

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

We Prepare Young Children and Parents for Success

Our early childhood education programs promote social and emotional development and early learning among young children and families to foster success in life. We help parents prepare for the challenges of parenting to ensure that children are well cared for, nurtured and experience a future of promise and opportunity.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

We prepare children for school, providing Head Start and Early Head Start for children from birth to age 5 for families meeting federal poverty guidelines.

Our Programs Offer:

- Primary classroom instructors are state licensed.
 Staff are bilingual, bicultural and have Illinois state endorsements in bilingual education and/ or ESL for young children with training on traumainformed staff practices.
- Comprehensive care in the areas of physical and dental health, mental health, nutrition, education and parent involvement.
- Wrap-around services to families including; legal aid, financial assistance, mental health, domestic violence, and adult education, which includes Parenting Fundamentals, a research based parenting curriculum.

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We support and encourage parents to:

- Acquire skills that promote the healthy growth and development of children
- Build strong attachments and nuturing relationships with newborn infants
- Pursue their own learning and life goals

Sample Programs:

Parenting Fundamentals is an evidence-based parenting program that promotes the social emotional development of children, prevents child abuse, strengthens families, and improves school readiness and achievement.

The Young Fathers Program focuses on young fathers with children looking to strengthen their economic stability, parenting skills, and co-parenting relationships.

Parenting Together Project is a co-parenting series of workshops to promote healthy communication and assist parents in gaining confidence.

Center Locations:

Comprehensive, research based curriculum and practices are available at these locations, offering full-day, (7am - 6pm) affordable, annual services.

Learning and Wellness Center

5338 S. Loomis Ave. 60609 • 773-535-0101

Midway Children's Center

3215 West 63rd St. 60629 •773-884-2350

Midway Head Start

6422 S. Kedzie St. 60629 •773-884-2400

North Children's Center

3255 N. Central 60634 • 773-371-3770

Home Visiting Locations:

Weekly home-visits use research based curriculum and practices, supplemented with parent workshops and enrichment outings with children.

Calumet Center

235 W. 103rd St. 60628 • 773-371-3600

Midway Center

3843 W. 63rd St. 60629 • 773-884-2200

Learning and Wellness Center

5338 S. Loomis Ave. 60609 • 773-535-0101

North Center

3249 N. Central 60634 • 773-371-3700

Southeast Center

3062 E. 91st St. 60617 • 773-371-2900