



KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPEC FIRST FRIENDS® AND TRADITIONAL PRESCHOOL

SPEC First Friends® is an early development learning program that is different and unique from traditional preschool programs because it offers a solid research based formula which is:

INTENSITY + AN INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLAN + A GOAL DRIVEN TEAM APPROACH = MAXIMUM RESULTS

If your child is between the ages of 3-5 and has speech and language delays, attention difficulties, communication limitations or other developmental delays, SPEC First Friends® Early Developmental Learning Program is an opportunity to address these issues specifically and individually.

TRADITIONAL PRESCHOOL

- One set curriculum that is applied to the entire class regardless of the child's individual development or learning style.
- Mostly geared towards creating an optimum learning environment for children that are meeting developmental milestones.
- 10:1 average Student-Adult Ratio
- 1 Teacher and 1 teaching assistant. Often less than a 2 year certification in early education will meet teaching requirement.
- No on-site Speech-Language Therapy or Occupational Therapy.
- Not necessarily bilingual.
- No specialized training with children with special needs.
- Limited experience in developmental delays.
- Limited built-in time to dedicate individual attention to each child.
- 50% of the time focused on child care component.
- Provides after care services.

SPEC FIRST FRIENDS® PROGRAM

- Each child is evaluated by a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist that will identify the child's individual needs and establish specific developmental goals. The curriculum is then created to meet the the child's individual development or learning style.
- 4:1 Student-Teacher Ratio. Classroom teachers have a minimum 4 year degree in specialized area of development.
- 1 on 1 Speech-Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy integrated within program hours.
- Specialized training with children with special needs and developmental delays.
- Program hours are 9:00-1:00pm, Monday – Friday, or after school program 3:00-5:00pm Monday – Thursday. Child care is not available.
- 20 weekly hours (AM) or 8 weekly hours (PM) of intense guided instruction to meet child's individual developmental goals.
- Fully bilingual in Spanish and English.
- 100% individual attention to the child.
- Established and run by Millie Martinez-Suarez, MS, CCC, over 25 years clinical experience in Speech-Language Therapy working with children.
- Only holistic program of its kind in Miami-Dade County, using an intense, therapeutic educational model.
- Spec First Friends® is designed to prepare and transition children with developmental delays for future success in school and in life.

Please Call to Schedule a Visit and Learn More About our Program

TEL: (305) 266-5353

8590 S.W. 40th St. Miami, FL 33155

"Open a Window of Opportunity for Your Child."

*Exclusively A Private Pay Program. Therapies may be covered by insurance at SPEC facility only.