

# Transition to Kindergarten Initiative



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) launched the Superintendent's Transition to Kindergarten Initiative during the 2014-2015 school year with a focus on strengthening the bonds between over 1,300 early learning centers/providers and neighboring Title I elementary and PK-8 centers. Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors provide technical assistance and support to all stakeholders involved in the transition of children from privately-owned prekindergarten programs to kindergarten classes at participating M-DCPS schools to help promote kindergarten readiness. The Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors Program has been recognized by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

## Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors Program



**On-site Visits/Contacts** with early learning centers to develop relationships and support increased readiness between M-DCPS and the private sector.

**Transition to Kindergarten Technical Assistance/ Lunch & Learn Sessions** provide guidance and support for early learning centers on best practices for transitioning children and their families into kindergarten.



**Coffee and Conversations** are held between principals and directors to share visions and discuss articulation between M-DCPS and private providers.

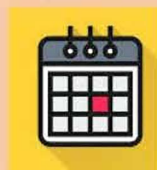
**Field Trips/Virtual Field Trips** are promoted and facilitated for students attending neighboring programs/centers to visit kindergarten classrooms in M-DCPS Title I schools and experience a day in kindergarten.



**Parent Workshops** provide guidance and support for families/guardians to ensure a smooth and positive experience during the transition process.



**Transition to Kindergarten Toolkit** provides elementary and PK-8 centers with intentional resources and activities to be implemented during **Transition to Kindergarten Month** and beyond.



**TTK Parent Summer Toolkit and Calendar** developed to support parents as they work with their rising kindergartener and reinforce early learning skills during the summer.

**Pre-K/Kindergarten Teacher Articulation Meetings** held to share best practices and developmentally appropriate expectations for students transitioning to kindergarten.

