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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY CENTER

Mission Statement
To enhance the quality of life for children, their families, and the community by providing collaborative and comprehensive early childhood services, that are inclusive, affordable, and accessible

2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
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How we Benefit Children and their Families

The center is set up as a series of neighborhoods, interconnected yet independent. A total of 29 classrooms with a capacity for up to 700 children have been designed to incorporate a number of proven child care and teaching approaches that best serve the multiple needs of children from birth through age 6, both with and without special needs.

Quality care and education is delivered via:

- year-round full- and part-day infant-toddler and preschool care programs
- before- and after-school care programs for school-age children
- early childhood education classes for children, from birth through Kindergarten

All educators are engaged in ongoing professional development, and all class sizes are small. A variety of class schedules are available to better serve families’ differing needs. The curriculum is child centered and fully inclusive.

Children can receive medical, dental, nutrition, behavioral, health, and other services to identify and prevent future problems.

Available services include:

- medical and dental care
- nutritious snacks and meals served during classes/session
- evaluation, referral, and intervention for children with special needs

At the same time, intervention and prevention services are offered to children and their families. If needed, families will be linked to resources that can assist them in providing a more stable living environment essential to a child’s healthy development.

Family education and social services are available to assist families in the areas of:

- counseling and support
- education and training
- job training and family services

How We Benefit the Community

By coordinating multiple programs and services, the ECE and Family Center can more effectively benefit the entire community.

- Children receive quality care and education. They receive healthy meals, medical attention, and developmental screenings that might not otherwise be available to them.
- Families have one central location where they can access an umbrella of educational, health, and assessment service for their children, as well as social services that can support families in times of need.
- The community benefits because program resources have been pooled and are more efficiently spent.

Overall cost, borne by the community, will be lowered and better targeted to provide the best service possible. Also, the need for more costly special education programs will be lessened by earlier and more effective intervention.

How We Can Help You

For more information, contact the office of Rebecca Love, Director of Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Early Childhood Education, at 614-342-5830