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Strategic Plan
OUR VALUES

- **CHILDREN** - Children are at the heart of all we do. We believe that all children, regardless of circumstance, are capable of educational excellence and personal growth, and we are committed to ensuring school readiness and lifelong success for each one.

- **COMMUNITY** - We believe children are the future, and our community is an essential part of their road to success. By working together, we can promote high quality early education and support children as they become thriving, productive members of society.

- **PARTNERSHIP** - We value partnerships and are collaborative in all we do. We work closely with fellow service providers, families, corporations, elected officials, individuals, and the community at large to promote the importance of early learning and to secure educational opportunities for all children.

- **ADVOCACY** - We are a champion for children, promoting positive societal and community change. Our staff and community partners are committed to advancing early education throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe counties and are set apart by our collective passion, strength and dedication to children.

- **EXCELLENCE** - When it comes to early learning, quality matters. We are committed to excellence, providing quality programs and services that make a difference in our community. Designed to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of all children, our programs are innovative and offer each child an equal opportunity for a successful future.

- **CUSTOMER SERVICES** - We strive to meet the needs of our parents, families, providers and partners by providing comprehensive customer service in a professional, timely and courteous manner.

- **EQUITY** - Equity, inclusion and cultural competence is embodied in our values, practices and programming so that children, parents, families and providers may fully benefit from our priority initiatives, while keeping children first.
Children First: The Strategic Plan for the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/Monroe
2022-2027

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

TARGET HIGH NEED AREAS
Advocacy Committee
Opportunity
Current reimbursement rates are inequitable and negatively impact child care partners in high need areas.

Outcome Measure
- Every provider receives the same rate regardless of their private rate or area they serve.

INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN EARLY LEARNING COALITION PROGRAMS
Advocacy Committee
Opportunity
Increased wages offered by employers has resulted in a benefits cliff with fewer families qualifying for the School Readiness program, leading to decreased enrollment.

Outcome Measure
- School Readiness enrollment increases by 5% within 12 months of state policy change.

INCREASE AWARENESS IN EARLY LEARNING COALITION PROGRAMS
Executive Committee
Opportunity
Increase awareness of Early Learning Coalition programs so families who may qualify and do not currently have their children enrolled in the program become aware, apply for the programs, and enroll their children.

Outcome Measures
- Dashboard reflects increased inquiries.
- Families confirm via survey that outreach efforts led them to apply for services.
- Voluntary Prekindergarten enrollment increases by 5% within 12 months of outreach campaign launch.
- Early Head Start enrollment increases to 750 children with a waitlist.

PROVIDE ENHANCED RESOURCES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Program Committee
Opportunity
Historically, a low percentage of families with children identified as having concerns accept additional services and connect to the first level of intervention.

Outcome Measures
- At least 90% of families with children identified as having concerns respond to communication attempts.
- After baseline is established, pre and post questionnaires reflect increased insight by parents of developmental milestones, screening process and available services.
- A 5% increase in the number of families that accept additional services.

Outcome
There are children with special needs who are not receiving the services they need.

Outcome Measures
- More than 10% of partners participate in and complete the BPIECE program.
- More than 10% of partners who have completed the BPIECE are accessing the Special Needs Rate.
- A % of partners that receive the rate are implementing enhanced services.

ENHANCE SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS
Program Committee
Opportunity
Enhance services for infant and toddlers.

Outcome Measures
- To be determined after needs assessment is conducted and action plan is formulated and approved by Program Committee.

SUPPORT EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PARTNERS
Provider Services Committee
Opportunity
Early learning programs have historically faced workforce challenges. To deliver high-quality early education services, programs must be able to recruit and retain highly qualified and committed staff and provide ongoing professional development.

Outcome Measures
- Increased % of participants registering for training courses.
- Increased % of participants completing training courses.
- 85% participant satisfaction with courses (IACET Standard).
- Board approved reimbursement rate remains above state average.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT
Program Committee
Opportunity
Promote parent engagement as essential for a child’s development because parents serve as a child’s first teacher.

Outcome Measures
- 85% participant satisfaction with parent engagement activities.
- 85% participants gain knowledge/insight.

