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school superintendent Dr. Fran Adams and Treasure Coast Community Health CEO Vicki Soule.

The Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative is a local nonprofit working with over 50 partner agencies to prepare children and their families for school and for life. KRC has endorsed the Moonshot Moment, transforming the next generation in Indian River County by having 90 percent of all students reading on grade level by the third grade.

For more information, visit the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative website at www.krcirc.org or call 772-617-4350.

The PNC Foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, including arts and culture. Through Grow Up Great, PNC has



Dr. Fran Adams, Nivea L. Torres and Barbara Hammond SHANNON MAITLAND

created a bilingual \$350 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

Moonshot Radio to promote early child development

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VERO BEACH — In collaboration with the Moonshot Literacy Moment of IRC, Planet Vero, and PNC's Grow Up Great initiative, the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative is hosting a weekly radio show "where every moment is an opportunity to learn."

Dr. Nivea L. Torres, executive director of KRC, is the host of Moonshot Radio which will feature guests from around the community discussing early childhood development, education, and literacy.

The show will air Thursday's at 3 p.m. and Saturday's at 7:30 p.m. on 107.9 FM, 101.7 FM & 1370 AM.

Torres notes that "as a clearinghouse of information surrounding early childhood development in Indian River County, Moonshot Radio serves as a platform to highlight local agencies, programs, and initiatives. Guest interviews will focus on important topics, provide clarity on issues, and invoke thought-provoking dialogue."

Moonshot Radio's premiere episode featured Kerry Bartlett, a founding board member of KRC.

"The Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative was founded with the intention of addressing the gap that presently exists from birth to kindergarten," Bartlett said. "As a collaborative, we became increasingly concerned that many of our local children were not ready for kindergarten. We realized that we needed to start at birth and work with children and their families to ensure that they are successful in all critical domains before they reach kindergarten."

Subsequent guests have included PNC's senior vice president Tracy Sorzano, KRC's early education expert Susan Roberts, KRC's community engagement manager Shannon Maitland, The Learning Alliance's CEO Barbara Hammond, KRC's board chair and former