



Message from ELC

RIF's Care to Read® Emergent Literacy Trainings

Care to Read® is an early literacy program conducted by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)* to support the development of children's emergent literacy skills through training and resources.

RIF, in its partnership with the Early Learning Coalition has offered to provide these trainings **free-of-charge** to you, our early care and education professionals. Trainings will be held in both Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, and the training books and literacy materials will be provided.

In order to participate, providers must complete the form below (please submit *no more* than two (2) names per center/family childcare home) and fax it to the attention of **Georgi Payne** at **305-447-1608**. You may also download the form from our website at <http://elcmdm.org/downloads/RIFCaretoReadSum09.pdf>.

Please note that space for this opportunity is very limited, and submitting your form does not guarantee a reservation in the training! **To be considered for this opportunity, you must submit your fax no later than Monday, July 6, 2009**. The applications will be forwarded to RIF who will make selections and organize the trainings based on the responses. Additional information with exact training dates, times and locations will follow within the next few weeks.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE A VPK PROVIDER, THIS TRAINING DOES NOT REPLACE THE VPK EMERGENT LITERACY TRAINING!

* Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), founded in 1966, motivates children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. RIF's highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to age 8. Through community volunteers in every state and U.S. territory, RIF provides 4.6 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year.



Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.
and
Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/ Monroe
Present



Care to Read® Professional Development

Application

First Name	Last Name
Center/Family Childcare Home Name	Position
Center/Family Childcare Home Address	City, State, Zip Code
Telephone Number	Fax Number
E-mail Address	

Please select the type of training you wish to receive:

- Level 1:** This training is hands-on, concrete and practical. It provides participants with a fundamental understanding of language and literacy development, models of early childhood education, and support for incorporating language and literacy development “best practices” within the childhood environment.
- Level 2:** This training is interactive, theory-based, and reflective. It provides an introduction to the theories of language and literacy development and models of early childhood education. The focus of this training is to strengthen and expand the provider’s ability to support early language and literacy development.
- Level 3:** This training is investigative, reflective, and research-based. It provides considerably more complex views of early language and literacy development and related topics based on knowledge of current research. The focus of this training is to strengthen the provider’s capacity to support colleagues and/or staff in the domain of early language and literacy development.

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Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe
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