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Parent Career Academy



Congratulations to all of Le Jardin's Parent Career Academy Graduates! On August 16, over 20 Head Start and Early Head Start parents who participated in the Career Academy graduated. Parents in the academy had the opportunity to not only explore different career options but also complete their 45 DCF Hours as well as their National CDAs to become teachers in our program.

Parent Career Academy Graduates each received plaques and certificates in recognition of their efforts and hard work throughout their time in the Career Academy. Their achievements were also celebrated with a delicious dinner.

Le Jardin would like to thank Yovanna Ortega, RN, Investor, and former Le Jardin parent for her captivating and inspirational speech to our graduates. Yovanna, like the parents in the Career Academy, is a testament to the positive impact Early Head Start and Head Start programs have on our community and parents.

Thank you, Yovanna, for taking the time to share your story and for helping our graduates understand that they too have what it takes to overcome adversity.



On behalf of our Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones, we would like to congratulate the participants of Le Jardin's Parent Career Academy on completing their educational goals.

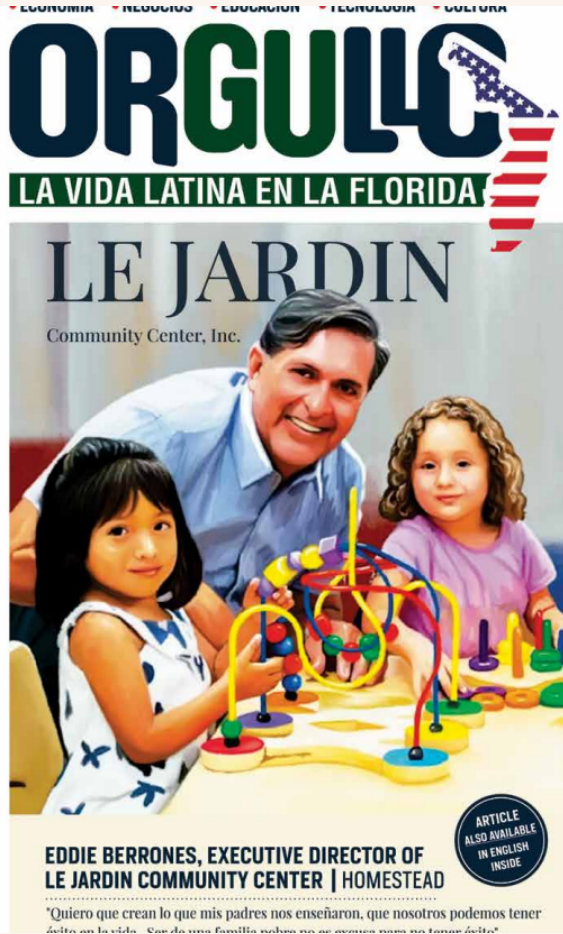
NCDI Infant/Toddler

- 1. Fady Castro Amaya
- 2. Estefani Palacio
- 3. Alcira Lopez Perez
- 4. Maritza Guerrero Martinez

45 DCF Hours

- 1. Madeleyne Tahan Sanabria
- 2. Jazmin Perez
- 3. Yanira Melendez
- 4. Melissa Palomo Garcia
- 5. Mayte Rodriguez





LE JARDIN'S EXECUTE DIRECTOR, EDUARDO BERRONES RECOGNIZED BY ORGULLO NEWSPAPER

The article, written by Brent Provinsky, details Mr. Berrones's life and professional accomplishments. From his family's humble beginnings as farmworkers to becoming the first Mexican-American Councilmember in the City of Homestead, Eddie's resilience, passion, and dedication to helping his community shine through.

To read the full article, available in English and Spanish, please log on to our [website](#) and Under reports and Publications look for the Orgullo Newspaper.



Johnson in the sixties, we were able to serve more families. The Head Start Program was designed to break the cycle of poverty and help families. The program provides children of low-income families with comprehensive services to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs."

BEING PART OF HEAD START, LE JARDIN HAS SOCIAL WORKERS, DIETITIANS, AND TEACHERS. WE HAVE A BOARD THAT IS MADE UP OF PARENTS, WHO HELP US DECIDE THE PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHAT IS MOST NEEDED TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES."

Many of our kids' parents volunteer in the classroom and other positions like the cafeteria. We have a Parents Academy where parents are trained to be assistant teachers. It helps stabilize their families with a secure income. We have 16 parents who will become assistant teachers. Thirty percent of our staff are parents of our children or they were formerly the small kids who have graduated from our programs years ago. The parents are on track to get their high school diploma through a GED program. We have a partnership with Miami Dade Community College and Florida International University."



