

MIAMI CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE
PROJECT PROMISE AND GROWING LEARNERS REPORT
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Period covered:

JULY 1 – August 31, 2017





Program Overview

Growing Learners is a program dedicated to children 3 -5 years old. Developed and supported by Miami-Dade Public Schools and MCI, it began in Charles R. Drew Elementary School. The program has as its goal to prepare preschoolers for kindergarten through exposure to an enriched curriculum that addresses social, emotional, and cognitive and literacy development. Through daily experiences that provide fun in learning through a play-oriented curriculum, children have had the exposure to fun-filled experiences in the community and at school that has helped integrate skills across the curriculum with field trips, music and art and classroom work.

Project Promise is a free afterschool program also located at Charles R. Drew Elementary School that provides students in grades K-5 academic and personal enrichment services including academic remediation, homework assistance, tutoring, mentoring, Project Based Learning, social skills training, arts education, and physical fitness.

July 2017

Summer Program attendance numbers	
Growing Learners	Project Promise
120	150

Summer Camp

During July the programs students were giving the opportunity to learn about different cultures, by visiting the Miccosukee Indian Village. During the visit the children learned about woodcarving, patchwork, beadwork, basket weaving and doll making. They also took airboat rides through the everglades and learned about the Florida Alligator and watch as the tribal members demonstrated the proper way to wrestle an alligator.

The children also participated in a 8 week water safety learn to swim program through MCI's partnership with Bannerman Swimming pool. The partnership was formed to help decrease the number of accidental drowning by teaching our children the proper swimming techniques.

MCI's also partnered with Arts for Learning which is a program that enable our children to how to play different musical instruments such as drums, bells, and they also learned to make music with items they see in their home. The children really enjoyed the lessons. The highlight of the program was the end of the summer Arts for learning talent



show. During the talent show the children were able to perform in front of their family members and show them all what they had learned. The talent is another tool that MCI uses to bring families closer and give the parents an opportunity to come out and support their children which leads to a stronger parent and child bond.

MCI partnered with Home Depot to bring "Kids Workshop" to our children. The Kids Workshop gave the children an opportunity to learn how to Tic-Tac toe game boxes, jewelry boxes and key chains holders for their parents. The children were taught how to use a screw driver, hammer and nails. They also learned how to use paint and were educated on which paint is best for wood and brick.

The end of summer was capped off with a Barbeque and "Color wars" game where all of the children were placed on different team based on the color they painted their tie-dye shirts the first day of summer camp. The goal the children learn how to work as a team for one common goal. The older kids had to coach and encourage the younger ones in order for them to complete each given task. The teams had to build Trojan horses, compete at Soap box car races, Tug a War, and relay races. The Color wars was a great way to end the summer, the children's families came out and cheered for their children and enjoyed the barbeque.

August - Afterschool 2017

In preparation for the Afterschool program; we prepared our team for a full week intensive training. The training topics include; classroom management, DCF regulations, SPARKS, Managing Challenging Behavior in the Education Setting, Documentation and Data and so many more.

We started the fall after school program on August 21, 2017.

August 2017

Fall Program attendance numbers	
Growing Learners	Project Promise
45	130