

# 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.

## **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.

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North Center 3249 N. Central 60634 • 773-371-3700

Southeast Center 3062 E. 91st St. 60617 • 773-371-2900