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# WHERE WE STARTED IN 2003

Existing License

Vision for a quality early childhood center

10 ABC Slots

15 Tuition Paid Slots

2 Certified Teachers

1 Developmental Specialist/Preschool Director



# WHERE WE ARE NOW IN 2022

Level 3 Better Beginnings

Pilot School for School of the 21st Century  
through Yale University

91 ABC Slots

30 CCDF/Federal PreK Slots

82 Essential Worker Vouchers (Expires 12-31-2022)

67 Paid tuition

17 Low Income Vouchers (DHS)

8 Certified Teachers

34 Paraprofessionals (classroom, food service, administrative assistant)

14 Part Time Childcare Assistants (high school and college students)

1.5 Developmental Specialist

1 Speech Pathologist

1 Preschool Director and 1 Assistant Director

0.5 Nurse



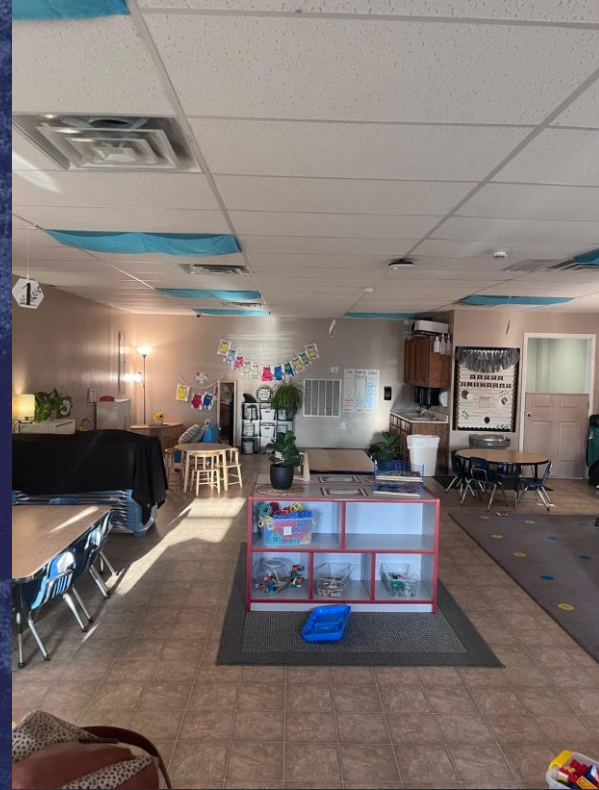
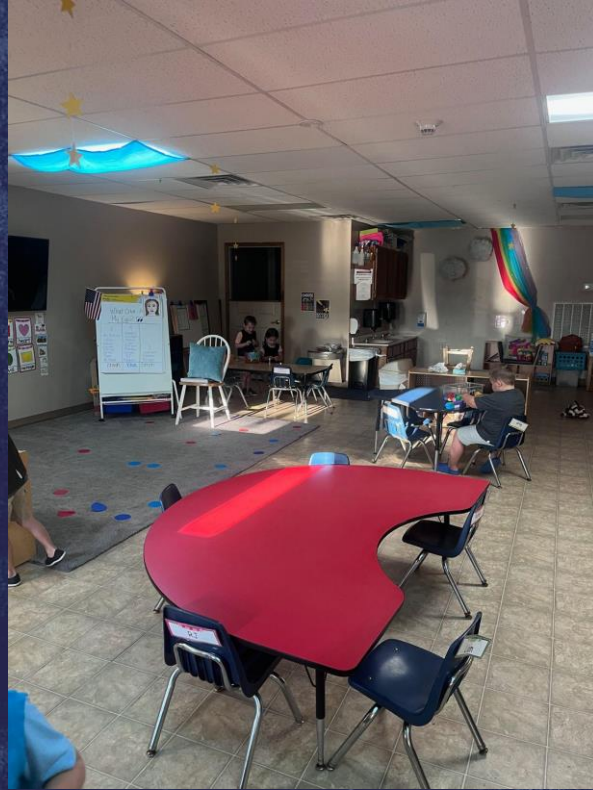




