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# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**CDC PROGRAM**

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**“ The staff are amazing, warm, and caring. My daughter loves her teachers and looks forward to school so she can see them.”**

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Children absorb knowledge, skills and values from everything and everyone around them. The Greater Wichita YMCA believes the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for quality of life and future success. That's why our child care programs are staffed with people who understand the cognitive, physical and social development of young children.

In our Child Development Centers (CDC) environments, babies develop trust and security, toddler's language skills blossoms and their independence grows, preschoolers experience early literacy and build the skills needed to enter kindergarten both academically and socially prepared.

Most importantly, children learn how to be their best selves. That makes for confident kids today and contributing and engaged adults tomorrow.

We are excited to serve your family. Our goal is to meet the individual needs of each child and family within the structure of our program, while maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all children and staff.

# PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Child Development Centers (CDCs) foster a warm “extended” family atmosphere in which children feel secure, comfortable, and important. Children are engaged in a mixture of education and recreational activities that holistically approach education, build confidence, and ensure future success.

## WE BELIEVE:

- Parents are the first and most important teachers in a child’s life.
- Families benefit when parents and adults pursue work and personal responsibilities – which requires a safe, pleasant, and dependable place to entrust children.
- Development is patterned, but each child is unique – growing at their own pace and style.
- Children are innately curious. They constantly gather knowledge of the world through education and other experiences including play.
- Trust, respect, and emotional awareness of self, others, and nature are crucial elements for positive self-growth and productive in our increasingly complex society.



Our CDC programs provide affordable, high quality, child care service, designed to meet the needs of parents who are working and/or in school and our facilities and staff are fully licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

A partnership with Wichita Public Schools (USD 259), CDC sites are owned and operated by Greater Wichita YMCA staff.

## WE OFFER:

- Full-day child care services—for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers—Monday through Friday from 7AM–5PM when USD 259 is in-session and, based on need, during in-service and non-teaching duty days
- Part-time child care services, based on enrollment, at select locations
- Nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks – provided through USD 259’s Child and Adult Food Care Program – daily
- Kansas Early Learning Standards-aligned curriculum and assessments
- Parental engagement tools to continue education at home
- Financial support including income-based financial assistance for those who qualify and scholarships (through generous YMCA donors) for eligible families and we accept DCF funding

# CDC CURRICULUM

Greater Wichita YMCA child care staff uses the Frog Street Curriculum for all our early learning programs, including Child Development Centers (CDC). The curriculum aligns the latest early brain development research with Kansas Early Learning Standards to build a robust, exciting, experience for children. Daily classroom themes and resources engage children at all development levels with a balance of intentional teaching strategies and plenty of learning through play.

Frog Street's developmental and learning continuums allow children to build upon previously mastered skills to more readily achieve new skills while emphasizing emotional development and Dr. Becky Bailey's "Conscious Discipline" approach that builds trust and healthy attachments while developing impulse controls in a seamless and continuous way from birth to age five. Children combine curiosity, persistence, attention, and communication to establish a base for life-long learning and learn to calm, unite, socially interact, and connect with others.

## LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Opportunities to sing, read, and talk in a language-rich environment
- Skill development in phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, print awareness, vocabulary and comprehension

## COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Critical, creative, child-sized problem solving through cause and effect
- Skill development in classification, patterns, one-to-one correspondence, order and sequence, and numeration

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fine- and gross-motor skill development
- Balance, coordination, and control

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Building trust and forming healthy attachments
- Developing impulse control and enhanced social interactions

## APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Demonstrating curiosity, persistence, attention and communication








During the first five years of life, children are rapidly expanding their skills in all areas of development. It is vital that parents and caregivers are aware of each child’s developmental progress to ensure proper stimulation to advance. Child Development Centers (CDCs) ascertain a child’s development in two ways:

### **DEVELOPMENT SCREENING**

We start our evaluation with the person that knows a child best – you. CDC parents and guardians are asked to complete an “Ages and Stages” Questionnaire upon enrollment. This reliable screening evaluates key areas of development and helps identify areas of potential delay in young children. Ages and Stages screens help teachers meet the needs of your child as an individual. Screens are repeated periodically during the child’s enrollment.

