



September 2021
Harvey-SouthHolland

From the Desk of



Renne-Boyd-Jennings - Site Director Harvey-South Holland

Hello Families,

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, I would like to thank you for choosing Illinois Action for Children Harvey-South Holland Early Learning Center. The center is here to provide your family an exciting, nurturing, and positive educational experience. The current school has just begun, and I would like to introduce the staff at our site.

Classroom Staff: Tiny Turtles- Room #1 Latoya Jeffries, Tania Humphries, & Katrina Hankison

Superstars- Room #2 Lashon Walker, Sherronda Bohanon, & Patricia Falls

Teddy Bears Room #3 Harvetta Porter & Katrina Hankison

Bumble Bees Room #4 Litty Jones, Krsystal French, & Patricia Falls

Diamonds - Rooms #5 Cherrie Baker, Lisset Acosta, & Lisa Wasik

Support Staff: Renee Boyd-Jennings- Site Director 708-365-1531

Main Number to the center: 708-365-1533

Marcolina Castaneda-Program Aide

Alfred Wakefield - Maintenance Specialist

Jasmine Hick - Cook

Ortencia Moreno - Program Aide

Thomas Solomon - Family Engagement Worker- 708 365-1515

Mona Washington- Family Engagement Worker- 708-365-1516

Classroom or Home Educators' Notes

The hours of operation are from 8:45 am to 3:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly for the arrival and departure times. During the COVID pandemic, no parents will be allowed into the Early Learning Center. All children will undergo a morning health screening before entering the building. Children and Parents must wear their mask at all times. This includes vaccinated parents as well. Listed below are times when you should keep your child or children home. The Harvey-South Holland ELC would like to prevent the spread of germs, communicable illness, and COVID-19:

1. Vomiting two or more times within 24 hrs.
2. Body Rash especially with a fever or itching
3. Three or more watery stools in 24 hours
4. Thick mucus or pus draining from the child's eyes
5. Cough, fever with swollen glands, and runny nose.

They must stay at home until they are 100% symptoms Free.

Staff will be in constant communication with you to share resources and keep you informed of engagement activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

9/1/2021 through 11/15/2021 Initial Home Visits

9/6/2021 Closed in observance of Labor Day

9/15/2021 Parent Committee Meeting and Parent Orientation @ 11:00 a.m.

9/27 & 9/30 Hearing & Vision Screenings

You will receive reminders of these events and will receive information of any other events not indicated here.



Notes From:

Catalina Torres, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Family Engagement is basic in our Early Learning Programs. At Illinois Action for Children, the Family Engagement Component Area remained intact, meaning families are still engaged in parental activities, such as e-learning and at-home activities with their child, parent meetings, workshops, family fun nights, parent cafés, and at-home learning activities. Family Engagement also includes working in partnership with Family Engagement Specialists and Parent Educators in the completion of a Family Assessment, establishing a Family Goal Partnership, distribution of resources and services to assist families in meeting their needs and interests, and accomplishing your goals. If you at any time have any needs or interests, please contact your Family Engagement Specialist or your Parent Educator, and they will guide you with resources and services.

Staff is implementing “The Pyramid Model” across all our early learning programs in partnership with families. The Pyramid Model is a framework for teaching social-emotional skills to young children: Social-Emotional brain development occurs between 0-5 years old and positive social-emotional skills are the greatest predictors of success in school or life. By using The Pyramid Model strategies at School and home, children will be taught the social-emotional skills they need to succeed. Our schools will follow behavior expectations for everyone who is in our schools: children, staff, and families. The program-wide expectations include: Be Respectful; Be Kind; Be a Good Citizen; and Be a Participating Family. You will be hearing a lot more about the Pyramid Model and receiving a lot more information about it soon. Please plan to participate in Parent Committee Meetings, Parental Activities, and complete and return At-Home Activities weekly throughout the school year.

Around Town/Resources

Join Security Opportunities for Success (SOS) and receive job training at no cost. Certifications offered: Biohazard-COVID-19 clean up, Construction Flagger, Construction Forklift, Environmental Abatement (Asbestos, Lead, RRP and Mold), Home Inspection Certification, OSHA and Safety Trainings, and Unarmed Security. For more details and enrollment assessment call 708-251-4965. For more information and other services visit WWW.CORNERSTONE-CDC.ORG.

Food Pantries:

Bloom Township 425 South Hasted St., Chicago Heights, IL (708) 754-9400

Thornton Township 15340 Page St., Harvey, IL (708) 596-6040 ext 3180

South Suburban Family Shelter provides crisis intervention, resources, short-term emergency shelter for victims and survivors seeking immediate safety (708) 335-3028. They also offer Community Education, Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Domestic Violence Advocacy, a Partner Abuse Intervention Program, and a Housing Program. Visit www.ssfs1.org for more information.

Pathlights offers services to grandparents raising grandchildren. Among others, they provide free consultation, education, encouragement, and in some cases, emergency funding. To learn more about this other services they offer, call (708) 361-0219 or visit www.pathlights.org.

CEDA offers Family Support and Community Engagement and assistance with water bills, telephone bills, child care for essential workers, medical supplies and prescription costs, and emotional counseling services.

Call (312) 795-8948 or visit www.cedaorg.net for more information. Contact your Family Engagement Specialist/Parent Educator for further resources.