# PRESCHOOL CAMPUS



# CLASSROOMS







# GROWTH OF FACILITIES

**Yellow House** on the school campus (2003)

**Building 1:** Front 2 rooms of the Shaw Race Building--grew into the entire building over 3 years

**Building 2:** community member built it at cost; sensory and OT/PT space in the gym; ARRA funds and district funds (2010-11)

**Building 3:** self constructed with district funds due to high demand of the community (2012-13)

**Infant Rooms:** Expanded into district space across the street to open two additional infant rooms (2018-19)

**Remodeled Building 2 to increase capacity**

**Building 4 and Gym/Safe Room:** Whiter River Planning and Development assisted with grant funds that were combined with district funds; FEMA funds for storm shelter (2019-2020)

# PROGRESSION OF OUR AGE EXPANSION

Age Group	Year We Started Serving this age	Current Number of Classrooms
3-4 year olds	2003	8
2 ½ year olds	2009	4
Toddlers	2011	4
Infants	2016	3

# FACTORS IN GROWTH

Servant's Heart

Hard work

Quality staff

Constantly seek additional funding

Word of mouth

Doing what's right

Waiting list



# HOW WE SERVE FAMILIES

Hours of operation are 6 am to 6 pm

Open year round (close the week before school starts and 10 holidays)

Certified teacher for all 3 and 4 year olds

Highly qualified staff

Assistance with applications for income based payment programs

Free breakfast, lunch and snack for all students

Dolly Parton Imagination Library Enrollment

# SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Serve children from 6 weeks to school age
- Special Education Developmental Services
- Speech Therapy
- Nurse: half time
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Mental Health
- Access to School Based Health Clinic



# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER IN A K-12 SCHOOL

Forecast promotions of students based on age during the school year

No guaranteed spot for a new family moving in

Currently no pathway for partnership funding in relation to facilities

We are a cohesive P-12 district existing in a K-12 education system

DHS licensure standards

ABC Program Rules and Regulations

Quality Care Ratios

ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale), ITERS (Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale) and YQAP (Youth Quality Assessment Program)

TEACH Scholarships to assist employees through teacher certification pathways

# SCHOOL AGE: TRACKS

Located at Southside Elementary School

In 12 years, the program grew from 30 students to 170 students

Modeled program after a School of the 21st Century in Kentucky

Open 6 am to 6 pm

Serves families year round (closed the week before school starts and 10 major holidays)

Free breakfast, lunch and snack for all students

During school year, free at-risk supper served

Summer Camp Experience: movie theater on Tuesdays, water park on Fridays, participation and transportation to all activity camps on the school campus, and weekly educational field trips







# BENEFITS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Pre-Educator field experience (high school and college students)

Family and Consumer Science: Childcare Guidance, Management and Services  
Student observe and assist in the classroom

Employ JAG students

Part time jobs for future educator

1 in 10 K-12 teachers have worked in childcare

Infant room is a teacher recruitment tool



# BENEFITS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Growth of district over this time (1200 students to 1950 students in K-12)

Preschool director part of Administrative PLC

Prevent teenage parents from dropping out

Increased business/industry partnerships

Ingrained in our school culture

Transition to kindergarten for all students



# DATA TO SUPPORT SCHOOL READINESS

In the fall of 2021, 65% of Southside preschool students entering kindergarten scored at or above the norm RIT score for kindergarten reading on the NWEA MAP Test.

Only 39% of kindergarten students who did not attend Southside Preschool scored at above the norm RIT score for kindergarten reading on the NWEA MAP Test.



# BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Responsive to the needs of our workforce

Extended hours for employees of regional healthcare provider

Dependable, safe childcare that is open year round

Strong relationship with the Chamber of Commerce

Communication with HR Executives

Support for families who foster children

Stronger Teacher Pipeline

Build Future Stories from the ground up





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