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**Early Childhood Program Eco-Healthy Child Care**

**MIRAMAR** - The City of Miramar is proud to announce that all four Early Childhood Programs have been recognized as "Eco Healthy Child Care Centers". The Eco-Healthy Child Care (EHCC) program is a nationally-recognized program that awards outstanding commitment to protecting children from environmental health risks. All of the centers completed a comprehensive study to become one of only a handful of child care facilities in the county that can boast such an accomplishment.

It's well documented that many illnesses (e.g., asthma, birth defects, learning disabilities, neurological problems and some childhood cancers) are linked to pollution and products we use everyday. Children are particularly at risk because their bodies and organs are still developing and they have natural habits, such as hand to mouth behavior and crawling on the floor, that increase their exposure to toxins. Many environmentally-related illnesses have grown at an alarming rate in recent years and are of unique concern to EHCC because they are preventable.

The City of Miramar Early Childhood Programs are offered at the following locations:

**Vicki Coceano Youth Center**

2001 Douglas Road  
954-437-0415

**Sunset Lakes**

2801 SW 186<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
954-602-3360

**Miramar Civic Center**

6920 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
954-963-6683

**Silver Shores**

15700 Pembroke Road  
954-442-4030

The City of Miramar Early Childhood Program provides our community with secure, supervised, learning and play for children. Cooperative play and developmentally appropriate activities are provided which enable every child a positive learning experience. Our programs are licensed by the Bureau of Children and Family Services, Child Care Licensing and Enforcement Division. The Early Childhood Program is a proud recipient of the Gold Seal of Excellence for providing quality childcare.