

## V. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In 1991, the Florida Legislature enacted the Healthy Start Program. At the same time, it expanded Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and children as well as increased Medicaid reimbursement rates to medical service providers. As a result of these program expansions, health services for mothers and children are available from a widening pool of community resources.

Below are excerpts, summaries, and short descriptions of many programs in Miami-Dade County that provide, administer or manage community services. Please note that this list is not exhaustive or all-inclusive of every community-based service provider in Miami-Dade. Also, please note that Coalition staff made numerous attempts to obtain information from additional community organizations. However, we did not receive responses to all of our requests.

Each of these sections and descriptions has been provided by each organization or program, this accounting for the different voices throughout the section. To facilitate the review of this section we have divided the descriptions and summaries submitted by our partners and other maternal and child health stakeholders into descriptions of organizations and summaries of programs.

### A. ORGANIZATIONS

#### 1. March of Dimes – South Florida Division Program

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies. The South Florida Division of the March of Dimes encompasses West Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

The community grants program of the South Florida Division is designed to invest in priority projects that support three important foundation strategies:

- Access to and quality of health care for women and infants
- Availability of prevention services
- Folic acid education

Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 each. Any organization is welcome to apply providing that it has the capacity, competence and experience to accomplish project goals and objectives. The applicant must provide services within Florida, and must disclose any conflict of interest due to representation by their organization on the South Florida Division's program services committee.

## **2. The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation**

Miami-Dade County, Florida's largest county with 2.3 million people and larger than 16 states, is the home of what is increasingly becoming known as a national model for a community-wide high-quality "school readiness" initiative. Miami-Dade is statistically the most diverse area in the United States (58% Hispanic, 21% non-Hispanic white, 21% black or African American, and more than half of its residents born in another country). For all its pockets of wealth, Miami-Dade also has a significantly higher than national average of under skilled, undereducated and impoverished.

In January 1999, with full support of Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas, a community-wide effort was launched on behalf of all children in this community from before birth through age 5. The key convener was David Lawrence Jr., the president of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, who also has been a leader in The Children's Trust, the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition and the Florida Partnership for School Readiness, the gubernatorial appointed state oversight board. He is also "University Scholar for Early Childhood Development and Readiness" at the University of Florida. The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation is funded by two generous and public-spirited local families -- Dr. Jane and Jerry Katcher and Jan and Daniel Lewis -- who believe that the early childhood years are especially critical to the future of children and the community. Major partnerships include United Way's Success By 6 program, the Healthy Start Coalition (focused on infant and maternal health), The Children's Trust, the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition and the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership.

### **a. Areas of Focus**

The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation (ECIF) seeks to build a movement that embraces all children, all families. This is not about "other people's" children, but rather "everyone's child." Fronts of activity including these:

- 🌸 High-quality childcare for all. When ECIF began this effort, there were 17 accredited childcare centers in Miami-Dade. (Accreditation tells the parent and consumer that a particular childcare facility has recognition of a quality, stimulating environment for children.) Today there are 242 accredited childcare centers in this community. ECIF has made an impressive start toward providing the sort of quality childcare that leads to children that are more successful.
- 🌸 A high-quality pre-kindergarten experience available, but not mandatory, for all 4 year olds in the state. Propelled by the leadership of Mayor Penelas and Dave Lawrence, Florida voters in 2002 passed a constitutional amendment that will provide this, public and private, beginning in the school year 2005. Only one other state, Georgia, makes this available for everyone now.
- 🌸 High-quality parent skills building. ECIF believes that "school readiness" cannot occur without respectful partnerships with parents. Building from a pre-existing "family literacy coalition," ECIF produced a significant strategic plan that has led to the Family Learning Partnership. This focuses on families with young children, advancing three areas of family literacy: (1) Parents as teachers, (2) children's early reading skills, and (3) adult literacy.

- ✿ ECIF thinks that every child is entitled, in a society of fairness and wisdom, to a "medical home" -- that is, high-quality medical care for every child and every family. The reality in Miami-Dade is that 50,000 children between birth and age 5 have no health insurance.
- ✿ "Home visiting." There is ample evidence, going back four decades in this country, of the value of a high-quality professional (perhaps a nurse/social worker) or para-professional visiting prospective parents with follow-ups in the hospital and then during the child's first several years. The research makes it clear that this leads to better outcomes for mother and child as well as greater spacing between babies. Presently, only several hundred families can get this service in our county
- ✿ ECIF believes firmly in outcomes. That is, we need to make real progress with clearly measurable outcomes. Now, because of the 1999 School Readiness Act, every entering kindergarten child completes cognitive assessments that give the teacher and the parent real information to help that child fill in the gaps. In Miami-Dade, ECIF has completed a pilot project with 9,000 4 year olds with cognitive, social and emotional assessments done at the beginning of the "school year" and at the end -- with an accompanying effort to fill in the gaps. The research is quite clear: The earlier you identify the difficulties, the better chance you have to fill in those gaps.

#### **b. Teach More/Love More**

Teach More/Love More is, among other things, a multi-media public awareness campaign sponsored by The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and United Way Success By 6. The campaign not only alerts parents to the stark consequences of failing to prepare our children - - all our children -- for school and success in life, but also offers solutions for overcoming the challenges that all parents face.

In 2001, ECIF launched a major, years-long campaign for public awareness on this topic. That campaign's first target is parents and caregivers who can call -- in English, Spanish or Creole -- at any hour of the day or night for information that includes: "My child has been crying for hours; what should I do?" to "How do I find really good child care that I can afford?"

ECIF has built partnerships with 13 birthing hospitals, 9 birthing centers and 39 community libraries. Today every new mother in our community receives:

- ✿ a parent skill-building newsletter (produced 11 times a year);
- ✿ information about how to connect the child to health insurance;
- ✿ high-quality baby book accompanied by a message about the importance of reading to the children from the earliest months;
- ✿ a temporary library card that can be turned in for a permanent card; and,
- ✿ a round-trip bus pass to the nearest library.

Everything is free and in English, Spanish and Creole. (More than 24,000 parents have signed up for the parent skill-building newsletter.) Gov. Jeb Bush, impressed with the Miami initiative, has made similar hospital packets available throughout the rest of Florida.

ECIF publishes a Children's Almanac that include our "new-parent" packets. These are also distributed at all 39 public library branches in our community. We oversaw the production of

an hour-long television show on early childhood challenges, produced by The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and WLRN-TV. The show focuses on South Florida families with on-camera expertise by Dr. Roni Leiderman of the Family Center at Nova Southeastern University and famed baby doctor T. Berry Brazelton.

