

FFCR Review Specialist appointed to Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Policy Council



FFCR is delighted to announce that our very own Review Specialist, Melissa Martínez-Esteve, MSW, has been appointed to the Policy Council of the United Way of Miami-Dade [Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership](#). The partnership, funded through a grant to the [United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education](#), works with 17 early care and education sites across Miami-Dade to enrich the quality of their programming and achieve successful transitions through kindergarten. The Policy Council is the Partnership's governing body.

"I look forward to being part of this effort to elevate the quality of early care and education in Miami-Dade," said Melissa. "This is an opportunity to make high-quality care and education accessible to more children in our community. It's the type of initiative that can result in lasting change."

Melissa brings to this appointment not only her experience as Review Specialist with FFCR's Citizen Review Panel Program, but also six previous years with the State of Florida Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program for the 11th Judicial Circuit Court and seven years of clinical experience in case management, counseling, and group facilitation with children and their families. Melissa, who was born and raised in Curaçao, earned an MSW from Florida International University and speaks multiple languages.

We're confident that Melissa's participation on the Policy Council will help ensure the program meets the needs of the children and families served. Congratulations, Melissa!