None thought was impossible, what is your hope for LE JARDIN looking into the future?" "Today we have 9 state-of-the-art centers for LE JARDIN and we own 8 of them, with an estimated value of \$30 million. Our priority has always been to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children in our program."

"We've been successful for many years in helping to raise families out of poverty, to break the cycle of poverty. We must continue that critical mission and having the best trained staff to accomplish that is key to our success. I don't want to see the same families back here again. That way I know we have been successful." "I especially want to see Hispanic and other minority women become empowered. Here at LE JARDIN, we have had many women, who came from poor, really oppressed backgrounds, who have had the courage and determination to become teachers, administrators and achieve other successful careers."

"I hope that continues. I was inspired by my own mother, who came from a poor family in Mexico, without any formal education. Yet she had the courage, wisdom and dignity to know that with hard work a positive self-image and



Operations Officer. Audelia explained, "Eddie taught me that I could achieve great things, I could break the poverty cycle of my family. And my parents instilled in us that I needed to give back to the community. In the 80's I would always help farmworker families with their paperwork for immigration residency."

"At first, I didn't believe in myself that I could get an education and have a professional career, but Eddie inspired me to do it. He believed in me, and encouraged me and motivated me importantly, taught me to believe in myself." – Audelia Martinez

"Now I teach other migrant women to have courage and to have faith in themselves not to be afraid to accomplish so much for themselves and their families. They see today and know that my background is like theirs and I hope I can be a living example to what they can achieve."

Post Script



SCORING GOALS WITH DAD

Thank you to all of the families who joined us today to celebrate Dad! We hope you had a great time ❤️🌻

Thanks to our amazing FCCUSA Coaches for refereeing the game and our families for cheering on our kiddos and dads!

A huge thank you to our volunteers and family workers for organizing the event and helping out during the food drive.

We appreciate you and all of your hard work!



DUAL LANGUAGE LITERACY ACTIVITY

Dual language literacy activities with our amazing partners from Fundacion Cuatro Gatos. Our Early Head Start cuties enjoyed an interactive storytime and created props based on different book characters and animals to wear.

At another Le Jardin Center, our little ones learned the story of "La Tortilla Corredora" (the running omelette) a story inspired by the Gingerbread Man.





WELCOME BACK!



Le Jardin would like to welcome back our Early Head Start and Head Start parents, teachers, and students. We hope our little ones have a wonderful year filled with learning, fun, and friendships!





Mobile Health and Mental Health Buses

In an effort to reduce health disparities in our community and achieve health equity, Le Jardin has partnered with Larking Health System and Healthy Children Homestead Pediatric to provide quality services to Le Jardin families.

Le Jardin's Mobile Health and Wellness Bus looks to facilitate access for Le Jardin families to receive critical services such as physicals, well-baby checks, and any vaccines necessary to bring children up to date as prescribed by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program of Medicaid.

HEALTHY CHILDREN HOMESTEAD PEDIATRIC

Healthy Children Homestead Pediatric Office has been serving the Homestead area for over 10+ years. We strive for the future of our community and will assist in the effort to do such a thing. The Homestead office has and will continue to make children our top priority. The staff at Healthy Children is filled with experienced doctors who devote themselves to providing quality medical care in the field of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.



Address: 2830 NE 8th St,
Homestead, FL 33033
(305) 246-1288



Mobile Health and Mental Health Buses



Dr. Isidro Lopez, MD

Dr. Lopez founded Healthy Children back in 1997 with the sole purpose, of giving back to this community with loving and exceptional care. Dr. Lopez graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in 1989. He then went to Nicklaus Children’s Hospital to complete his residency.



Dr. Carmen Alfonzo, MD

Dr. Alfonzo graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in 1989. She currently provides caring and exceptional service at the homestead location and has been practicing pediatrics for 20+ years. Dr. Alfonzo is affiliated with Baptist Hospital Of Miami and Nicklaus Children’s Hospital and has been giving back to her community for multiple years.

SERVICES OFFERED ON THE MOBILE BUS

- Health Screenings
- Height and Weight
- Vision and Hearing

SERVICES OFFERED FOR LE JARDIN FAMILIES AT HEALTHY CHILDREN HOMESTEAD PEDIATRIC

- Physicals
- Vaccines
- Hemoglobin
- Lead Poisoning
- Same-Day Sick Visits (Call for Appointment)

MOBILE BUS HOURS



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

INSURANCE ACCEPTED

- **Simply Health**
- **Sunshine**

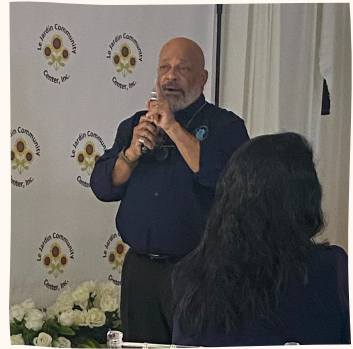
Through Healthy Children Pediatrics, Le Jardin parents will have:

- ✓ Access to same-day services if their child has a Health alert.
- ✓ Extended Hours on some Fridays and Saturdays.