Currently, ECIF are collaborating with the Michigan-based High/Scope Early Childhood Reading Institute to pilot nationally a new Spanish language comprehensive early literacy assessment. The Early Literacy Skills Assessment, research-based assessment in the form of a children's storybook titled "La Aventura de Violeta," measures four key principles of early literacy – comprehension, phonological awareness, alphabetic principles and concepts about print. This assessment engages children in a task that is personally meaningful, is grounded in a naturally occurring instructional activity, and is in their first language, thus allowing them to demonstrate their skills, not their English language understanding. This assessment takes place in a situation familiar to most young children -- the joint reading of an engaging storybook. The English version of this assessment already has demonstrated both reliability and validity; this pilot will establish the same in Spanish.

### **c. Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK)**

















The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has selected The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation as one of eight sites across the country to receive a five-year grant. The other locations in this country are in Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio and Washington, D.C. The outcome for this project is "ready children, ready parents, ready communities and ready schools." The SPARKs (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) program follows 1,600 Miami-Dade 3 year olds and their families for five years. Parents benefit from skill-building classes in English, Spanish and Creole. The Parents As Teachers curriculum supports this effort.

The key neighborhoods of focus in Miami-Dade County for SPARK are Allapattah-Model City and Florida City-Homestead. Sixty-six childcare centers from these neighborhoods are working toward quality improvement and accreditation in partnership with the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition. All the children will be pre- and post-assessed socially, emotionally and cognitively, also provided through the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition. ECIF is moving toward providing every child an annual wellness exam, including vision, hearing and dental. Medical referrals will be a part of this health component. The goal here is to establish a "medical home" for every child.

Eight public elementary schools are partners in SPARK: Five are in Allapattah/Model City: Kelsey Pharr Elementary, Maya Angelou Elementary, Comstock Elementary, Lenora B. Smith Elementary, Santa Clara Elementary. Three are in Florida City/Homestead: Laura C. Saunders Elementary, West Homestead Elementary and Florida City Elementary are involved in SPARK. They are working to engage parents in the school and to lessen the transition from early care education to public school. Each school will provide adult education opportunities to the local community.

Intensive neighborhood- and community-wide planning efforts are underway to develop strategies to create superb transitions to school for the children. The initiative seeks to serve




as a catalyst or "spark" to help children transition to school ready to learn and to help schools get ready for children to succeed. Beyond the crucial neighborhood leadership, other significant community leaders are deeply involved, too. Representation includes:

-  The Children's Trust
-  Community Action Agency (and Head Start)
-  Department of Children and Families
-  Miami-Dade County Public Schools
-  Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition
-  Miami-Dade County (and the office of Mayor Alex Penelas)
-  YMCA
-  Miami-Dade County Health Department
-  Florida International University
-  Nova Southeastern University-Family Enrichment Center
-  University of Miami-School of Medicine
-  Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership
-  University of Florida
-  South Florida Workforce
-  United Way
-  The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation

### **3. The Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership Organization**

The Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, a coalition of local organizations dedicated to families, sees our community as a place where parents should be a child's first and most important teacher, where children will have high-quality literacy and language instruction, and where outstanding literacy and language development programs will be available and affordable to all. The Family Learning Partnership collaborates with community agencies and institutions to improve child and family well-being. The work focuses on family and adult literacy, family support, child welfare, literacy training and research.

Here are some Family Learning Partnership projects:

-  **Adult Literacy Directory:** The Miami-Dade Adult Literacy and Family Resource Guide is being distributed to 25 community agencies and 15,000 adult learners. Significant partners include The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, Miami-Dade Public Schools, South Florida Workforce, Region V Adult Literacy Center and the Dade Community Foundation.
-  **All Aboard for Family Fun:** An interactive, web-based developmentally appropriate activity program for families to access activities-games, crafts, music, cooking and literacy. There parents and caregivers can find parenting tips, articles on child development and hundreds of new age-appropriate activities every month.
-  **Family of Readers Program:** Working with Reading Is Fundamental, the nation's oldest and largest children's and family literacy organization, the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership -- in partnership with The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and Junior League -- conducts literacy initiatives at local schools, libraries, domestic shelters and the juvenile justice system to help children and families embrace reading, learning and early literacy. A consortium of agencies within the early care area is focused on early literacy and shared reading initiatives through the Family of Readers. This helps young parents

develop their children's early language and literacy skills through activities that give parents practice in reading aloud with their children and helps young parents provide early language and literacy experiences to promote later school success.

- ✿ **Literacy Forum for Providers:** The Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership builds and sustains relationships with community organizations to address literacy needs. A learning network of literacy and family service providers in the public, private and faith-based community has been established. With the support of the Dade Community Foundation, these organizations collaborate to maintain up-to-date information on literacy and language services, disseminate information to providers, develop consistent standards of instruction, and provide evaluation and services for adult learners pursuing literacy and language education. Major collaborators include:

- ✿ Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- ✿ Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- ✿ Head Start/Early Head Start
- ✿ Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition
- ✿ WLRN
- ✿ Human Services Coalition
- ✿ HIPPY
- ✿ Peace Education Foundation
- ✿ Miami-Dade County Public Library System
- ✿ Miami Heat
- ✿ United Way Success by Six
- ✿ University of Miami
- ✿ Florida International University
- ✿ Department of Children and Families
- ✿ Junior League
- ✿ Work Force Development
- ✿ Faith-based providers

- ✿ **Morris B. Morris Family Literacy Fund:** The Morris B. Morris Literacy Fund, established in memory of Morris B. Morris, provides books to build home libraries for children and families in Miami-Dade.

- ✿ **Reach Out and Read Miami:** This project seeks to make early literacy promotion a routine component of pediatric care for all children. Working only in pediatric clinics, Reach Out and Read provides families of children age 6 months to 5 years with guidance about the importance of emergent literacy and reading aloud. Our model: (1) pediatricians counsel caregivers on why it is so important to read with young children, (2) pediatricians give the child a developmentally and culturally appropriate book to take home, and (3) volunteers in clinic waiting areas model reading aloud with children. Reach Out and Read is among the few evidence-based programs shown to improve emergent literacy. The Reach Out and Read model focuses on at-risk populations by operating in health care centers where at least half of the children live below or near the federal poverty level. This project serves 22,000 children at 25 health sites in Miami-Dade.

- ✿ **Learninggames:** The Dade Community Foundation awarded an 18-month grant to offer caregivers of children birth to age 3 an innovative, research-based approach called




“Learninggames” in 15 early Head Start classrooms in the Liberty City/Brownsville areas. The goal is (1) to improve children's language and pre-literacy skills and (2) to focus on the adult-child interaction. The program will provide regular visits by a skilled mentor, materials to enhance classroom environments, and extensive literacy materials and resources. Partners on this initiative include Head Start/Early Head Start, The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, University of Miami-Department of Pediatrics, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Bat Associates.

