

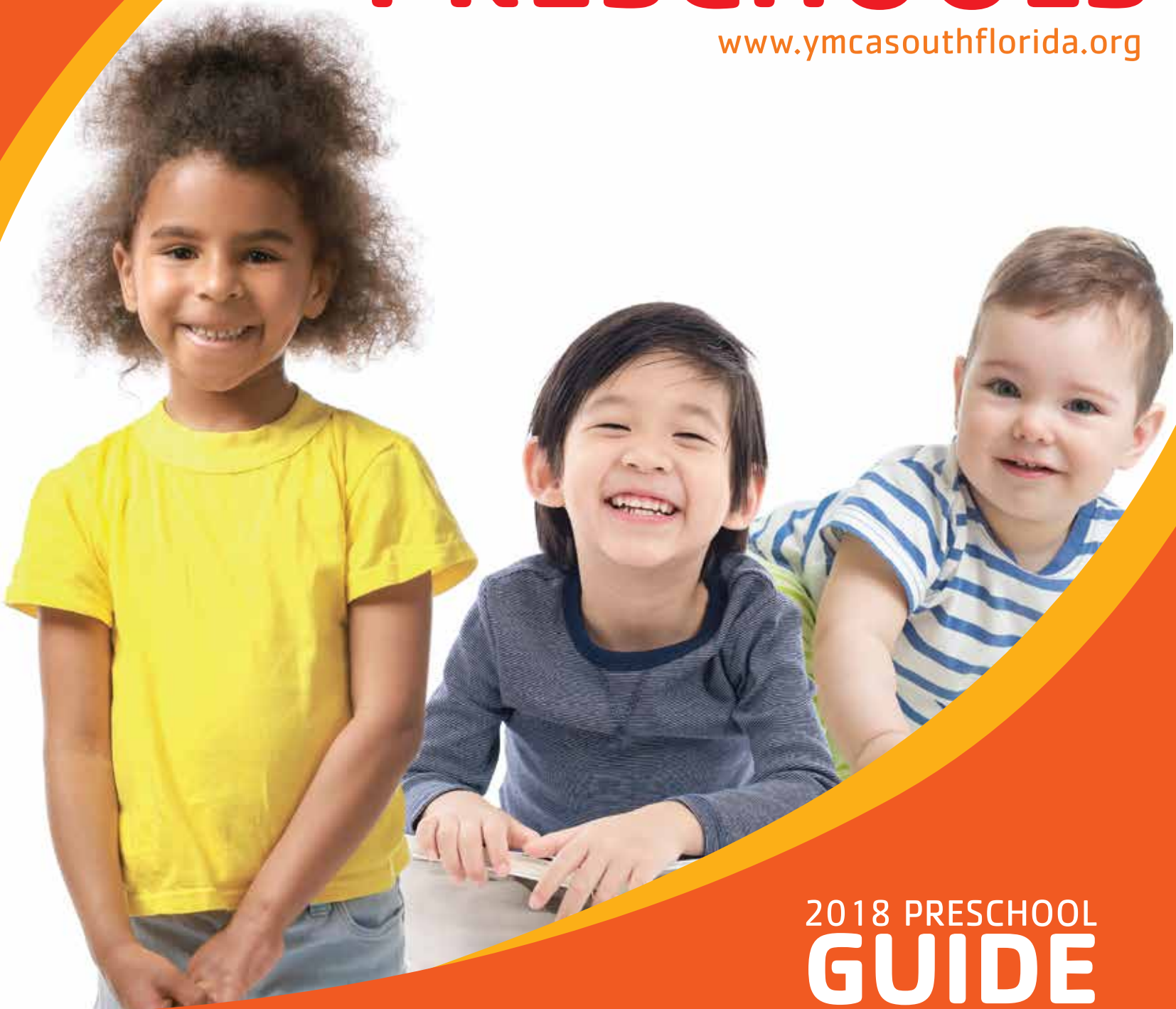


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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

PRESCHOOLS

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2018 PRESCHOOL
GUIDE



LOCATIONS

**Greater Hollywood
YMCA Family Center: Preschool**
3161 Taft St.
Hollywood, FL 33021
Phone: 954-989-9622
45450

**Homestead
YMCA Preschool**
1034 NE 8 Street
Homestead, FL 33030
Phone: 305-247-0393
C11MD0137

**Village of Allapattah
YMCA Preschool**
2370 NW 17 Ave, Suite 100
Miami, FL 33142
Phone: 786-422-7504
C11MD1791

OUR PARTNERS





CURRICULUM & ACCREDITATION

Children are like sponges – they watch and absorb knowledge, skills and values from everything and everyone around them. At the Y, we believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for quality of life and future success. We strongly believe in “PLAY.” Play is essential for children to learn. During play, children are free to choose, observe, explore, create and learn. It is also important for the child’s development to have structured activities such