### **PROGRESS MONITORING**

Progress monitoring is a way to track a child progress in meeting curriculum goals and objectives. Progress is gathered through formal and informal observation during lessons and play activities. Period work sampling is also helpful. Visual information is kept in an individual portfolio that moves, with your child, as they transition through and – ultimately – out of our program. Observation data is compiled in fall, winter, and spring then shared with families. Parents are invited in for formal parent teacher conferences during the fall and spring assessment periods.



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# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT PARTICIPATION

In addition to providing services to children and families, the Greater Wichita YMCA is proud to collaborate with Wichita Public Schools (USD 259) Career and Technical Education programs that provide training to vocation students enrolled in parenting and child development classes. Participants learn through classroom observation and interaction with CDC children, based on their course objectives and Family and Consumer Science course (FACS) assignments.

## **ALL TRAINING STUDENTS:**

- Undergo a name-based KDHE background check and are supervised by licensed Greater Wichita YMCA staff
- Meet and/or exceed the Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE) requirements for volunteers in a licensed child care program including, but not limited to; emergency preparedness, Pediatric CPR and first aid certification, and health and safety training, recognizing signs and symptoms of illness as well as child abuse and/or neglect

# ENROLLMENT

Families can enroll children for the upcoming school year during the pre-enrollment period that begins in mid- April, but children can enroll anytime during the year based on available space for their age group. Parents are encouraged to contact the center directly regarding questions about availability during the school year, and the CDC Program Director during the summer. Please note the following enrollment considerations:

- CDC enrollment is not available online nor at any Greater Wichita YMCA location. It is only available on site with the Site Director or through our YMCA administrative office. Applications and required forms and entrance fees must be provided for eligibility to be considered and space secured.
- CDC enrollment forms – including applications and KDHE paperwork – are available at any YMCA CDC or through our administrative office.
- Financial assistance applications and CDC Program Policies and Parent Information can be obtained at any YMCA CDC, the administrative office or found and downloaded at [ymcawichita.org/cdc](http://ymcawichita.org/cdc).
- Children are placed in classrooms based on developmental readiness, licensing guidelines, and other factors.
- Priority for Child Development Center (CDC) enrollment is given:
  - First, to children of USD259 high school students,
  - Second, to USD 259 employees, and Greater Wichita YMCA employees.
  - Third, to children from the general public.
- Children with special needs are accepted for participation once the program has been determined to be in the best interest of the child.
- Documentation of current physical exam and immunizations and a signed form verifying review of and intention to comply with CDC Program Policies and Parent Information are required prior to enrollment and attendance.
- The classroom your child is enrolled in will determine weekly rates before financial assistance or discounts are applied.

**Contact our CDC site, Program Coordinator, or Senior Program Director for questions about enrollment, policies, and our program.  
A list of schools and contacts is at the end of this document.**

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Child Development Centers (CDC) are an offering of the Child Care and Camp branch of the Greater Wichita YMCA, working in partnership with Wichita Public Schools (USD 259). All CDC programs are owned and operated by the YMCA and located on select high school campuses. The Greater Wichita YMCA is the largest provider of licensed child care in south central Kansas, the staff oversees child care and camp programs throughout the region including 21 schools-based latchkey programs (KEY Academy), 11 early childhood settings, and 10 summer camp sites. For more information on other YMCA Child Care and Camp programs contact our administrative offices.

## **CDC / USD 259 LOCATIONS:**

### **EAST HIGH SCHOOL**

2301 E. Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67211

### **HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**

5301 N. Hillside St. Wichita, KS 67219

### **NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

1437 Rochester, Wichita, KS 67203

### **NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**

1220 N. Tyler Road, Wichita, KS 67212

### **SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

701 West 33rd St South, Wichita, KS 67217

### **SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL**

2641 South 107th St East, Wichita, KS 67201

### **WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

820 South Osage, Wichita, KS 67213

## **GREATER WICHITA YMCA**

### **CHILD CARE AND CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

**402 N. MARKET STREET, 2ND FLOOR, WICHITA, KS 67202**

Branch Director: Andrea Eliot | 316.776.8241

Senior Program Director: Beth Reeder | 316.776.8253

Program Director: Lisa Whalen | 316.776.8256

Please direct all enrollment questions to the CDC Program Director  
or call the Administrative Offices at 316.264.1610.

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