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President's Message



Dear Friends:

The holidays are a very special time for families and communities to celebrate traditions and time together. The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe wants to wish you a happy holiday season, and to remind you this is the opportune time to [Unplug & Connect](#) with your child. On Saturday, December 9, 2017, the Early Learning Coalition will be a part of the Miami-Dade College North Campus Children's Holiday event. We invite you to come out, visit our booth, and talk with Early Head Start and Early Learning Coalition staff about programs and services.

On January 19, 2017, we invite you to join us at the Miami Children's Museum where we will be celebrating our kick off Children's Week event. The event is free and open to the public. We will have more than 20 different exhibitors for families to get information, inquire about services, as well as a host of children's activities inside the museum.

As always, we thank you for your partnership and encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for up-to-date information on programs and events.

Sincerely,



Evelio C. Torres
President & CEO

Teacher of the Month (November)

As a part of our continuous commitment to quality early learning programs, we would like to highlight the Quality Counts Teacher of the Month. Working in conjunction with our program partners, Florida International University, the United Way, Family Central and Children's Forum, we highlight instructors who have been recognized for applying excellence in the classroom. This month, we recognize **Cira Palacios** from **Little Super Hero's Learning Center**. She has more than **27 years of experience** in early education. Congratulations **Cira Palacios**.



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Teacher Spotlight: November



Cira Palacios
Teacher Name

Little Super Hero's Learning Center
Program Name

Toddlers
Classroom/ Age Group

27 years
Number of Years in Early Education

Ms. Cira prides herself in teaching her students how to be independent, nurturing, and curious learners. Her efforts to create a safe and positive environment for her students is evident in her carefully planned lessons and open conversations. Being a curious learner herself, Ms. Cira never misses an opportunity to acquire new skills whether it be from her own students, parents, fellow teaching staff, or the director. Throughout the years, she has maintained a positive relationship with all Quality Counts endeavors and continues to work on providing the highest quality education for her students.

Quality Counts would like to recognize and thank Ms. Cira Palacios for her commitment to quality early childhood education!

In Early Education News

What is Children's Week?

Florida's Children's Week is the only annual event held in the state of Florida that celebrates and honors its commitment to children and advocates. This legendary event began more than 20 years ago during the tenure of Governor

[More about the Statewide Celebration of Children's Week](#)



Children's Week Celebration @ miami children's museum January 19, 2018

Children's Week January 21st - 26th, 2018



The Early Learning Coalition invites you to a free celebration of children and families at the Miami Children's Museum to kick off Children's Week. There will be a host of community resources for families, guest readings, live children performances, and free access to the children museum from 4 pm - 8 pm.

This day is all about community resources for families and celebrating the wonder years of growing!

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