#### **4. The Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade**

Implemented April 1, 1992, Healthy Start legislation provides for universal risk screening of all Florida's pregnant women and newborn infants to identify those at-risk of poor birth, health and developmental outcomes. The Healthy Start Program is funded by the State of Florida Department of Health. ALL pregnant women and infants up to age 3 are eligible receive a FREE Healthy Start Risk Screen regardless of their marital, economic or immigration status. Healthy Start services include outreach, care coordination to assure access to needed services, childbirth education, parenting education and support, nutrition counseling, psychosocial counseling, tobacco education and cessation counseling, breastfeeding education and support and Interconceptional education and counseling.

The **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade** is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the Miami-Dade Healthy Start system, which includes directing funds for continuous care coordination to pregnant women and children birth to age three, evaluating services, and quality improvement and assurance responsibilities.

Primary goals are

-  to reduce infant mortality
-  reduce the number of low birth weight and pre-term births
-  improve maternal and child health developmental outcomes.

The **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade** current membership consists of 100 maternal, infant and child health community stakeholders including consumers of maternal and child health services, migrant and community health centers, local hospitals, birthing centers and other providers of maternal child health services, local medical societies, local health planning organizations; local maternal and infant health advocacy interest groups; county and municipal governments; social service organizations; local education communities; and community organizations that represent or serve the target population. The following programs are currently operated and managed by the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, or are collaborative endeavors with partnering organizations in the community.

##### **a. MomCare**

SOBRA (Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) is a special Medicaid waiver from the Federal Government that provides insurance coverage to pregnant women whose household income is between 150% and 185% of the poverty guidelines - the uninsured working poor. Clients eligible for referral into the MomCare Program are pregnant women who qualify for SOBRA. Once accepted into the program clients will receive guidance selecting a prenatal

care provider, assistance scheduling initial prenatal visits, and information about state programs for which they may be eligible. The goal of Florida's MomCare program is to improve birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality rates through a simplified application, guidance, education and care coordination services.

**b. HealthConnect In The Early Years**

Funded by The Children's Trust, this voluntary home visitation program focuses on health prevention, education, promotion and support to improve maternal health, pregnancy outcomes and child health and development. Participants are intended to be pregnant women who are first time mothers or teenagers but may also be any pregnant woman who is interested in receiving services. Offering free prenatal and postnatal home visits, family coaches ensure children and families have the knowledge and support to access health services to achieve the best possible health and developmental outcomes. A single-family coach is assigned to each family. The family coach's role is to provide education and support services to families in their homes. Services will be tailored individually and the length of services may vary depending on the needs of the family, but can last for up to three years.

**c. FIMR: Fetal Infant Mortality Review Project**

The Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Project is a countywide effort to better understand the issues associated with fetal and infant mortality and morbidity (when a fetus or an infant dies during the first year of life) and to develop strategies that improve perinatal systems of care, locally and statewide. Funded in the state of Florida by the Department of Health, FIMR began in 1990 as a collaborative effort between the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). FIMR is composed of two groups the Case Review Team (CRT) and the Community Action Group (CAG). The CRT reviews examines fetal and infant deaths to identify barriers to care, gaps in services, trends in service delivery and availability of community resources for families. They document what opportunities for improvement exist and report their findings to the community action team. The CAG translates the CRT recommendations into an action plan and participates in implementing community action. The CAG responds to issues that are broader, more politically complex and which may require extended time or resources in order to implement change.

**d. The Children's Trust Education, Outreach And Community Awareness For A "Healthy Start"**

Funded by The Children's Trust in November 2004 this project's focus is to educate prenatal care providers in Miami-Dade County about the benefits of the Healthy Start Program. Provider Liaisons visit prenatal care offices and clinics to urge them to offer the Healthy Start Prenatal Risk Screen to all of the pregnant women they serve. In addition, the project seeks to increase awareness among pregnant women in Miami-Dade County so that they will request a Healthy Start Risk Screen from their prenatal care providers.

**e. United Way MomCare Education Program**

United Way MomCare Education Program is an expansion of existing MomCare services and has several goals: to increase access to maternal education services, to improve bonding



with baby and promote breastfeeding, to increase utilization of prenatal care services, and to increase community outreach and education. The clients served are pregnant and parenting women and their families who have been referred to the MomCare Program and are not eligible for Healthy Start but could benefit from parenting, breastfeeding, and childbirth education classes.

**f. Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Outreach Initiative (Liberty City Outreach)**

Formerly known as the Liberty City Outreach Initiative, the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Outreach Initiative is zip code targeted in the Liberty City area of Miami-Dade County. Funded by the United Way Success By 6 grant from October 2002 through September 2005, it was spearheaded with project partners, Economic Opportunity Family Health Center (EOFHC), Teen Pregnancy Prevention Center (TPPC), and the Health Council of South Florida. During that time, the Outreach Initiative targeted zip codes in the Liberty City area. Over the three-year period, the Coalition identified the need to provide outreach in additional high-risk neighborhoods. Through funds provided by the Department of Health, the Coalition expanded this program to include North Miami, Opa-Locka and Carol City areas. The goal of the Initiative is to increase the Healthy Start Prenatal Screening rate and subsequent enrollment in the Healthy Start program among residents of the targeted zip codes.

**g. Closing The Gap Interconceptional Education Outreach Project**

Funded by the Florida Department of Health this project provides comprehensive information, education, and support related to the optimal health status needed by minority women of reproductive age to improve the birth outcome of a potential pregnancy. The program promotes health awareness through community outreach, reduces risk factors for poor birth outcomes through referrals and education classes, increases community collaboration and access to care, and promotes client participation in local health program planning.

**h. Interconceptional Care Project**

Funded by the Florida Department of Health this project expands existing outreach activities and promotes health education through the distribution of preconception educational materials; educational classes for women of childbearing age; targeted outreach to mothers with a previous fetal or infant death and low-income women who have given birth in the last 12 months and a social marketing campaign. The project will also increase provider awareness through community based educational services and training initiatives including clinical training via professional development workshops and the certification of local community agencies in Interconceptional Care Education.

**i. MOMmobile**

The MOMmobile is a mobile medical vehicle providing free regular prenatal, pregnancy testing, family planning, and postpartum care to indigent women in South Dade. It has been in operation for over 12 years serving thousands of pregnant women who otherwise might not seek care or have access to services, thereby delaying necessary medical treatment during

pregnancy. The MOMmobile is on a regular schedule visiting four sites during the week. Services are free to clients who qualify; Medicaid and insurance are accepted.

**j. Creating Caring Children Parenting Project**

The Peace Education Foundation “Creating Caring Children” Parenting Project is a collaborative effort between the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, the Peace Education Foundation, The Children’s Trust and Goodwill Industries of South Florida. It is designed to help parents of children 0-3 years of age develop healthy parenting, communication habits and life skills. Families receive a 3-hour interactive training using the Creating Caring Children curriculum, a research-based curriculum developed by the Peace Education Foundation. Families will develop skills such as violence prevention, peaceful conflict resolution, and anger management within their families.

## **B. PROGRAMS**

### **1. Healthy Families Miami-Dade Program**

The Healthy Families Initiative began in Hawaii 25 years ago. It was implemented in Florida in 1998 with the creation of Healthy Families Florida (HFF). Children's Home Society implemented the Healthy Families Miami-Dade (HFMD) program in that same year. Healthy Families Miami-Dade was built on the guiding principles of the Healthy Families model to improve the stability of the family and therefore improve the children life outcomes. Healthy Families is a community-based voluntary primary prevention and home visitation program, designed to promote positive parenting and help children get off to a healthy start. The Healthy Families mission is to assist in and promote the healthy development of children and their families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect, and other poor childhood outcomes.

#### **a. Healthy Families Miami-Dade Participants**

Healthy Families Miami-Dade has served over 1300 families since inception through May 2005. The Healthy Families Miami-Dade program serves newborn children and their families in the following zip codes:

- Allapattah/Brownsville 33142
- Liberty City 33147
- Homestead 33030
- Florida City 33034 & 33035
- Overtown 33136
- Downtown 33128
- Opa-Locka 33054

#### **b. Healthy Families Miami-Dade Services**

Healthy Families Miami-Dade is designed to help families during pregnancy or from the time of child's birth to his/her fifth birthday. Enrollment must occur either prenatal or within the first two weeks after the birth of the baby. Services include:

- Home Visitation
- Family Centered Case Management (referral to community resources i.e. medical, childcare)
- Developmental Assessments
- Parenting skills training
- Family screening for risk factors
- Promotion of child health check-ups & immunizations
- Linkage to medical providers
- Promotion of positive parent-child relationships
- Support to access services including transportation to appointments

#### **c. Manner of Service Delivery**

Families living in the targeted areas shall be voluntarily screened using the Universal Healthy Start/Healthy Families Prenatal Screening tool or the Healthy Families screening tool, for potential eligibility. All families that screen as potentially eligible for services shall be offered the opportunity to participate in a voluntary assessment. Families who are eligible for

Healthy Families are invited to participate in the home visitation program. Families who do not meet the eligibility criteria or are eligible but decline participation or not able to be served due to the project being a capacity, will be referred to other community services as needed.

#### **d. Evaluation**

Healthy Families Miami-Dade participates in the statewide evaluation and Healthy Families Florida Data System. Program Goals, Participant and Process Outcomes and Indicators/Measures are reviewed quarterly, annually and cumulative since inception of the 39 Healthy Families Projects. Indicators for program performance are findings of some indication of child abuse or neglect; up-to-date with immunizations and well-baby check-up at six, twelve and twenty four months of age; family linkage to a medical provider; child developmental assessments completed at specific intervals; individual family support plan completed and reviewed every three months; not subsequent pregnancy within two years of the target child's birth; participant involvement in self-sufficiency activities such as improvement of their educational level, receiving job training or acquiring employment; participant satisfaction with services provided.

A report by Williams, Stern & Associates found that during the period January 1, 1999, through September 30, 2002, for the child abuse and neglect measures, and through August 31, 2004 for the remaining measures:

- 96% of children who participated in Healthy Families Florida for more than six months had no findings of "some indication" or "verified" child maltreatment while still enrolled. The goal is 95 %.
- 98 % of the children have no verified child maltreatment within twelve months following successful program completion. The goal is 95 %.
- 91.3 % of children enrolled in Healthy Families Miami-Dade were fully immunized when they reached age two. The goal is 85 %. It should also be noted that the Healthy Families rate is above the United States immunization rate of 78% and above the Florida health department's rate of 83 %.
- 92.2 % of mothers enrolled in the project did not have a subsequent pregnancy within two years of the target child's birth. The goal is 80 %.
- 98 % of families reported an overall satisfaction with Healthy Families Miami-Dade. The goal is 95 %.
- 99.5 % of parents and target children were linked to a medical provider. The goal is 90 %.

The Children's Home Society Healthy Families serves families in Miami-Dade by partnering with the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, Miami-Dade County Health Department, Medical Providers/Hospitals, Social Service Organizations, and Community Resources. The Healthy Families Miami-Dade is supported & funded by Healthy Families Florida. Children's Home Society Healthy Families Miami-Dade provides services in Homestead and Florida City in partnership with the Family Resource Center. In addition, locally it is also supported and funded by The Alliance for Human Services, Health Foundation of South Florida, Dade Community Foundation and the United Way of Florida.

## **2. Lead Poisoning in Miami-Dade County**

In 2000, a pilot study conducted by FIU faculty, investigated the prevalence of lead poisoning in Miami. Published results in the Miami Herald attracted offers of help from the community as well as the Florida International University (FIU). A non-profit organization, Florida Alliance to Eradicate Childhood Lead Poisoning (FAECLP) was born out this collective concern about the effects of lead poisoning in children. One of its greatest successes thus far has been its Partnership Against Lead (PAL) Project, which is funded through 2007 in part by the Department of Health and Human Services and Health Foundation of South Florida. The initiative targets Liberty City, Little Haiti, Little Havana and Overtown, and aims at working closely with the Miami-Dade County Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, to motivate health care providers to routinely screen Medicaid-eligible children under 6 years of age; establish a partnership among providers, health care professionals, educational institutions and other community organizations and individuals to provide initial and follow-up services to at-risk children; and to educate children so as to decrease lead exposure in residences.

Buoyed by its successes, the group is changing its name to Florida Children's Environmental Health Alliance (FCEHA) to reflect its newly expanded services in the area of environmental health. To that end, FCEHA has expanded its mission to include investigating indoor air quality in schools and in the homes of asthmatic children.

PAL Project aims to increase by 75%, the number of Medicaid-eligible children under 6 years that live in target areas and are screened at least once for lead poisoning by 2007.

The Center for Diseases Control and the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), after further analysis of data from Phase 2 of NHANES III, confirmed that children enrolled in Medicaid face a high-risk for having elevated blood lead levels (BLLs) ( $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). This is estimated at 535,000 children, most of whom are between 1-5 years old (9%) and face three times greater the risk of young children not enrolled in Medicaid (3%) (US GAO, 1998). Medicaid enrollees accounted for 60% of children aged 1-5 years who had BLLs  $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  and 83% of young children with levels  $\geq 20$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  (U.S. GAO, 1999).

Four communities, Liberty City, Little Haiti and Overtown populated predominately by Black residents, and Little Havana, predominantly Hispanic, have been identified as high-risk areas due to factors such as old housing stock, number of children, poverty levels, number of reported lead poisoning cases and low screening rates.

