

# CONNECTIONS

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## Appreciating Providers

Together with our early learning coalition partners, we are proud to honor Florida's exemplary early learning providers during Provider Appreciation Day 2009. Delivering high-quality early learning services is an important way to ensure the future success and prosperity of our children and our communities. In Florida we are fortunate to have a dynamic early learning system that is strong and that is constantly improving because of our many dedicated partners throughout the state. Without a doubt, the most meaningful contributors of this system are the thousands of providers who offer quality care and early learning experiences to children every day.

Your commitment to excellence, passion for teaching and dedication to fostering healthy child development shows—in every book you select to read to children, in every activity you plan, and in every exchange you have with the children and families in your care. The day-to-day service of early learning providers creates countless opportunities for Florida's children, and we celebrate your efforts and contributions on Provider Appreciation Day and throughout the year.

This special issue of Connections is dedicated to you, our early learning service providers in recognition of your essential role in the lives of children and families.



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