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President's Message



Dear Friends:

This month, we prepare for [Read for the Record](#), Jumpstart's national campaign to get families, schools and children reading across America. In partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Library System, we will host readings at participating libraries: Miami Springs Branch, West Flagler Branch, Sunset Branch, Hispanic Branch and Miami Beach Regional Library. We invite you to join us at your closest participating library. Early care and education programs throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties will also participate. We welcome families to join us, locations and times listed in alert below.

This month, the Early Learning Coalition celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through our monthly ELC Café Series: It's More than Just Lunch. We are grateful for the participation of a range of attendees from the business community, staff, early education care and education providers and more. Lakeshore Learning Materials sponsored lunch to kick-off the second year of cafés. Please join us on November 17, 2016 for our next café which will discuss "Re-imagining Thanksgiving". As always, the community is welcome to join us for these powerful discussions.

On November 18-20, the Early Learning Coalition will participate in the Miami Book Fair. We invite you to join us at our Tot Lot which will feature interactive activities and impromptu readings. We will also staff our booth and share information regarding early education programs, our new initiative, "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" and books to encourage reading. We invite you to visit our Miami Book Fair booth and activity tent.

As always, we thank you for your continued partnership.

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date information on programs and events.

Sincerely,



Evelio C. Torres
President & CEO

TALKING IS TEACHING MIAMI



LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW CAMPAIGN!
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MEAL TIME IS TALK TIME

WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING OR EATING TOGETHER, USE WORDS TO COMPARE THE SIZE, SHAPE, AND TEXTURE OF FOODS.



#MEALTIMETALKTIME
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You can make grocery shopping more fun by talking about the colors, shapes and textures of the fruits and vegetables you see. You can say: *"Wow, look at this humongous, round, green striped watermelon. It's so big! What other foods are big?"*

Teacher of the Month

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 **Delneatria "Paige" Whitehead** from **Excel Kids Academy**. She has more than 2 years of experience in early education. Congratulations Delneatria "Paige" Whitehead.



QUALITY COUNTS

Striving for High Quality Early Learning



Teacher Spotlight: September



Delneatria "Paige" Whitehead

Teacher Name

Excel Kids Academy

Program Name

3 year olds

Classroom/ Age
Group

2

Number of Years in Early
Education

Ms. Whitehead has excelled in creating an enthusiastic and nurturing learning environment for her students by providing them with opportunities throughout the day to share and voice their ideas and thoughts in the classroom. She doesn't believe in telling her kids to "be quiet." Instead, she creates opportunities for them to engage in conversations and share them during "community time". She is continuously seeking ways to ensure her students are actively engaged and feels most successful when parents communicate that children are sharing their experiences at school with them at home. Ms. Whitehead, inspired by her students' love of learning, is extremely motivated to continue her own education demonstrating that she is a lifelong learner. On September 13th, as she stood before the board of The Children's Trust, she spoke about always striving to do her best. She is extremely grateful for the opportunity to pursue her degree in early childhood education and stated, "I am pursuing my dreams." Ms. Whitehead is always encouraging her co-workers to "be their best and continue growing."

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

In Early Education News

1. [Talking is Teaching](#)
 2. [SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month](#)
 3. [Baby Refusing to Eat](#)
 4. [Free Immunizations for Children Ages \(0-18\)](#)
 5. [Free Zika Testing and Outreach in Little River](#)
 6. [Helping Children Learn Executive Function](#)
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Read for the Record

On October 27, 2016, the Early Learning Coalition will be a part of Read for the Record. We will try to break reading records across Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. We would like to invite you to join us and read with us. We welcome you to visit one of the libraries below for readings by Early Learning Coalition Board Members and staff.



See the participating libraries below:

Hispanic Branch Library

1398 SW 1 St.
Miami, FL 33135
305-643-8574
10:00 am

Miami Springs Branch Library

401 Westward Dr.
Miami Springs, FL 33166
305-805-3811
11:00 am

Miami Beach Regional Library

227 22nd St.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-535-4219
11:00 am

Sunset Branch Library

10855 SW 72 St.
Bay 13
Miami, FL 33173
305-270-6368
10:30 am

West Flagler Branch Library

5050 West Flagler ST
Miami, FL 33134
305-442-8710
6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

[Coconut Grove Pumpkin Patch Festival](#)

[Koubek Center Launches Free Bilingual Family Series](#)

[Lantern Light Festival](#)

[Sensory Saturday at the Children's Museum](#)

[Storytime at North Miami Library with Mayor Dr. Smith Joseph](#)

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