

Director's Desk



Renee Boyd-Jennings, Site Director

As we begin the 2019-2020 program year would like to thank you for choosing Illinois Action for Children's Harvey/South Holland Early Learning Center as your child's educational learning experience. I hope your family will have an exciting, nurturing and positive experience. Please welcome Constance Ely and Tatiana Vassel as they join our team on September 30, 2019.

The hours for the IAFC Harvey/South Holland Early Learning Center are 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly for arrival and departures. Our teachers need to have time to prepare, set-up, and arrange for the next day's lessons. Please respect their time and show your appreciation to the program and pick up your children at the appropriate time. If you need call the center for any reason, our number is 708.365.1533.

Just friendly reminder: please hold your child hand as they enter and leave the program. This will help ensure their safety during arrival and departure to the program. Also, please leave the first 3 parking spaces open on both ends of the parking lot to allow the bus to enter and exit the parking lot.

Volunteering is strongly encouraged. There are several ways you can volunteer in the program such as: in the classrooms, on field trip, in the front office, and on the take-home activities. Please stop by the front office to learn how you can volunteer today!

Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothing (ie. shirt, underwear, socks, pants, etc.) in case they need them for any reason.

One other quick reminder—onsite WIC services are available at the IAFC Harvey/South Holland Early Learning Center every other Thursday of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday | 10/3/19 | Parent Committee Meeting and Elections (9 a.m.)

Monday | 10/7/19 | Professional Development Day (No School)

Tuesday | 10/15/19 | Tentative Field trip (9:30 a.m.)

Wednesday | 10/16/19 | Bright Promises Parent Café (8:45 – 10:15 a.m.)

Wednesday | 10/23/19 | Bright Promises Parent Café (8:45 – 10:15 a.m.)

Wednesday | 10/30/19 | Bright Promises Parent Café (8:45 – 10:15 a.m.)



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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★ **Catalina Torres, Parent Involvement Coordinator**

Around Town

Illinois Action for Children's Consultants are available to provide customized referrals to meet your child care need with in Cook County: Summer Programs, Before and After School Programs, Overnight Care, Weekend Care, Back up Care, Preschool Care, Infant/Toddler Care, Spring Break Camp, Winter Break Camp. Call: 312-823-1100; Email: referrals@actforchildren.org or visit online: www.actforchildren.org

Prairie State College offers training for a new career in the healthcare and transportation industry through the Pipeline Training. For courses and more information visit www.twl@prairiestate.com or call (708)709-7786

Re-Entry Job and Resources Fair at Harvey IDES Office on 16845 Halsted St., Harvey, IL on Oct 2nd 9 am-12 pm. Bring your resume and be prepared to interview.

Apply online to **join the 2020 census team!** Visit www.2020census.gov/jobs at \$22/50 per hour. For more information or help applying, call 1-855-JOB-2020

OAI (Opportunity Advance Innovation) offers free childcare and Welding Training at Prairie State Colle. Must have children under age 13. For eligibility and registration call (708)283-5020
PLOWS Council on Aging on 7808 College Drive, Palos Heights, IL will start monthly groups for Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Grandchildren. Sessions will focus on financial assistance, discussion of legal issues strategies for self-care, and more. Registration required (708) 361-0219

Visit **Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab (BIP)** The Chicago University at <https://biplab.uchicago.edu/about-us/> to watch three interesting videos on how to add easy activities to your daily routine to help your child's early math development.