## **3. Starting Early Starting Smart Program**

The mission of the University of Miami Perinatal Chemical Addiction Research and Education (CARE) Program is to improve physical and behavioral health outcomes and parent-child interaction for caregivers of children ages 0 to 3 at-risk due to caregiver substance use and mental health problems. Toward this end, interdisciplinary staff provides need-based, family-centered prevention and early intervention services in collaboration with relevant state, county, and private partners. The Perinatal CARE Program has provided

comprehensive care coordination and parenting services to at-risk families for 15 years. The Perinatal CARE Program provides individual and group parenting skills training and support to at-risk families of children 0 – 5 years old living in high needs areas. Targeted outcomes of intervention include improved parent knowledge of development, demonstration of appropriate parent-child interactions, strengthened feelings of parenting competency, and reduced stress.

The Perinatal CARE Program's services are provided within the context of the Starting Early Starting Smart/Healthy Start Program. They are funded by the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade with support from the Alliance for Human Services. The purpose of the Program is to provide individualized, home-based parenting services. Focused on providing high-risk families integrated services, an interdisciplinary team (psychologists, social worker, mental health counselor, parenting specialists, nurses, and care coordinators) provides services to the target population. Care coordinators establish long-term connections with families to schedule appointments and provide referrals and follow-up. Parenting Specialists conduct parenting interventions during home visits, which has been an extremely effective tool to individualize services for difficult to reach at-risk families. Child abuse prevention and promotion of violence-free home environments are priority. Caregivers are taught to recognize signs of stress that may lead to child abuse, and are helped to develop improved coping strategies. Other program initiatives include engaging caregivers in substance abuse and mental health treatment, involving caregivers in self-sufficiency improvement programs, such as vocational and job training and GED/educational programs, and helping participants comply with WAGES programs, complete necessary WAGES paperwork, pursue job opportunities, and learn to manage the stressors of employment.

#### **4. Teen Parent Program (TAP) – Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

There are several programs for pregnant and parenting teenagers administered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Teenage Parent Program (TAP) is in place at two alternative school sites and every middle and senior high school. The purpose of the TAP program is to provide pregnant and parenting students with uninterrupted learning opportunities. A school counselor or school social worker is designated at every middle and senior high school to assist pregnant or parenting students who make the decision to transfer to one of the alternative education centers, or remain at their home school. The TAP counselors at traditional school sites assist the students with accessing health care, social services, childcare and transportation to school. Students who attend one of the alternative centers receive health, social and ancillary services on site.

Participation in the TAP Program is voluntary and requires parental consent if under 18 years of age. Students may choose to accept TAP services or arrange for their own health care, childcare, transportation and social services and remain in a traditional school setting. When the number of live births to teens (vital statistics) is compared to the number of students receiving services through TAP, the fact that TAP is a voluntary program may be a contributing factor for the low number of students reported receiving services through these programs. More health and social services are needed at all middle and high schools.

**a. Continuing Opportunities for Purpose Education (COPE) Program**

Under the TAP Program, there are two Alternative Education Centers, COPE Center North and Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South. These programs provide alternative settings for pregnant and parenting teenagers to continue their education without interruption in a nurturing and supportive academic environment. In addition to transportation to school for both the mother and child, teenagers attending a COPE Center receive the following on-site services:

- Physical examinations and therapeutic management
- Preconception education for prevention of pregnancy and diseases
- Prenatal and post-partum management
- Parenting education and counseling
- Health maintenance and disease prevention
- Nutrition counseling and WIC Services
- Developmentally appropriate Licensed Child Care (ages 4 weeks – 3 years)
- Immunizations for Teen Parents
- School Physicals
- Well Baby-Checkups and Immunizations
- Acute care for mothers/infants
- Family Planning
- Substance Abuse Education
- Vocational Counseling and Training
- Healthy Start Screening and Case Management

**5. Education Now And Babies Later (ENABL) Program – Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

In May of 1996, the Florida Legislature passed the Work and Gain Economic Self Sufficiency (WAGES) Act with the intent of helping families remain strong and economically self-sufficient with minimal involvement from government. This state law eliminates an entitlement to public assistance and strengthens the state's efforts to reduce the number of teen pregnancies. The Education Now and Babies Later (ENABL) initiative is included in the legislation. ENABL is a primary teen pregnancy prevention initiative consisting of direct education to students and their parents, community education, staff training and program evaluation.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention, implemented the direct education component of the ENABL initiative during the 1996-1997 school year. The Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) Curriculum is used to provide abstinence education to fifth and sixth grade students and their parents. The five-session educational series is taught by Masters level Social Workers and Registered Nurses. The Miami-Dade County Health Department is a collaborative partner in this endeavor.

Selected students enrolled in the ENABL Program, receive individual counseling, group counseling, and case management. The program is evaluated annually by M-DCPS, Office of Research and Evaluation. Since the 1996-1997 school year, approximately 35,000

students have received abstinence education through the ENABL Program. The program is funded by the South Florida Workforce.

## **6. Transportation**

Special Transportation Services (STS) is a shared-ride service of Miami-Dade County in compliance with the service provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). STS provides door-to-door transportation to: a) people with disabilities whose physical or mental disabilities prevent the use of Metrobus, Metrorail, or Metromover; b) people who may be temporarily disabled; or c) people with disabilities visiting from out of town who may be presumed eligible if they have been certified in another ADA jurisdiction or who prove their disability. The door-to-door service provided means transportation from the main entrance of the place of origin to the main entrance of the place of destination. Miami-Dade County has contracted with private transportation carriers to provide STS service. The carriers use mini-vans, sedans, lift-equipped vans, and small buses to transport clients. A wheelchair rider who can safely and independently transfer to a sedan or taxi may be scheduled to ride as an ambulatory passenger.

A limitation of the bus system is the infrequency of the buses for pick-ups; passengers oftentimes must wait long periods for their bus to arrive. When passengers must change buses to take different routes to a certain destination, the waiting times are often multiplied, further compounding the situation. For those who rely on public transit, it may take several hours to arrive at their desired destination. If health care is required, navigating the transit system may be even more difficult and time consuming; and because the individual is not working, result in loss of wages.

Another limitation is physicians' offices or health centers may be located several blocks from designated bus routes. This can make these services difficult to access given the distances to walk, especially during hot and humid periods that can cause additional hardship for the ill or elderly populations. Some centers are, however, conveniently located near Metrorail stations and/or bus stops.

## **C. PROVIDERS**

### **1. Healthy Start Services**

#### **a. Prenatal and Infant Screening**

The Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, Inc. (HSCMD), is responsible for maintaining an informed and active provider network able to improve screening rates. Currently the HSCMD contracts the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) that through its Healthy Start Data Management Office. The MDCHD Healthy Start Data Management Office is responsible for receiving Healthy Start screens from community medical providers, entering the data from the screen (processing the screen) and assigning pregnant women to Healthy Start Contracted Providers (HSCPs). The HSCMD is responsible for monitoring the quality and performance of the risk screen management services provided by the MDCHD



and the distribution or assignment, in terms of establishing the number of clients and assignment parameters, to each of the contracted HSCPs.

