Under the banner of "Healthy Families. Healthy Communities," both organizations will highlight the integral relationship between healthy social-emotional development, school readiness and lifelong success. Stakeholders across fields and disciplines in early learning and education; early intervention and inclusion; and healthcare will be a part of the 2-day conference. The conference will be a space for community conversation and learning experiences to be fostered through the infusion of infant and early childhood mental health and early care and education. The Early Learning Coalition and Florida Association of Infant Mental Health support that quality care, education and healthy social-emotional development are integral to the well-being of children and families.

Nurturing and responsive relationships lead to school readiness and success.

Healthy relationships with parents, teachers and caregivers are those which provide a "secure base" from which children can explore and learn about the world around them.

Healthy social-emotional development is essential for success in school and in life.

The Children First Conference has something for everyone. Join us on September 8-9, 2017 at the Miami Airport & Convention Center in Miami, FL to learn about the integral impact of healthy social-emotional development on the well-being of children and communities.

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