*requires State policy change
IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES WITH DEADLINES

• Developing the infrastructure for a coordinated comprehensive Classroom Assessment Scoring System for the approximately 3,500 assessments that must be completed. August 31, 2022

• Early Head Start at full enrollment (750). August 31, 2022

• Awarding $61 million American Rescue Plan Act grants to 1,344 early learning partners in three separate payments totaling 4,032 transactions. September 2023

• Developing and staffing a Department of Education required action plan to improve school year 22-23 VPK readiness rates. August 31, 2022
American Rescue Plan Act Grant

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American Rescue Plan Act

Child Care Stabilization Grant Program is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Grant Priorities
- Stabilize and support Florida’s entire network of early learning providers.
- Expand access to high-quality providers for families where cost is the primary barrier
- Invest in quality
- Invest in the early learning workforce and take steps to transition Florida’s early learning workforce into the early learning profession
- Strengthen Providers

Applications closed on June 30, 2022.
Status of Grants

Approved Amounts

$60,848,200.29

Highest Paid $298,128.60
- The 2nd House Academy Corp
- Angelo Love & Care
- Mini Me Day Care Learning Center II
- World of kids Academy, LLC
- Early Start Inc Day Care
- Little College at Ludlum Center Corp
- My Academy PLC
- Lincoln Marti 15270
- Lincoln Marti 3580
- The 2nd House Daycare & Learning Center #2

Lowest Paid $12,000.00

Number of Programs

965

314 additional applications pending revisions.

Programs that did not apply

1,344 / 1366
2% did not apply
Miami- Dade

Source: Ad-hoc Enhanced Field System Tableau Report, Early Learning Coalition Management of Information System Department, Dr. Hicks
# Monroe

## Approved Amount

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### Gold Seal

- True: 1
  - $172,446.17
- False: 26
  - $743,758.27

### Class Composite Score (Where Available)

- 4.00 to 4.99: 7
- 5.00 or higher: 3
- Exempt: 10

### Early Care Education Partner Type

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### Has After Hours

- False: 29
- True: 3

### Workforce Investment

- 0: 24
- 5: 24
- 10: 24
- 15: 24
- 20: 24
- 25: 24

Source: Ad-hoc Enhanced Field System Tableau Report, Early Learning Coalition Management of Information System Department, Dr. Hicks
Source: Ad-hoc Enhanced Field System Tableau Report, Division of Early Learning, Bob Pope
Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Target High Need Areas
• Enhance Services For Infants And Toddlers
• Support Early Care And Education Partners
• Parent Engagement

Early Head Start Enrollment

Belkis Torres
Vice President for Early Head Start
Monthly Average Enrollment

% of Monthly Enrollment (Upward Trend is Good)

- Increase from the Previous Month
- Decrease from the Previous Month
- No change from the Previous Month

Source: ChildPlus

As of 7/28/22

- Apr-22: 79.47%
- May-22: 80.13%
- Jun-22 / FY22-Q4: 81.73%
- Jul-22: 84.00%

Legend:
- EHS Enrollment Benchmark
- Early Head Start (EHS) Enrollment Actual
- EHS Enrollment Trendline
## Early Head Start Enrollment
### 08/01/22 Snapshot

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* 327 of the 646 children have already been selected for enrollment.

* Allocated between 29 partners.

** Partners pending fulfillment of program requirements.

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**Source:** Early Head Start, Child Plus
The Professional Development Institute

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Child Development Associate (CDA®)
Completion Ceremonies – June 2022
31 Completers
2022 Conferences

- Monroe Early Learning Conference and Miami-Dade Conference

**Monroe Early Childhood Conference**
September 24, 2022 · 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Marathon High School · 350 Sombrero Beach Rd, Marathon, FL 33050
Professional Development Institute

- Reimaging and Reengineering Itself
- Mandate-Focused
CLASS® 101 – For Administrators and For Teachers
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CLASS® 101 – Para Administradores y Para Maestras
CLASS® 101 – Para Administradores
Todos los miércoles en agosto a la 1 p.m.
Reciba toda la información! Preguntas?

