

Message from the Early Learning Coalition

This notice is about:

- Important Deadline
- Free Resource(s)
- School Readiness, VPK or other Contract Compliance
- Compliance with State Requirement
- Professional Development Opportunity
- Informational



Registration for the Children First Conference is Now Open! First 100 Registrants are eligible for our first raffle prize!

Early Bird Registration:
Full Conference- Friday and Saturday
 \$60 Expires June 30, 2017
 (includes 2 day Admission, Featured Speaker Luncheon, Parking)

Early Bird Registration:
One Day Conference- Friday
 \$40 Expires June 30, 2017
 (includes 1 day Admission, Featured Speaker Luncheon, Parking)

Early Bird Registration:
One Day Conference- Saturday
 \$40 Expires June 30, 2017
 (includes 1 day Admission, Featured Speaker Luncheon, Parking)

Both days of the conference include a seated-lunch catered by the conference venue, Miami Airport & Convention Center Doubletree by Hilton.



What is the Children First Conference?



The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe's Children First Conference is the premier opportunity in Miami-Dade for the early education community to expand its knowledge and network. The conference has nearly 2,000 attendees from the early education community representing academia, elected officials, teachers, and the extended early education community from around the country. Presentations offered at the conference bring to attendees the latest research and innovation in early childhood programming and best practice models for intervention services.



Conference Tracts

- Health Promotion and Prevention
- Family Literacy
- Literacy in the Classroom
- School Readiness
- Quality Learning Environments
- Support for Administration
- Curriculum
- Child Development
- Inclusion
- Family Partnerships
- Community Wellness
- Parent Engagement
- Infant Mental Health

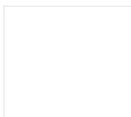
Join Us For

- The latest information and research in best practices and techniques to engage and nurture children.
- Policy and practice resources, materials, and information from experts and leaders within early education.
- Opportunities to exchange ideas with fellow providers, share and brainstorm with peers.
- Access to outstanding workshops in both Spanish and English that provide information on developmentally appropriate activities that teach skills that can be used daily in working with children.
- Networking and collaboration opportunities. Information and resources about a wide range of topics that address the "whole child" and his or her family.
- Access to commercial and educational exhibits that showcase the latest in early childhood materials, books, training, and educational aids for review and/or purchase.
- An opportunity to engage Early Learning Coalition staff.

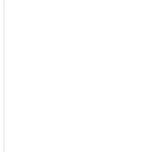
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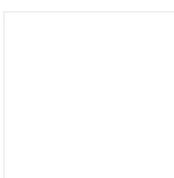
Walter S. Gilliam, Ph.D
 Walter S. Gilliam is the Director of The Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy and Associate Professor of Child Psychiatry and Psychology at the Child Study Center, Yale School of Medicine. He is on the board of directors for the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA); a fellow at Zero to Three and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), and served as a senior advisor to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Dr. Gilliam is co-recipient of the 2008 Grawemeyer Award in Education for the coauthored book A Vision for Universal Preschool Education.



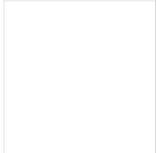
Captain Robert Bialas
 Captain Robert Bialas is the Regional Program Manager of Region IV Office of Head Start and Captain in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service. Captain Bialas has deep sense of commitment and compassion to improving the quality of services for children and families in Region IV. He is accountable to the children and families in the great States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.



Laura Posada
 The definition of a dynamic woman, Laura is a mother, attorney, motivational speaker, author, certified life coach, family health and fitness activist, TV personality, and philanthropic figure. Her work has been showcased on TV shows such as Nuestra Belleza Latina, Manual de Supervivencia con Laura Posada, The Today Show, and many more. She advocates for healthy living, and healthy families.



Dr. Mimi Graham
 Dr. Mimi Graham has been the Director of the Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy since 1993, specializing in policy, training, and special projects for vulnerable infants and toddlers. She is active in the statewide Trauma Informed Care Workgroup and is spearheading statewide "baby" court teams to address the trauma of young children. She is the past president and co-founder of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health and a fellow with the Zero to Three National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families.



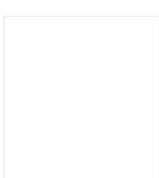
Dr. Nefertiti Poyner
 An author, public speaker, and provider of professional learning experiences in the field of early care and education. Nefertiti began her career doing what she loves, developing the minds of young children as a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Now, she develops training curriculum, mentors trainers and provides on-site and distance coaching as a National Trainer and Early Childhood Specialist with the Devereux Center for Resilient Children.



Dr. Jeff Brosco
 Chief Resident at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, Dr. Brosco is board certified in Pediatrics and in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. He is responsible for directing both medical student and pediatric resident education regarding ethics and professionalism at the University of Miami/Jackson Health Systems. His current work integrates history, ethics, and clinical practice to forge systems-level approaches to improving child health.



123 Andres!
 Andrés Salguero, better known as 123 Andrés, is one of the most exciting new voices on the family music scene in the US and Latin America, "A rock star for little language learners" according to Billboard Magazine. A native of Bogotá, Colombia, Andrés brings to audiences joyful sounds, passion for bilingualism and a high-energy love of music that gets kids singing and dancing in Spanish and English.



Tonier "Neen" Cain
 A survivor of unspeakable trauma by systems that were charged with helping, Ms. Tonier Cain stands before her audiences today, a testimony to the resiliency of the human spirit exemplifying the innate human instinct to survive. Her experiences illustrate the consequences that untreated trauma has on individuals and society at-large. She is an exemplary consumer advocate who speaks all over the world on trauma, incarceration, and recovery.

Register. Learn. Grow.