Le Jardin EHS Preservice

Le Jardin's Early Head Start teachers and staff gathered for pre-service training to kick off the 2023-2024 school year. Key training from HR, IT, Mental Health/Disability, and DCF was provided to ensure quality services are rendered daily to the children and families we serve.



RECOGNIZING OUR STAFF



EARLY HEAD START

- Early Head Start Teacher of the Year-- Maria Echeverria
- ERSEA Worker of the Year--Jennifer Rosado
- Early Head Start Maintenance Technician of the Year-- Armando Morales
- Early Head Start Manager of the Year-- Cruz Dytren
- Early Head Start Family Worker of the Year-- Dianelis Mollinedo
- Early Head Start Cook Aide of the Year-- Maria Hernandez
- Early Head Start Health/Nutrition Worker of the Year-- Angelica Vazquez
- Early Head Start Mental Health/Disability Worker of the Year-- Nahomy Peluyera



HEAD START

- Head Start Teacher of the Year-- Anthony Williams
- Head Start Teacher Assistant of the Year-- Nancy Rizo
- Head Start Family Worker of the Year-- Mercedes Hernandez Guerra
- Head Start Cook Aide of the Year-- Mayra Vidal
- Head Start Mental Health/Disability Worker of the Year-- Any Perez
- Head Start Health/Nutrition Worker of the Year-- Idalmis Barrios
- Head Start Manager of the Year-- Monica Mills
- Head Start Maintenance Technician of the Year- Jose Galeas

FA1 MONITORING REVIEW

Le Jardin Managers and staff were recognized for their outstanding performance during our FA1 monitoring.

Congratulations to Julissa Estrada, Maylei Matos, Monica Bolivar, Maria Motta, Heather Duenas, Danelis Mollinedo, Susana Salinas, Zuilan Navarrete, Eliett Cortes, Jennifer Luna, Kassandra Couch.



LE JARDIN EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Le Jardin's teachers and staff are always striving for greatness. Congratulations to all of these amazing ladies on their accomplishments!



NCDA



Certificate of Appreciation



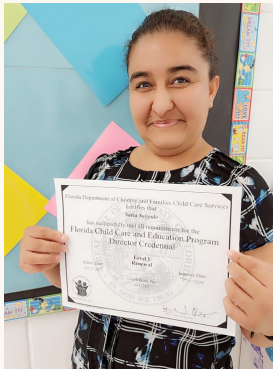
Director's Credential



NCDA & 18 Early Childhood Credits



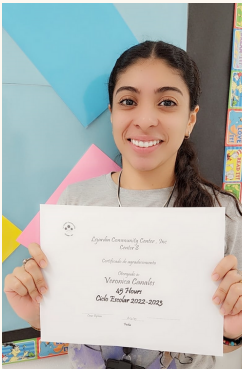
NCDA



Director's Credential



NCDA



45 Hours



45 Hours



Trauma-informed Care for Directors

PARENTING CORNER

The Parenting Program will be hosting two cohorts in October! Parents will learn a variety of strategies to help make parenting easier. With the guidance of our Facilitator, you will learn why your children might behave the way they do, how to help them develop through positive relationships, and how to manage their misbehaviors.

OCTUBRE 3-NOVIEMBRE 21
ESPAÑOL

OCTOBER 5-NOVEMBER 22
ENGLISH

We hope that you will join us this summer and begin to increase your confidence in raising children. To enroll, call **786.876.4853!**

No matter what stage your child is in, preparing and adjusting to change can bring up a variety of challenging moments. Triple P – Positive Parenting Program gives parents/caregivers a variety of ways to help their child(ren) become accustomed to these big milestones and help keep stress to a minimum.

School-age children

Be as ready as you can for ups and downs, listen and praise them when things go well. When they see you feeling calm and confident, it can help them feel similar. ▶

Tweens and teens

It can feel hard to listen without wanting to fix their problems. Take time to understand and talk. Teens thrive on predictability - help them with systems to stay organised. And make time for fun! ▶

Babies and toddlers

Routines, familiar faces and places help them feel safe and secure. Short play dates, practising new routines and being prepared can help them (and you!) adjust. ▶

How to support your child through big milestones

At every age and stage ▶