CLASS® 101 – Para Maestras(os)
Todos los jueves en agosto a las 5:30 p.m.
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Regístrese aquí: https://trainings.elcmdm.org/CourseView.aspx?ID=1118263

Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMCI)
Monday, August 1, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. (12-week training, 2 hours per week)

Introduction to CLASS® Pre-K
Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

CLASS® Pre-K Observer/Assessor Training (20 seats)
Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Materials will be provided

Introducción a CLASS® Infantes
Sábado, Agosto 20, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Introducción a CLASS® Toddlers
Miércoles y Jueves, Agosto 24 y 25, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to CLASS® Infant
Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Register here: https://trainings.elcmdm.org/Default.aspx
Supplemental Slides
Florida Chamber Foundation’s Path to Prosperity
Miami-Dade County

Florida Chamber Foundation's Path to Prosperity: Miami-Dade County

BY THE NUMBERS

- # of zip codes: 80 (2153)
- # of children in poverty: 115,028 of 770,001
- Number of households at or below the ALICE threshold identified by the United Way: 331,730
- Percentage of families "housing-cost burdened": 60%
- Percentage of Miami-Dade third-graders reading at or above grade level: 59%
- % of children not reading at third-grade level: 34%
- Percentage students receiving free or reduced lunch: 73%

THE CASE FOR PROSPERITY

Tonight, 1 in 5 children will go to bed exhausted having battled a day full of unknowns wondering, "Where will my next meal come from? Will I be safe in my home tonight? Will I even have a place to call home?" Worse yet, these same children will wake up tomorrow and face those unknowns all over again.

For decades, the federal government has sunk trillions of taxpayer dollars into the epidemic that is poverty, yet, year over year, we see that these well intended attempts fail to address the root causes blocking one’s path to prosperity.

With that in mind, the Florida Chamber Foundation set out to create a pathway to prosperity for all children in Florida, ensuring that one’s zip code, race, gender, ethnicity, or otherwise, would not determine their opportunities to prosper.

After extensively researching the path to prosperity, we identified the ten root causes that would impact one’s ability to break the cycle of poverty. By attacking each root cause at its source and its location (zip code), the Prosperity Project will do what no one has before, create a model to eliminate generational poverty.

With an aggressive goal of cutting childhood poverty in half by 2030, we need the leadership, expertise, and resources of the business community to effect real change in every corner of the state.

To find out how you can help end childhood poverty in your county, contact Kyle Baltuch at kbaltuch@flfoundation.org
Using the Florida Chamber Foundation’s groundbreaking Florida Scorecard, associated Heat Maps, the Florida Gap Map, and our expert research and analysis, we not only have the ability to identify the unique issues plaguing each neighborhood, we can also curate the unique solutions needed to address each root cause blocking a path toward prosperity with the help of the business community.

Third grade reading is an essential measure as one stops learning to read, and starts reading to learn. Studies have shown that 88 percent of those who fail to complete high school were behind in third grade. Not completing high school drastically impacts one’s future as long-range studies have found high school dropouts cost society $260,000 over a lifetime.
Florida Chamber Foundation's Path to Prosperity: Monroe County

BY THE NUMBERS

- # of zip codes: 7 of 993
- # of children in poverty: 19,124 of 773,801
- Number of households at or below the ALICE threshold identified by the United Way: 9,013
- Percentage of families “housing cost burdened”: 56%
- Percentage of Monroe third-graders reading at or above grade level 52%
- # of children not reading at third-grade level: 292
- Percentage students receiving free or reduced lunch: 28.2%

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Monroe

Data Informed Decisions

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Ten Root Causes of Poverty

Paths to Prosperity

1. Agency - Community Voice
2. Job Opportunities
3. Education/Training
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Health
7. Food Security
8. Child & Family Care
9. Safety
10. Justice

Early Learning Matters!

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Monroe Updates

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Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Target High Need Areas
• Increase Enrollment In Early Learning Coalition Programs
• Increase Awareness In Early Learning Coalition Programs
• Parent Engagement
Monroe Key Points

School Readiness
Monroe Numbers:
• 289 children receiving School Readiness funding

Voluntary Prekindergarten
Monroe Numbers:
• 12 children enrolled in Voluntary Prekindergarten

At Risk Referrals:
32 children with an at risk referral
School Readiness (SR) Enrollment - Monroe

SR Enrollments (Monthly)

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Enrollment- Monroe

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
At Risk Referrals-Monroe

At Risk Referrals (Monthly)

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
Miami-Dade Updates

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Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Target High Need Areas
• Increase Enrollment In Early Learning Coalition Programs
• Increase Awareness In Early Learning Coalition Programs
• Parent Engagement
Miami-Dade Key Points

School Readiness
Miami-Dade Numbers:
• 18,948 children receiving School Readiness funding

Voluntary Prekindergarten
Miami-Dade Numbers:
• 164 children enrolled in Voluntary Prekindergarten

At Risk Referrals:
1,413 children with an at risk referral
School Readiness (SR) Enrollment – Miami-Dade

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Enrollment - Miami-Dade

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
At Risk Referrals-Miami Dade

