



## From the Playroom

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! As I walked into my own son's school this summer and felt the buzz of excitement from teachers, administrators, and students, I thought, "It is going to be a great year!" As we continue our partnership with districts, this fall edition of ***From the Playroom*** includes the following:

- Planning for a Successful Year
- What's Great in Our State: A guest contribution from South Florida. Read about their successes!
- New Changes to the Teacher Child Rating Scale: An introduction to the T-CRS 3.1
- Primary Project Research: RCT Analysis
- Bringing the Lessons Home: Showing up for children
- Primary Project Proud
- Nationally Certified Sites

**Read on about how to plan for a successful year**

### What's Great In Our State: Greetings from South Florida!

I have the honor of providing program coordination and supervising child associates for Primary Project in South Florida. Our program is



a bit different from most programs, as [Boys Town South Florida](#) is an outside agency that is contracted through the Palm Beach County School District. Our funder, Children Services Council of Palm Beach County,

allows Primary Project to be offered in 12 local elementary schools. Having established strong partnerships with both the school district and Children's Services Council, programs have remained stable and consistent for over 20 years.

**Learn more from the Director of Primary Project at Boys Town South Florida**

## New and Improved: Introducing the T-CRS 3.1

Schools will begin using the updated version of the Teacher Child Rating Scale T-CRS 3.1 this fall.

**Read more about the T-CRS 3.1**

## Primary Project Research: RCT Analysis

The research team at Children's Institute has been working hard to advance Primary Project research. Read the summary about recent analysis from our Randomized Clinical Trial (RCT), a three-year study looking at the effectiveness of Primary Project. Currently, a manuscript is under development and will be submitted to a peer review journal soon. Stay tuned!

**Read the summary here**

## Bringing the Lessons Home



**BRINGING THE LESSONS HOME**  
*for Families and Caregivers*



In Primary Project and everyday parenting, we believe in the simple yet powerful concept of “showing up” or being fully present for children.

Primary Project emphasizes the power of relationships between young children and caring adults in the school setting. For students who participate in the program, relationships are built on trust. Child associates build trust by demonstrating consistency, reliability, and warmth. Through weekly sessions, child associates show up for students on their scheduled day and time, week after week, over the course of 12-15 weeks. When adults are reliably present when they say they will be, children feel truly cared for.

**[Bringing the Lessons Home - English](#)**  
**[Bringing the Lessons Home - Spanish](#)**

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## Primary Project Proud

Do you have a team member that goes above and beyond? Does your team do something that you think is worth sharing far and wide? Do you have something that you want to share with other Primary Project programs?

Primary Project Proud is a way that programs across the country can celebrate successes and highlight their accomplishments. Interested programs can complete the brief form to submit. Consider complementing your nomination with a photo!

**Share your Primary Project Proud story here!**

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## Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Nationally Certified Schools

### **FLORIDA**

**Boys Town South Florida (School District  
of Palm Beach County)**  
Barton Elementary School

Freedom Shores Elementary School  
Greenacres Elementary School  
Highland Elementary School  
J.C. Mitchell Elementary School

## **NEW YORK**

**East Rochester Central School District**  
East Rochester Elementary School

**East Syracuse Minoa Central School District**  
Woodland Elementary School

**Franklinville Central School**  
Franklinville Elementary School

**Greece Central School District**  
Greece Community Early Learning Center  
Longridge Elementary School  
Pine Brook Elementary School

**Lake Placid Central School District**  
Lake Placid Elementary School

**Northern Adirondack Central School District**  
Northern Adirondack Elementary School

**Rochester City School District (RCSD)**  
The Children's School of Rochester No. 15  
Audubon School No. 33  
Abelard Reynolds School No. 42  
World of Inquiry School No. 58



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