



**children's home + aid**

## **Early Childhood Care and Education**

### **FACTS**

#### **Early Intervention is Key to Success for At-Risk Children**

Children born in high-risk environments face significant barriers to healthy development and learning. Research shows that children from high-risk environments on average test at a 3-year-old level upon entering kindergarten. Research findings also indicate that the most cost-effective and successful way to close this achievement gap is through early intervention childhood education.

#### **Serving the Schaumburg Community**

U.S. census figures show that 52% of families living below poverty level in Schaumburg are single women who are heads of household. And 36% of single mothers with children under five years of age are living in poverty. On average, families enrolled in the Schaumburg Child + Family Center earn less than \$17,000 per year with the majority of families headed by single women.

#### **Research Says**

- Research has found that quality early childhood education investments translate to a difference in 18 IQ points by age 5 for high-risk children putting these children on par with their peers.
- A 15-year study found that low-income children enrolled in quality early childhood education programs demonstrated a 28% higher rate of high school completion and a 33% reduction in juvenile arrests.
- Every dollar spent on quality early child care programs saves \$4 in public spending for correctional and rehabilitative programs later on.

#### **Helping Children and Families Succeed**

Children's Home + Aid's Child + Family Center staff work with health care providers, corporations, churches, schools, early intervention services and violence prevention programs to ensure that children and families receive the help they need to be successful.

The Schaumburg Child + Family Center is designed to serve children ranging from six weeks to six years of age. Top priority for enrollment is given to children of high school students, children in abuse or neglect situations, and low-income families of Schaumburg.