as music, circle time, story time and nutritious meals. At the YMCA Preschool, we implement Creative Curriculum, which supports learning through play and developmentally appropriate activities that foster social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical development. The curriculum identifies skills and concepts important for preschool children to acquire in each area: literacy, math, science, social studies, technology and the arts. Skills and concepts are introduced

to the children with learning centers. At the YMCA, we are committed to continually raising our standards for the care and education of your child. Accreditation is an essential quality initiative for early education and childcare. At participating locations, the focus of accrediting bodies is to recognize and promote “best practices” in early childhood settings. The YMCA participates with Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment (APPLE).

CHILD CARE EDUCATORS

The Y Child Care program is successful because of the extraordinary people who make it all happen each day. All staff members meet or exceed state licensing guidelines and follow our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

SAFETY

Your child's safety and security is our top priority. We take every precaution to insure safety for your child, including:

- Secure entry
- Licensing visits
- Fenced and enclosed playgrounds

PARENT PARTICIPATION

We encourage our parents to participate in our Child Care programs whenever possible. You are welcome to visit anytime as we have an open door policy. You can join us as guest readers or speakers in the classroom and so much more. Talk with the program director at your location for details.



OFFERINGS

- **SWIM LESSONS**
- **DANCE ENRICHMENT**
- **YFIT**
- **KARATE ENRICHMENT**
- **SOCCER ENRICHMENT**
- **SIGN LANGUAGE**
- **TINY TOTS**
- **GYMNASTICS**
- **USDA FEDERAL FOOD PROGRAM**
- **VPK**



Apple Accreditation all
Miami based preschools

*At participating locations



PARENT TESTIMONIALS



“ Good teachers are a rare breed. They are knowledgeable, patient, enthusiastic and kind. Thank you for having excellent educators! We appreciate their time, patience, their ability to make a dry subject interesting, the dynamic way they deliver lessons, encouraging participation, so many fun activities and programs, most of all their smiles. We’re pleased that our daughter/granddaughter is learning so much. ”

-Grandparent



“ I’ve had the honor and opportunity to put both my kids through the YMCA Preschool. My daughter Athena started since she was a year old and fit right in the one big family that we all are. The feeling of belonging is impeccable. The teachers and staff has enriched her learning and intelligence in so many ways, and challenge her as well. Both my kids look up to the staff as a role models and continue to give them that warm felling of affection as they would from any family member. The Y has impacted my daughter, my son and family in such a positive way, and we will value that for life. ”

-Parent



“ My name is Blanca Lidia Hernandez and I’m Jasary Olivia’s Mother. As a very careful parent, I can tell you that I’m more than thankful for allowing my daughter and me to be part of the Y family. Jazary started at the preschool since she was 14 months old, and she is now ready for VPK. I have seen a positive improvement in my child’s learning, discipline, and behavior. The staff cares for her and the children in general. I thank God every day for a place like the Y which to me is special because the teachers, Directors and administrative staff are caring and are always willing to give more to the children and the parents as well. ”

-Blanca

VALUE SURVEY

(Use this as a guide as you move to make the best possible decision for your child/ren.)

	YMCA	Option 1	Option2
Does the program have a state license?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the program accredited by a national, regional, or state accreditation entity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do the Teachers have certification in early childhood education?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the room have separate learning centers (reading, art, dramatic play, writing, blocks, etc.) with interesting equipment and materials to encourage learning?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the class follow a daily routine that offers a variety of activities throughout the day? (i.e. art, make-believe play, outside play, reading, and science activities)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do children have outdoor unstructured playtime everyday, except when the weather is extreme?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are parents welcome to drop in without making an appointment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the school have a number of ways for the parent(s) to be involved and help their child at home? (i.e. a school newsletter, classroom volunteers, daily events, book or toy lending library)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you feel welcome?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are the teachers warm and caring with the children?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do the children appear to be happy and engaged in activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the classroom have a library with a variety of books and other reading materials?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are the furniture, playground equipment, and toys age appropriate, clean, and in good condition?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



BECOME A YMCA MEMBER!

The Y offers programs from aquatics to youth sports to group exercise classes where adults, children and families alike can reach their goals and spend quality time together.

JOIN THE Y TODAY!

YMCA Membership includes*:

- Full access to all **9 YMCA locations** in Broward and Miami-Dade counties
- **No Contracts**
- **3 FREE one-on-one** healthy living orientations with fitness specialist
- Over **100 group fitness classes**, including Yoga, Zumba® and so much more
- Up to **2 hours of FREE child care** while you work out

* Excludes school-based locations.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE.

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