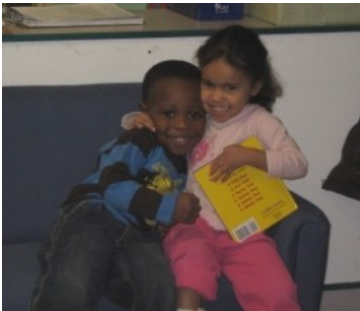


Daily Schedule

Throughout the day, children participate in various activities to promote their developing skills. Children learn routine by helping set up breakfast and washing hands. They learn about sharing and taking turns through circle time. Small group activities provide children with the ability to choose what they would like to participate in. Music and cultural lessons provided during the day allow children to express their individuality. Children are also given time to nap in between their exciting activities.



Hours of Operation:

The WFC School Readiness Program is open all year round Monday through Friday, 7:15am-5:15pm. Children must be present by 9:30am in order to participate.

We remain open regardless of school closings or delays.

Our Mission:

The Women and Families Center is committed to eliminating injustice and to improving the quality of life for women and families through services that foster empowerment and independence.

Our Guiding Vision:

- *To support diversity and the elimination of racism and sexism*
- *To be an agent for positive social change*
- *To promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people*

For more information about the Women and Families Center Dooley Child Development School Readiness Program, contact the Child Services Director at (203) 235-9297 ext 118.



WFC Dooley Child Development Center: A School Readiness Program



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Our Goals



The Women and Families Center School Readiness Program aims to provide high quality child development and education through:

- Building positive relationships with children and encouraging them to embrace their own value and individuality.
- Implementing “Creative Curriculum” which fosters cognitive, emotional, verbal, physical and social skills.
- Utilizing teaching strategies that are developmentally, linguistically and culturally appropriate.
- Promoting the nutrition and health of children by practicing personal hygiene and providing nourishing snacks and meals.
- Collaborating with families and educational resources in order to provide a harmonious learning environment.
- Maintaining a teaching staff with educational qualifications, knowledge and professional commitment to child care development.
- Improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children

NAEYC Accredited

Our School Readiness Program is accredited through NAEYC(the National Association for the Education of Young Children). The primary goals of NAEYC consist of:

1. Improving professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education.
2. Supporting early childhood programs by working to achieve a high-quality system of early childhood education.
3. Building a high-performing, inclusive organization of groups and individuals who are committed to promoting excellence in early childhood education for all young children.

Our staff has met all of NAEYC’s Early Childhood Program Standards, such as Relationships, Teaching, Community, and Family.



Creative Curriculum

Our curriculum, “Creative Curriculum” covers a variety of interest areas with lots of hands on experiences and discovery. These interest areas are reading, math, science, language, art, problem solving, hand/eye coordination, music and dramatic/social play and teamwork. We specifically focus on the social and emotional skills children need to succeed in school and in life. This approach accommodates all children, including those with special needs and second language learners.

