



Early learning. The building block of future leaders.



WILL THE CHILDREN IN YOUR CARE BE SCHOOL-READY?

Learn how our **Center of Excellence** model can improve child outcomes.

TO SEE IF YOU SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM, ANSWER THESE THREE BASIC QUESTIONS:

1. DOES MY CENTER HAVE FULL ENROLLMENT?
2. ARE WE FINANCIALLY SOUND?
3. ARE OUR CHILDREN PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN?

IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO ANY OF THEM, **LET'S BUILD A PARTNERSHIP** THAT WILL ENABLE YOUR CENTER TO ACHIEVE OUR CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SEAL OF APPROVAL..

The **Center of Excellence** model supports childcare providers by helping them nurture the skills in young children through age 5 that are essential to seizing the opportunities of the future. Our early childhood specialists equip child care programs and parents with the knowledge, skills, tools, and strategies necessary to continuously improve business operations, program quality, and the assessment and monitoring of child outcomes. By bringing strong business practices together with early childhood education professionals and engaged families, we can ensure that all kids are school ready.

How does Collaborative for Children help?

- Business Development Specialists work directly with owners/directors to improve center business practices.
- Mentors provide guidance for early childhood education professionals.
- Our 21st century focused curriculum, I Wonder!, is provided that includes Neuhaus, Prelude to Music, and Conscious Discipline.
- Family Engagement Specialists work to empower parents and caregivers to increase school readiness for kids.

APPLY TODAY



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Program Criteria:

- Location: Identified as one of the 22 Priority Super Neighborhoods
- Child Care Desert: Low-income/underserved communities
- Enrollment: Serve children birth – 5 years and serve families receiving child care financial assistance
- Licensing/Regulatory Agency: 10 or less deficiencies in the last 12 months.