

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Bilingual Parent Outreach Program



Topics for the 2008-2009 School Year

Month	Topic	Synopsis
<u>September</u> (K-12)	What are the Benefits to Immigrant Children Participating in the M-DCPS Bilingual Programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn about the District's various Bilingual Education programs. ❖ Understand why it is important for children who are English Language Learners (ELLs) to participate in Bilingual Education programs. ❖ Learn why and how to be an advocate for your child through involvement in the Parent Leadership Council (PLC).
(Adult Centers)	Employment Paths to Follow for Recent and Newly-Arrived Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand which employment path to seek, based on the level of education you completed in your country - from having no formal education, to having a high school diploma, to having had a professional occupation as a university graduate. ❖ Identify accredited vocational/technical programs available in M-DCPS. ❖ Understand your rights to enroll in vocational education classes. ❖ Learn how to secure validation of credits/degrees from foreign countries.
<u>October</u> (K-12)	Techniques to Motivate Your Child to Achieve Higher Levels of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn reading, studying, and test-taking tips that will help your child. ❖ Identify distractions in your home, and learn how to remove them. ❖ Identify ways to help your child develop a good homework routine. ❖ Understand your child's learning style to guide you how to best motivate him/her.
(Adult Centers)	Establishing Good Credit for Your Future and Business Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn why it is vital to have good credit in the United States. ❖ Learn how to start and maintain good credit. ❖ Learn how your credit is evaluated, and how to review and correct errors in your credit report. ❖ Discover financing alternatives to build credit for you and/or your small business.
<u>November</u> (K-12)	Using Effective Discipline and Communication Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn effective discipline techniques to use with your child. ❖ Learn how to establish and maintain open communication with your child. ❖ Understand the importance of creating positive self-esteem in your child.
(Adult Centers)	Money Management and Income Tax Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand the basic income tax laws in the USA. ❖ Learn how to complete and submit an income tax form. ❖ Learn about the benefits of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). ❖ Know where to seek local resources available to assist you with your tax preparation.

Month	Topic	Synopsis
January (K-12)	Understanding Your Teenagers, and How to Keep Them Out of Trouble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand what emotional growth and cognitive development to expect. ❖ Understand what "normal" behavior is for teens, and how to effectively deal with their needs and wants. ❖ Learn to recognize the signs of a serious problem. ❖ Discover when and where to seek help for your teen, if needed.
(Adult Centers)	Fighting Back Against Identity Theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn what identity theft is, and how to avoid it (DETER). ❖ Learn the signs of identity theft (DETECT). ❖ Learn what to do if you become a victim to identity theft (DEFEND).
February (K-12) and (Adult Centers)	Local Organizations that Provide Assistance to Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identify local resources where you can go to for assistance, including: employment, pregnancy, transportation, ❖ Learn about the services offered to immigrants at Jackson Health System and county health providers.
March (K-12) and (Adult Centers)	Immigration Laws and Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand immigration laws and immigration issues of general interest. ❖ Learn the different paths to secure permanent resident status in the U.S. ❖ Know your rights and responsibilities under the law! ❖ Learn the benefits to becoming an American citizen. ❖ Learn the steps required to file a Naturalization Application.
April (K-12)	Understanding the Impact that the Media has on Children and Adolescents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand the link between televised violence and aggressive behavior. ❖ Be aware of media ratings and blocking devices. ❖ Find out why video games may be dangerous to your child. ❖ Learn how to be media literate, and how to set up enforceable guidelines.
(Adult Centers)	Coping with Depression, and Anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand the causes and symptoms of anxiety. ❖ Discover how depression and anxiety are related. ❖ Learn the warning signs of depression. ❖ Learn how to manage stress and anxiety.
May (K-12)	Summer Budgeting, Recreational Programs, and Safety Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn how to save money for summer activities. ❖ Learn simple ways to reduce your expenses. ❖ Become familiar with Miami-Dade County Parks & Recreation programs. ❖ Be reminded of important safety tips for hot summer months.
(Adult Centers)	Role-Modeling, and Age-specific Conflict Resolution Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understand the best lesson you can teach is the example you set for others. ❖ Learn how to prevent conflict and avoid violence in various situations. ❖ Learn how to resolve problems peacefully, and how to promote self respect. ❖ Learn strategies to help you control your anger and avoid confrontations. ❖ Learn how to use well-developed reasoning skills to resolve conflicts, depending on the age and maturity level of the person you are dealing with.
June (Adult Centers)	Overview of the Constitution of the United States of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Learn a brief history of the document ❖ Become familiar with the political structure in the United States. ❖ Gain an understanding of how laws are made and enacted.