**b. Healthy Start Contracted Providers**

Healthy Start services in Miami-Dade County are provided by HSCPs. There are currently fifteen HSCPs serving in the following regions.

**Healthy Start Contracted Provider by Region (As of December 2005)**

<b>Regions</b>	<b>Providers</b>
North Miami-Dade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avanti Support &amp; Services</li> <li>- Borinquen Health Care Center</li> <li>- Catholic Charities</li> <li>- Economic Opportunity Family Health Center</li> <li>- Miami Beach Community Health Center, Inc.</li> <li>- Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership</li> <li>- North Dade Health Center</li> <li>- The Village</li> <li>- University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital NICU</li> <li>- University of Miami Starting Early Starting Smart (SESS)</li> <li>- Victims Services Center</li> <li>- Wellness for Life, Inc. (Nutrition Only)</li> </ul>
Central Miami-Dade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avanti Support &amp; Services</li> <li>- Borinquen Health Care Center</li> <li>- Catholic Charities</li> <li>- Dr. Raphael A. Peñalver Clinic</li> <li>- Miami Beach Community Health Center, Inc.</li> <li>- Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership</li> <li>- The Village</li> <li>- University of Miami, Department of Pediatrics (Nutrition Only)</li> <li>- University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital NICU</li> <li>- University of Miami Starting Early Starting Smart (SESS)</li> <li>- Victims Services Center</li> <li>- Wellness for Life, Inc. (Nutrition Only)</li> </ul>
South Miami-Dade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avanti Support &amp; Services</li> <li>- Borinquen Health Center</li> <li>- Catholic Charities</li> <li>- Community Health of South Dade (CHI)</li> <li>- Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership</li> <li>- University of Miami, Department of Pediatrics (Nutrition Only)</li> <li>- University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital NICU</li> <li>- University of Miami Starting Early Starting Smart (SESS)</li> </ul>

Contracted providers who receive the screens are responsible for contacting each respective woman. At the initial contact, resources available to the participant to offset their risk status

may be discussed and determination made as to whether the participant needs further intervention or simply needs information about community resources.

Participants in need of further intervention are channeled into additional Healthy Start services, depending on the nature of their need. Many clients may need “tracking” for future follow-up, while others may need a thorough initial assessment to determine the full extent of interventions needed to offset their risk. As a result of the initial assessment, some clients may need one or more of the following Healthy Start services: ongoing care coordination, parenting, childbirth, and breastfeeding education, tobacco cessation education, psychosocial counseling and nutritional counseling. If a participant is in need of a service that is not provided or not within the scope of the Healthy Start Program, she is referred to an appropriate provider (outside of HSCMD) for those services. For example, if a woman does not have shelter, Healthy Start Care Coordinators will expend significant time and effort in order to locate appropriate accommodations. This example also applies for referrals to Medicaid, WIC, emergency cash assistance, HIV/AIDS services, immunization clinics, family planning, etc.

## 2. Prenatal Care Providers

The following table consists of the number of prenatal care providers by zip code, as of 2/28/07, that have been identified and verified by Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade staff.

Zip Code	Prenatal Care Providers
33009	1
33010	1
33012	5
33013	2
33014	7
33015	2
33016	7
33021	3
33030	5
33032	2
33034	3
33054	4
33101	7
33125	2
33126	1
33127	1
33128	1
33130	1
33133	14
33134	1
33135	1
33136	6
33139	1
33140	11
33141	5
33142	2
33143	28
33146	5

Zip Code	Prenatal Care Providers
33147	5
33150	7
33153	2
33155	2
33156	5
33157	8
33161	8
33162	5
33165	2
33168	1
33169	6
33173	8
33174	2
33175	5
33176	30
33177	1
33180	4
33185	1
33186	7
33190	3
33312	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>

## 3. Mobile Health Services

Several mobile health units serve the Miami-Dade area as an outreach program to patients who might otherwise forego needed medical assessment and/or treatment. A relatively new addition to the Miami-Dade County Health Department's Immunization Program is the

Jackson Care-A-Van program, implemented in the West Miami-Dade community in January 2004. The purpose of the program was to extend Jackson Health System primary care services into areas of the community that it currently does not serve. The van initially began services in West Dade, specifically Sweetwater and Hialeah. The services were expanded in 2005 to other areas of the County. The Jackson Health System, the largest public hospital in the Southeast, consists of 12 primary care centers; two long-term care nursing facilities; one community hospital; one community diagnostic center; eleven school-based programs; seven clinics in the county's corrections facilities and its centerpiece, Jackson Memorial Hospital, which serves as the major teaching facility for the University of Miami School of Medicine. All segments of the Jackson Health System are dedicated to providing residents of Miami-Dade County access to a consistent, high standard of care regardless of their ability to pay

The "Immunization Van" donated by Tenet South Florida Health System expands the current locations where children can be immunized, as well as makes immunizations more accessible to children who have not received their immunizations as required for school attendance. Occasionally, the van is equipped with influenza and pneumonia vaccines that are made available to adults. The van began providing services to children throughout Miami-Dade County in March 2000.

The March of Dimes, in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, Miami-Dade County and the Children's Services Council, provides free, comprehensive prenatal care, family planning, laboratory and education services to the community through its MOMmobile, a customized motor coach equipped with prenatal medical equipment. The goal of this service is to provide more accessible and available prenatal care to women who may not have the ability to seek care. Family planning services provided include the provision of birth control pills and condoms as well as intrauterine devices (IUD's) and referrals for tubal ligation following delivery. Normal pregnancies are treated throughout the pregnancy and then referred to Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson North Medical Center, Jackson South Community Hospital (formerly Deering Hospital), or a hospital of the patient's choice for delivery. Once identified, high-risk pregnancies are referred to Jackson Memorial's Special Obstetrical Unit.

The University of Miami's Pediatric Mobile Clinic was established in 1992 through a partnership comprised of the University of Miami, the Children's Health Fund and the Health Foundation of South Florida. The program offers services such as primary care, preventive, HIV/AIDS treatment, pharmaceutical, laboratory, vision, mental health, and asthma intervention services. These services are provided free of charge but appointments are required.

The University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Breast Cancer Early Detection/Prevention Program is sponsored by the Health Foundation of South Florida and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program was developed in 1987 to decrease disproportionately high mortality rates from breast cancer in minority women. The unit offers mobile mammography services to underserved women in Miami-Dade County for free or at low cost.

Health on Wheels provides mobile health services including primary care, preventive and dental services to children in Miami-Dade County as part of Miami Children's Hospital's Preventive Medicine Division. The program is comprised of two forty-foot mobile vehicles staffed by board-certified pediatricians, nurse practitioners, nurse assistants and paramedics. The program collaborates with existing community resources including: Head Start, Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center, Dade County Area Health Education Center, YMCA, Centro Mater, Christian Community Center, Miami Bridge Program and Camillus Health Concern to serve nearly all of Miami-Dade County except Key Biscayne and Fisher Island. According to the *Florida Health Insurance Study, Vol. II*, Health on Wheels reported 8,000 patient visits from uninsured children in fiscal year 1998-1999.