Sources: Ad-Hoc Tableau Visualizations from Division of Early Learning’s, EFS-MOD On-line System and Clear Point Strategy Scorecard
Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Target High Need Areas
• Support Early Care and Education Partners

The Professional Development Institute

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Professional Development Institute (PDI) Key Points

**Training Sessions/Attendees***
- FYTD Sessions: 514
- Number of Attendees:
  - Miami-Dade: 9,939
  - Monroe: 368
- June Training Sessions: 30
- June Attendees: 340
  - Miami-Dade: 330
  - Monroe: 10

*Data as of June 30, 2022

**Training Response to Florida Mandates**
- HB 419: Child Development Associate (CDA®) Training – September 2022 Classes Enrolling now
- HB 419 and HB 7011: Early Learning Coalition becomes a Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) Mandated Early Literacy Provider supporting VPK
- HB 1091, HB 419 and HB 7011: Intro to CLASS® and CLASS® Group Coaching - supporting CLASS® Assessments

**Upcoming PDI Events**
- National Child Development Associate (CDA®) Next sessions Start in September –
  - Registration Open
  - English/Spanish – Pre-K
  - English/Spanish – Infant/Toddler
  - Junior Journey of Hope Training – Social/Emotional Development – Teaching Children How to Cope
- Monroe Conference – Sept. 24, 2022 – “Be the Star of Your Own Show”
Number of Training Sessions Offered FYTD

Source: ClearPoint Strategy
Number of Participants Miami-Dade County FYTD

Source: ClearPoint Strategy
Number of Participants Monroe County FYTD

Source: ClearPoint Strategy
Junior Journey of Hope
A Save the Children® Training provided by the Professional Development Institute

- Parachute used as a tool to facilitate children learning about feelings and emotions and how to cope with them.
Prekindergarten Teacher: Ms. Hemdi Biton receiving her Junior Journey of Hope materials for her classroom
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Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

- Target High Need Areas
- Enhance Services For Infants And Toddlers
- Support Early Care And Education Partners
- Parent Engagement

Early Head Start

Belkis Torres
Vice President for Early Head Start
## Early Head Start Summary

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| The program selected children for the 2022-2023 school year and is conducting enrollment interviews. Families will start August 1. | The program acquired four (4) new partners:  
- B&G Preschool  
- K.K.L.B. Learning Center, Inc.  
- Sunshine Childcare & Preschool Center  
- Thy Kingdom Kids Learning Academy Corp 1 | The program continues to place emphasis on wellness. This month’s calendar focuses on “altruism” Research suggests that practicing altruism enhances our personal well-being. The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up. Action for Happiness provides three (3) tips for spreading kindness:  
- Spot acts of kindness which have a ripple effect for doing more acts of kindness.  
- Pay forward acts of kindness by creating your own ripple effect.  
- Be kind to yourself. |
| Of the 163 children transitioning out of the program, 150 children have enrollment interviews completed and 24* are pending interviews.  
Of the remaining 138 new slot assignments, 73 children have enrollment interviews completed and 122* are pending interviews. | One (1) partner increased their slots. One (1) center-based and one (1) family childcare home are pending contracts. | |
| *Note: Additional families are selected to account for no-shows. | | |
Special Needs Enrollment

% of children with a diagnosed disability (Upward Trend is Good)

Source: ChildPlus
Wellness Initiative

The Altruistic August Action for Happiness calendar was shared with staff, partners, and families. This month’s calendar will focus on “altruism” which is vital for the human race to survive and thrive. Research suggests that practicing altruism enhances our personal well-being. This month, staff and families are encouraged to do one kind act per day.
Inclusion, Screening and Child Assessment

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Key Points

- Early Care and Education Partners in Miami-Dade and Monroe who have completed the Best Practices in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (BPIECE) Support Services Program are submitting applications on the Partner Hub.

- The Inclusion Team began child observations in January of 2022. To date one hundred and nine (109) observations have resulted in approved Special Needs Rate Applications.

- The Inclusion, Screening and Assessment Team is preparing for the release of 5.9 an EFS MOD Provider Portal Update expected to manuualize the Special Needs Rate.

