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BEST LOCAL NONPROFIT UNITED WAY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Started by visionaries at Miami's United Way and local early childhood education advocates, the Center will finish its first year of operation in January 2008. The enormous facility is designed to be an ideal fit for youngsters, with knee-high sinks, simulated living room classrooms and a tiny theater for budding artists. And not only is the Center a paradise for preschoolers, but it's also a haven for adults devoted to improving education for tiny tots. Teachers and researchers are able to peer into classes being conducted with the most progressive methods yet and take the knowledge back to their schools. Imagine Michael Keaton in *Multiplicity*, but with shiny, happy children. The possibilities are endless. **Location:** 3250 SW 3rd Ave., Miami. **Phone:** 305-631-7600. **Web site:** www.united-waymiami.org/centerforexcellence.asp