

SERVICE AREAS

We provide services to families in the following areas:

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Encourage children's social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

HEALTH

The importance of preventive health and early identification of health issues are emphasized. All children receive a physical and dental exam prior to enrollment. Children and families receive ongoing health, nutrition and mental health education.

DISABILITIES

Our programs provide services to children with special needs. Program options are chosen based on the most appropriate placement for the child. Support services are provided for the parents as well.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our programs provide a support system that encourages families to become independent and self-confident. Referral services are provided based on the interests and needs of each family.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parent participation is strongly encouraged. We see the parents as their child's first and most important teacher and value their input at all levels of program management.



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A GREAT PLACE TO
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Early Childhood Education Services

Early Childhood Education Services are voluntary social service programs with eligibility determined by age and income. The focus is to meet the individual needs of children and to assist families in obtaining skills and acquiring knowledge of resources to meet their needs. Children with special needs are welcome in any of our programs. The programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

AGES 0-3 serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers from birth to three years of age and their families.

PRESCHOOL serves 3, 4 and 5-year-old children and their families.





Mission Statement

The mission of Metropolitan Family Services Early Childhood Education is to provide a high quality, comprehensive child development and social service program for young children and their families, and to meet the changing needs of a diverse population through creative programming and community partnerships.

Ages 0-3 Services

Ages 0-3 services are available year-round throughout DuPage County as either a home-based program or a center-based program. We are open to pregnant mothers and children from birth to three years of age.

 **HOME-BASED SERVICES** provide comprehensive services to families enrolled in this program. Parent Child Educators visit weekly to provide education and support and twice monthly Family Days are provided for both parents and children.


 **CENTER-BASED FULL-DAY CLASSROOMS** for infants and toddlers are provided in Addison at the Addison Children's Center and in Bensenville at the Tioga Early Learning Center. Children attend 5 days per week for 6 hours and 15 minutes. CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) is available for families who need extended day care due to work or school enrollment.


Working to ensure school readiness for our youngest residents, and empowering families to do the best for their children's future.

Metropolitan Family Services Early Childhood Education are dedicated to the principle that children learn best when they are allowed to explore their environment with direction from an adult who is interested in the total child and her/his unique development.

Ages 3-5 Services

Head Start provides comprehensive services to preschool children and their families. We provide two program options, home-based and center-based, that give us the opportunity to serve the entire DuPage County area. To enroll in Head Start the child must be 3 or 4 on September 1 of the program year.

 **HOME-BASED SERVICES** are available to those outside our center-based service areas. We provide comprehensive services to families through weekly home visits during the school year, provided by a Parent Child Educator and twice monthly Family Days for both parents and children.

 **CENTER-BASED FULL-DAY CLASSES** Children attend 5 days per week for 6 hours and 15 minutes. Classrooms are located primarily in neighborhood elementary schools so families are within walking distance; bus transportation is provided at select schools/centers.

Participating School Districts include Addison District #4, Bensenville District #2 (Tioga School), Burr Ridge District #180 (Anne M Jeans School), Wheaton/Warrville District #200. Two community sites also serve families in the Carol Stream, Wheaton, Glendale Heights and Villa Park areas.