- The Screening Team is now working on screening input due to the newly implemented fix for EFS MOD Provider Portal Updates to children residing in Domestic Violence/Homeless Shelters.
Key Point #1

• Early Care and Education Partners in Miami-Dade and Monroe who have completed the BPIECE (Best Practices in Inclusive Early Childhood Education) Support Services Program are submitting applications on the Partner Hub.
  ▪ **Thirty-two (32) partners** in Miami-Dade have submitted Special Needs Rate Applications via the Partner Hub.
  ▪ **One (1) partner** in Monroe has submitted Special Needs Rate Applications via the Partner Hub.
Key Point #2

One hundred and nine (109) Special Needs Rate Applications were approved and paid since January 2022.

*The process described in Key Point #1 and Key Point #2 will continue through July 2022.*
Key Point #3

• The release of Enhanced Field System (EFS MOD) Update 5.8 removed the **special needs care level** from the provider profile and coalition rates.

• We have been apprised that the release EFS MOD Update 5.9, scheduled for July 26, 2022, will remove the **special needs care level** from the SR Rate Plan and the child’s Eligibility Assignment (EA).
  - The updates will manualize the assignment of the Special Needs Rate
  - Coalition staff anticipate these updates will change the implementation of the Special Needs Rate and they have met with Division of Early Learning leadership to discuss possible accommodations.
Key Point #4

• In Progress:
  1. Enhanced Field System (EFS MOD) feature/function is interfering with entry of screenings for children who are referred to Domestic Violence or Homeless Shelters
  1. The Division of Early Learning has newly implemented a fix for this issue.
  2. Screening Team has created a plan for the manual entry screenings to be entered on EFS MOD. It is anticipated that all screenings will be reflected on EFS MOD by August 2022.
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Enhanced Field System Modernization Project and Cybersecurity Update

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Enhanced Field System Modernization Update

July 2022

Release of Version 5.8

✓ New Provider Rate Updates Still Pending
✓ American Rescue Plan Act Updates Still Pending
✓ Removed the Special Needs Care Level (Replaced with a check box on the child screen)
Cybersecurity Update: 2022 Annual Penetration-Test Results

✓ Reduction of 4 Vulnerabilities Down To One (Very Technical)
✓ Social Engineering Test Passed
✓ Portable Storage Device Test Passed
Communications Updates

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Communications Key Points

Out and About
- Community Events
  - Child Care Resource and Referral partnership with Miami-Dade Public Library
  - The Children’s Trust Family Expo

Outreach Efforts
- Armstrong Creative contracted for grassroots campaign
- M Network contracted for outreach
- Ads in local publications
- Parent survey

Monroe Centered Social Media Campaign Continues
- Keys Weekly Ads
- Timeout Magazine
- Chamber Events
Miami Kids Magazine Family Fest (6/11/22)

Miami Kids Magazine
FREE EVENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

Family Fest
FREE GOODY BAGS UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST
WHERE: Regatta Park in Coconut Grove
TIME: 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
Make sure to RSVP on Eventbrite.
GUEST OF HONOR CITY OF MIAMI MAYOR FRANCIS SUAREZ AND CITY OF MIAMI COMMISSIONERS

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[Image of a child participating in an activity at the event]
Oceans of Possibilities - South Dade Regional Library
(6/29/2022)

Ocean of Possibilities-
Storytime and Activities

Join us for storytime and fun, interactive activities that promote early literacy learning!

Location: South Dade Regional Library
10750 SW 211 St
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Dates: 6/29/2022 & 8/10/2022

Time: 12-2 p.m.

Scan the QR code & search for “Summer Family Engagement” to sign up!
Oceans of Possibilities - Westchester Regional Library (7/6/2022)

Ocean of Possibilities- Storytime and Activities

Join us for storytime and fun, interactive activities that promote early literacy learning!

Location: Westchester Library
9445 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33165

Dates: 7/6/2022 & 7/10/2022

Time: 12-2 p.m.

Scan the QR code & search for “Summer Family Engagement” to sign up!

Sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe and the State of Florida
Oceans of Possibilities - North Dade Regional Library
(7/12/2022)

Ocean of Possibilities-Storytime and Activities
Join us for storytime and fun, interactive activities that promote early literacy learning!
Location: North Dade Regional Library
2855 Northwest 183rd St
Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Dates: 7/12/2022 & 8/3/2022
Time: 3-5 p.m.
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Oceans of Possibilities - Westchester Regional Library (7/20/2022)

Oceans of Possibilities - Storytime and Activities
Family Engagement

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The Children’s Trust Family Expo - Central (7/23/2022)
Oceans of Possibilities - Hispanic Branch Library
(7/27/2022)
The Children’s Trust Family Expo - South (7/30/2022)