

Ana Sejeck

Ana Sejeck has been with The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation since 1999. She serves as its chief operations officer. The foundation's work focuses on providing parents and caregivers with information and supports so children are ready for first grade. The foundation also raises awareness with parents and informs and educates local and statewide policymakers to make the right investments in children's education and programs to ensure their success in school and in life.

Ana was the program director for the Kellogg Foundation-funded program SPARK – a longitudinal study of 1,600 children and their families being followed from age 3 to second grade. She now leads the Ready Schools Miami work which involves multiple partners and improving quality throughout Miami-Dade County in early care and education centers and elementary schools. Both projects focus on improving child outcomes.

Prior to working at the foundation, Ana worked on Wall Street for both PaineWebber and Smith Barney as senior vice president for their corporate stock plan services departments. Prior to this, she worked for Knight Ridder as manager of shareholder services. There she maintained the corporation's relationship with the stock exchanges and managed the company employee stock plans.

Before her work with Knight Ridder, Ana worked for The Miami Herald's publisher on special projects and previously was an advertising representative for the newspaper.

She attended college at the Universidad de Costa Rica in San Jose.

She was awarded the Knight Ridder Volunteerism Award in 1996.

She serves on the board of the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning and the Sant La: Haitian Neighborhood Center. She is a trustee for United Way of Miami-Dade.

She lives in Miami with her husband David. She is the mother of 5 children and has three magnificent grandchildren.