Mercy Mobile Services began operating in 1994 as a mobile health van staffed regularly by one part-time Family Nurse Practitioner and other health care providers as needed. The van provides health screenings within Miami-Dade County to populations that have limited access to health care, regardless of their ability to pay. The van also travels regularly to schools within Miami-Dade County providing vision and hearing screenings as well as height and weight measurements and nutritional counseling to students. The van regularly visits Camillus House on the first two Fridays of each month to provide health screenings for the homeless.

The Pro-Salud Medical Center Medical Mobile Unit has been operational since 1992 and is staffed by one physician, one nurse and occasionally by one physician assistant as well. The mobile unit provides primary care, screenings and adult and infant immunizations to programs under the auspices of Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc.

#### 4. Community Health Services

##### a. Jackson Health System, Primary Care Centers

- **CHI Martin Luther King, Jr. Clinica Campesina**

810 W. Mowry Street  
Homestead, Florida 33030  
(305)-248-4334

Hours: M - F, 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Urgent Care Center - 24 hours

- **Community Health of South Dade, Inc.**

10300 S.W. 216th Street  
Miami, Florida 33190  
(305)-253-5100

Hours: M - F, 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Urgent Care Center - 24 hours

- **Dr. Rafael Peñalver Clinic**

971 N.W. 2nd Street  
Miami, Florida 33128  
(305)-545-5180

Monday, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday &  
Friday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- **Jefferson Reaves Sr. Health Center**

1009 N.W. 5th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33136-3212  
(786)-466-4000

Medical and Dental Clinics  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
8 am – 5 pm  
Wednesday 10 am – 6:30 pm

- **Juanita Mann Health Center**

7900 N.W. 27th Avenue  
Northside Shopping Center  
250 East Plaza  
Miami, Florida 33147  
(305)-694-2900

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday 7:30 am – 5 pm  
Tuesday 8:30 am – 6 pm

- **Liberty City Health Services Center**

1320 N.W. 62nd Street  
Miami, Florida 33147

305-835-2200

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Friday 7:30 am – 5 pm  
Thursday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

- **North Dade Health Center**

16555 N.W. 25th Avenue  
Opa-locka, Florida 33054  
(786)-466-1500

Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 8 pm  
Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm

- **North Miami Health Center**

14101 N.W. 8th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33168  
(305)-953-3161

Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm  
Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

- **Rosie Lee Wesley Health Center**

6601 S.W. 62nd Avenue  
South Miami, Florida 33143  
(305)-669-6909

Monday – Thursday 8 am – 8 pm  
Friday 8 am – 5 pm  
Saturday (adults only) 8 am – 4 pm

##### b. Community Mental Health Centers Adults:

- **Bayview Center for Mental Health**

12550 Biscayne Blvd, Suite 919  
North Miami, Florida 33181  
(305) 892-4646

- **Citrus Health Network**

4175 West 20th Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33012  
(305) 825-0300

- **Community Health of South Dade**

10300 SW 216th Street  
Miami, Florida 33190  
(305) 252-4838

- **Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach**

701 Lincoln Road, Suite 200  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

- (305) 531-5341
- **Healthy Connections Community Mental Health Center**  
701 SW 27th Avenue, Suite 604  
Miami, FL 33135  
(305) 646-0112
  - **Miami Behavioral Health Center**  
11031 NE 6th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33161  
(305) 398-6101
  - **Miami Behavioral Health Center**  
3850 W Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33134  
(305) 774-3600
  - **Miami Behavioral Crisis Mobile Team**  
**\*Immediate onsite emergency\***  
(305) 774-3616
  - **New Horizons Community Mental Health Center**  
1313 NW 36th Street, Suite 400  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 635-0366
  - **Public Health Trust of Dade County (Jackson Memorial Hospital)**  
1695 NW 9th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33136  
(305) 355-8234
  - **Public Health Trust of Dade County (Jackson North Community Mental Health Center)**  
20201 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Opa-Locka, Florida 33056  
(305) 628-8981
  - **Switchboard of Miami 24-hour hotline**  
(305) 358-4357
- Pediatrics:**
- **Citrus Health Network**  
4175 W 20th Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33012  
(305) 825-0300
  - **Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center**  
701 Lincoln Road, Suite ME-22  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
(305) 531-5341
- **Healthy Connections Community Mental Health Center**  
701 SW 27th Avenue, Suite 604  
Miami, Florida 33135  
(305) 646-0112
  - **Miami Behavioral Children & Families Services**  
701 SW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 920  
Miami, Florida 33134  
(305) 643-7800
  - **Miami Behavioral Children & Families Services**  
17563-67 South Dixie Highway  
Miami, Florida 33157-5435  
(786) 293-9577
  - **Miami Behavioral Children & Families**  
4469 NW 167th Street  
Miami, Florida 33055  
(305) 621-1455
  - **Miami Behavioral Crisis Mobile Team**  
**\*Immediate onsite emergency\***  
(305) 774-3616
  - **New Horizons Community Mental Health Center**  
1313 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 635-0366
  - **Public Health Trust of Dade County/CHI**  
10300 SW 216th Street, Building 75  
Miami, Florida 33190  
(305) 252-4840
  - **Switchboard of Miami 24-hour hotline**  
(305) 358-4357

**c. Immunizations**  
**Adults (Services are rendered for a fee. Immunization records are required.)**

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**  
**Downtown Center**  
**Clinic # 10**

1350 NW 14th Street  
Miami, Florida 33125  
(305) 324-2438

Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 3:30 pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**

**West Perrine Center**  
18255 Homestead Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157  
(305) 256-6328

Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 4 pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**  
**Senior Project**

Vaccine for senior citizens 65 years and older  
CALL (786) 845-0550 for schedule

**Pediatrics (Services are free for children. Immunization records are required.)**

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**  
**Juanita Mann Center**

