

QUALITY CHILDCARE AND EARLY EDUCATION



A successful community must have universal access to high quality childcare. It is critical to helping children develop social, emotional and communication skills that lead to success in school and in life. Childcare centers also provide great benefits to parents and the entire community.

Kindergarten Readiness

Early education is paramount for children to reach their developmental milestones so that they can have a successful full future. Beyond the educational basics like shapes and colors, childcare centers provide children with important social and emotional development opportunities. Children learn how to take direction, how to get along with others, how to regulate emotions, and how to be in a group setting. These critical lessons prepare children to thrive in school.

Support for Families

Quality childcare centers are a valuable support for families. Beyond early education, many centers also offer before and after school care as well as summer care to provide a safe place for kids to go while parents are working. With the peace of mind that their children are in a safe and nurturing environment, parents can pursue educational and career opportunities, potentially breaking the cycle of poverty.

Impact

Early childhood education is an intervention for many societal challenges. Studies show a correlation between a lack of early childhood education and criminal behavior later in life. Early childhood education and quality childcare can help mitigate the trauma young children experience by providing a nurturing environment. This helps the child develop into a healthier and more stable individual that can care for others in the future.



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The members of the Community Impact Network's 5byAge5 coalition consistently bring improved quality childcare, access to screenings, books and enrichment to as many as 700 children every year.

The Network provides funding for coaching and training for directors, CDA training for employees, supplies, screenings, social emotional education, speech and language therapy, parent education, service referrals, and physical improvements. 5byAge5 coalition members and partners have successfully embedded or brought their services to the Centers to help build equity for the childcare community and families within the Normandy Schools Collaborative.



Belle Children's Services of St. Louis Arc works with childcare centers in the NSC, providing instructional assistance, and developmental assessment services.

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[www.normandysc.org/
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