



## Children's Home + Aid Schaumburg Child + Family Center

### Fact Sheet

- The Center is accredited by the Council of Accreditation and is the only accredited provider offering subsidized services to low-income families in the immediate area.
- The new Schaumburg Child + Family Center was built with contributions from Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, the State of Illinois, many generous Schaumburg / Hoffman Estates – area individuals and businesses, and the benefactors of Children's Home + Aid.
- Today \$3.51 million has been generously donated to the project. The total needed is \$4.5 million, leaving nearly \$1 million to be raised.
- The new Schaumburg Child + Family Center will be an up-to-date facility of more than 13,000 square feet in the first quarter of 2009.
- The Center provides subsidized full-day early childhood education programs for children from low-income families who are six weeks to six years old. \*
- All families pay some amount towards their child's care. Family eligibility for subsidies is based on gross family income, according to a scale established by the State of Illinois.
- Subsidized costs are funded by public and private sources.
- Enrollment of children requires the custodial parent – almost always the mother – to be employed or in job training or school.
- Virtually all mothers of admitted children have worked throughout their child's attendance. Some 10 percent have also been in school or job training.
- All Children's Home + Aid Early Childhood Care & Education Centers incorporate the Ramey early learning teaching model, which was developed and tested by world renowned child development experts, Drs. Craig and Sharon Ramey.
- The Ramey approach is designed on the basis of extensive evidence to ameliorate developmental differences that frequently appear in young children from high-risk environments and improve educational results for these children.
- Virtually 100 percent of Center's children come from environments considered "high-risk." High-risk environments are defined by low income, young parental age, single parents and low maternal education.
- Top priority for enrollment is given to children of high school students, children in abusive or neglectful circumstances and children of low-income families.

- Quality early childhood education intervention has been shown to improve IQ scores of children from high-risk environments by 18 points by age five, putting such children on par with their peers. Developmental success stories from Children's Home + Aid Child + Family Centers are available, with other helpful information about the new Center, at: [www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org).
- The Center's provides services 11 hours a day, five days a week, 51 weeks a year, for a total of more than 115,000 hours of care per year.
- The new Schaumburg Child + Family Center can accommodate some 110 children. At 11 hours of service per day, five days a week for 51 weeks a year, it will produce a total of more than 308,000 hours of care per year, a 62 percent increase in capacity.
- Over its 19 years of operation, some 1300 children from approximately 900 Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates families have been served by the Center.
- Other programs offered through the Center provide developmental assessment, nutrition counseling, parenting education and support, crisis counseling and intervention services.
- Center staff also helps eligible families access KidCare, a State of Illinois program that offers health care coverage and insurance premium payment assistance to children and pregnant women.

\*The center currently provides services for children six weeks to six years old.