7900 NW 27th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33147  
(305) 694-2916

Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**  
**Southside Center**

5798 SW 68th Street  
Miami, Florida 33143  
(305) 663-2068

Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**

**Jefferson Reaves**  
1009 NW 5th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33136

(305) 349-1289

Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri  
8am – 4 pm

Wed 10 am – 5 pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**

**West Perrine Center**  
18255 Homestead Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157  
(305) 256-6328

Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 4 pm

- **Miami-Dade County Health Department**

**Clinica Dr. Rafael Peñalver**  
971 NW 2nd Street  
Miami, Florida 33128  
(305) 545-5180 Ext. 135

Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 4 pm

- **Miami Children’s Hospital**  
**Health on Wheels Van**

CALL (305) 663-6854 for schedule

**d. Refugee Services:**

- **Mobile Health Van/Refugee Services**

240 E 1st Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33010  
(305) 450-1581

- **Refugee Health Assessment**

2742 SW 8th Street  
Miami, Florida 33135  
(305) 643-7300

**e. Women’s Health Services:**

**Women’s Health** – (305) 470-5620

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program** – (305) 470-5634

**Appointment Line** – (786) 845-0350

- **Downtown Clinic**

1350 NW 14th Street, Building 5  
Miami, Florida 33126



- (305) 325-2758
- **Florida City Clinic**  
1600 NW 6th Court  
Florida City, Florida 33034  
(305) 242-2443
  - **Juanita Mann Clinic**  
7900 NW 27th Ave  
Miami, Florida 33147  
(305) 693-2098/99
  - **Quail Roost Clinic**  
12330 Quail Roost Drive  
Miami, Florida 33157  
(305) 278-0310
  - **Mom-Mobile**  
12330 SW Quail Roost Dr.  
Miami, Florida 33177  
(305) 546-2986
  - **West Dade Family Planning Clinic**  
11865 SW 26th Street, Suite G-10  
Miami, Florida 33135  
(305) 225-5955
- f. **Community Health Centers**
- **Borinquen Health Care Center, Inc.**  
3601 Federal Highway  
Miami, Florida 33137  
(305) 576-6611
  - **Everglades Health Center**  
19300 SW 376th Street  
Florida City, Florida 33030  
(305) 246-4607
  - **Families R Us Care Center**  
11865 SW 26th Street, Unit G10  
Miami, Florida 33175  
(305) 559-8333
  - **Flamingo Medical Center**  
901 E 10th Avenue, Bay 39  
Hialeah, Florida 33010  
(305) 887-0004
  - **Helen B. Bentley Family Health Center**  
3090 SW 37th Avenue  
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133  
(305) 447-4950
  - **James E. Scott Center**  
7200 NW 22nd Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 835-8122
- **Jesse Trice Center for Community Health**  
5361 NW 22nd Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 637-6400
  - **Naranja Health Center**  
13805 SW 264th Street  
Naranja, Florida 33030  
(305) 258-6813
  - **Norland Family Health Center**  
18360 NW 7th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33056  
(305) 694-6270
  - **North Center**  
1220 NW 95th Street  
Miami, Florida 33150  
(305) 694-6900
  - **South Dade Health Center**  
13600 SW 312th Street  
Homestead, Florida 33090  
(305) 242-6069
  - **Miami Beach Community Health Center**  
710 Alton Road  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
(305) 538-8835
  - **West Perrine Health Center**  
9970 SW 178th Street  
Perrine, Florida 33157  
(305) 234-7676
- g. **Outreach Primary Care Centers**
- **Camillus Health Concern**  
336 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33128  
(305) 577-4840  
\*Offers primary care to homeless individuals\*
  - **Center for Haitian Studies**  
8260 NE 2nd Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33138  
(305) 757-9555

- **Centro Asistencial Rosario de la Cueva**  
**Corpus Christi Catholic Church**  
730 NW 34th Street  
Miami, Florida 33127  
(305) 635-1335
  - **Good News Health Care Center**  
101 S. Redland Road  
Florida City, Florida 33034  
(305) 246-2844
  - **North Miami Beach Clinic**  
4450 NW 135th Street  
North Miami, Florida 33168  
(305) 303-9240
  - **Open Door Health Center**  
1350 SW 4th Street  
Homestead, Florida 33030  
(305) 246-2400
  - **Saint John Bosco Clinic**  
1301 W Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33135  
(305) 541-5119
  - **Urban Mercy Clinics**  
655 NW 125th Street  
North Miami, Florida 33168  
(305) 681-1050
- h. Domestic Violence Program**
- **Advocates for Victims**  
**North/Safespace**  
(305) 758-2546
    - Shelter for victims of domestic violence
    - Counseling
    - Other support services
    - Information & referrals to community agencies
  - **Advocates for Victims**  
**South/Safespace**  
(305) 247-4249
    - Shelter for victims of domestic violence
    - Counseling
    - Other support services
- Information & referrals to community agencies
  - **Advocate Domestic Violence Unit**  
(305) 704-0200
    - Provides assessment of perpetrators of violence to determine eligibility for Batterers Intervention Program
  - **Domestic Violence Hotline**  
(305) 349-5888
    - Assistance in obtaining injunctions (restraining order)
    - Assistance in obtaining emergency shelter
    - Information & referrals to community agencies
  - **Family & Victim Services**  
(305) 571-7750
    - Counseling services for victims of domestic violence & offenders
    - Multi-lingual counselors
- i. Substance Abuse**
- Adults:**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
299 Alhambra Circle, Suite 309  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
(305) 461-2425  
**\*\*Directory for all meetings\*\***
  - **AGAPE**  
22790 SW 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33170  
(305) 235-2616
  - **Catholic Charities – Saint Luke’s Outpatient Program**  
7707 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33150  
(305) 795-0077
  - **CHI Community Mental Health Center**  
10300 SW 216<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33190  
(305) 252-4838
  - **Comprehensive Treatment Center of South Florida**

4160 West 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 302  
Hialeah, Florida 33012  
(305) 825-7770

- **Miami Behavioral Substance Abuse Outpatient**

3850 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33134  
(305) 442-0223

- **Narcotics Anonymous – North**  
(305) 620-3875

- **Narcotics Anonymous - South**  
(305) 265-9555

- **New Horizons Substance Abuse Outpatient**

1469 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 635-7444

- **Perspectives in Mental Health Homestead**

1452 North Krome Avenue, Suite 103C  
Florida City, Florida 33034  
(305) 663-0013

- **Phoenix Clinic Community Mental Health Center**

13730 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Court  
North Miami, Florida 33168  
(888) 830-3518

- **Spectrum – Dade Outpatient Program**

99 NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 239  
Miami, Florida 33169  
(305) 652-2874

**Pediatrics:**

- **Citrus Health Outpatient Substance Abuse**

4175 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33012  
(305) 825-0300

- **Family Counseling Service**

10651 North Kendall Drive  
Suite 100  
Miami, Florida 33176  
305) 271-9800

- **Improving Lives Community Mental Health Center**

11040 North Kendall Drive  
Suite C-100  
Miami, Florida 33176  
(305) 270-5305

- **Jackson Memorial Hospital Substance Abuse Program**

1695 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33136  
(305) 585-1111

- **Miami Counseling Services**

10378 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33174  
(305) 551-2224

- **Miami Counseling Services**

13780 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Miami, Florida 33175  
(305) 388-7774

- **New Horizons Outpatient Substance Abuse**

1469 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33142  
(305) 635-7444

- **New Vision Community Center**

New Testament Church of God  
10190 SW 168<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33157  
(305) 251-1327

- **Regis House Adolescent Family Empowerment Program**

2010 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33125  
(305) 642-7600

- **University of Miami- CTRADA**

1400 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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(305) 243-5020