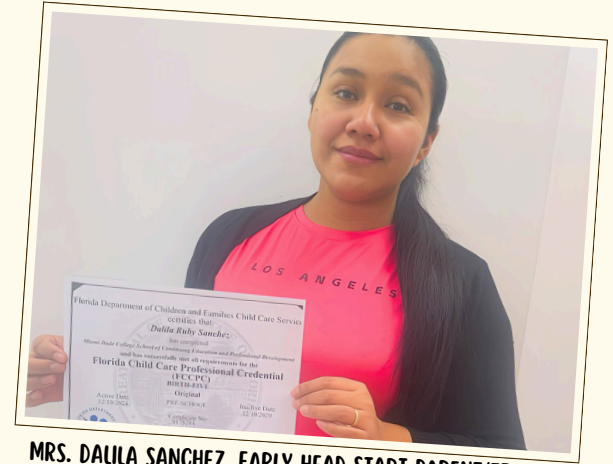


STORIES OF IMPACT



When a parent enrolled in Le Jardin's prenatal program faced overwhelming challenges, the organization stepped in to support her and her children. After her husband was deported, she was left alone to care for their three children and a newborn. Understanding her urgent needs, the Family Worker connected her with Human Resources and the Health/Nutrition Coordinator, leading to an interview opportunity. She was soon hired as a Cook Aide, providing much-needed financial stability.

Determined to build a better future, she completed the Department of Children and Families' 45-hour training and is now pursuing her National Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in Infant and Toddler care. With her sights set on becoming a full-time Infant and Toddler teacher, she remains committed to her professional growth. Her journey is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of community support.



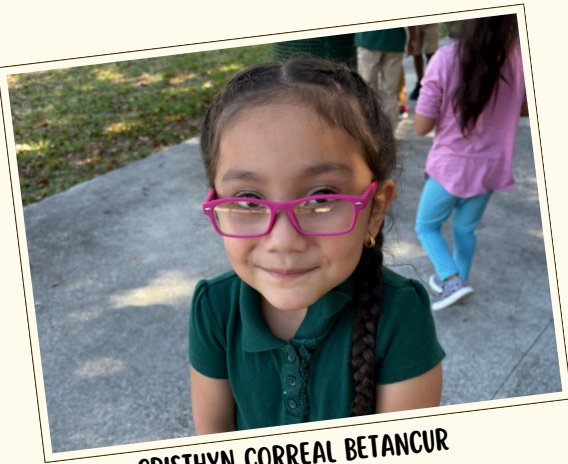
MRS. DALILA SANCHEZ, EARLY HEAD START PARENT/TEACHER

A teacher noticed a child struggling to fully engage in classroom activities and grew concerned that vision issues might be the cause. Wanting to support the child's success, the teacher met with the parent, who shared the same concerns but faced barriers to seeking help, including a lack of insurance and transportation.

Determined to find a solution, the teacher and Health Coordinator connected the family with the Lions Club and Florida Heiken, which are valued community partners. Thanks to this collaboration, the child received a comprehensive vision exam and was provided with prescription glasses—all at no cost to the family.

"Thanks to Le Jardin's support and their partnership with Lions Club/Florida Heiken, my daughter was able to receive a free vision screening and a pair of glasses. This program allowed her to address her vision issues—something I could not have afforded on my own," Cristhyn's mom stated.

Today, the child is thriving in the classroom, actively participating and reaching new milestones. This story is a testament to the power of advocacy, partnership, and the life-changing impact of early intervention.



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During her initial Family Assessment Questionnaire, a parent shared her aspiration to earn a certification in the medical field. While she was unsure of a specific career path, she was determined to enhance her employment prospects.

Recognizing her ambition, the Family Worker reached out to a local partner, Miami Dade College, to explore available programs and their requirements. After careful consideration of her options, the parent chose to pursue a certification in Phlebotomy. With the Family Worker's support, she navigated the financial aid process and successfully transferred her transcripts.

Today, she has already achieved her CPR/First Aid certification and is actively working toward completing her Phlebotomy certification. Her journey reflects the power of determination, guidance, and community support in transforming aspirations into reality.



HEAD START CLASSROOM ACTIVITY WITH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER