East Side Neighborhood Services

Northeast Child Development Center - Info and Statistics

Supporting early development for all children for generations.

Northeast Child Development Center (NECDC) improves children's functioning and overall development in multiple developmental domains, prepares children to enter kindergarten with the early literacy skills necessary for school success, and engages parents in their children's development and transition to kindergarten. We focus on early childhood education and full-time childcare to families from all income levels in a research-based, developmentally appropriate, anti-biased environment. We provide adaptive programming for children and families with special needs. Children may receive on-site speech, occupational and physical therapy assessments and services, and family intervention services as needed.



Parent Testimonial:

Our son, joined NECDC in August of 2020 when he was three months old. There wasn't much notice before he was born that he would be joining our family, so we were fortunate to have a daycare center with an opening in their infant room around the corner from our house!

The first few months of our son's life were traumatic; he was treated for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and was colicky. Needless to say, we felt guilty and anxious about leaving him in the care of others. The teachers in the infant room at NECDC were simply wonderful, and quickly put our concerns to ease. They took a special liking to our son and went above and beyond to make him feel as comfortable as possible. They even showered us with gifts on his adoption finalization day later that fall.

To this day, the communication we receive from the teachers at NECDC demonstrates their commitment to running a quality education and childcare program. As first-time parents navigating a pandemic, we've appreciated the real-time updates via the Brightwheel app, the periodic Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQs) updates at conferences, as well as the informal conversations with the teachers at the end of the day. This helped us to get treatment - in a critical window of time - for an eye condition that developed. We used this information to seek the help of the State of Minnesota's Help Me Grow early intervention program when he started to fall behind in some of his developmental milestones. We feel confident that our son is learning skills that will have him ready to go to school in a few short years.

But above all, our son is happy at NECDC. He's now a very talkative and opinionated two-year-old and tells us how excited he is to go and see his teachers and friends at daycare every day. We know that these are challenging times for the childcare industry, but we can tell that the team at NECDC are doing their best and this means the world to us!

—Jake Fleming and Matt Hiltner, parents of a preschool child

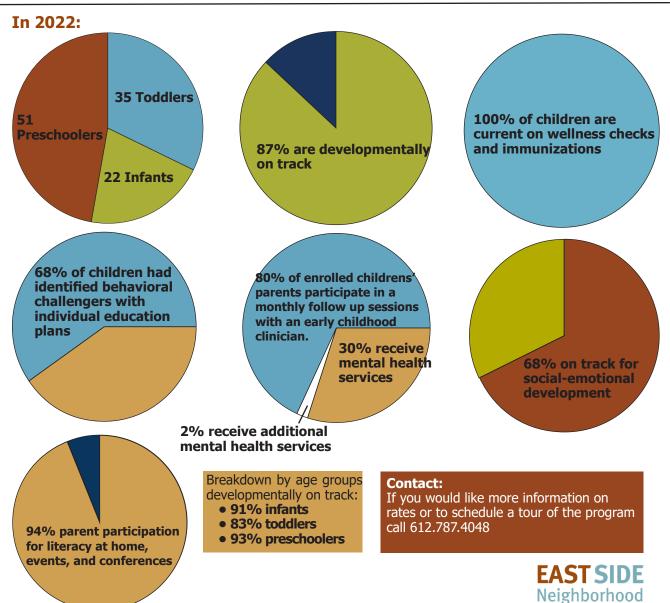
From 2020 to year end 2022 NECDC has seen an increase in young children's social emotional development decreasing. The pandemic isolated families and children reducing those social activities that give children opportunities to master those skills. The program has hired a mental health clinician who works with children under five to provide them with the necessary skills to develop friendships, learn to share and take turns, and even how to ask other children to play with them. The results of COVID-19 are still not fully known on how it affected young children's development. Over the course of the next generation of elementary aged children those effects will begin to appear. If programs like NECDC don't address those concerns now it may be too late in 5 or 10 years to make those changes for a successful school experience.

Program Preparation Statistics:

- 47 children were in group services
- There were 6-7 small groups sessions held per week with children
- 11 individual children participated in 1:1 sessions
- 2 group sessions per week were held targeting Kindergarten Readiness on a 6-week rotation
- There were 40+ parent meetings
- Clinician consulted with doctors, kindergarten teachers, MPS and A Chance To Grow services

NECDC was first issued a Minnesota Department of Human Services license in February 1948. It is one of the few continuously running child care centers with this history in the state.

The Center is open Monday - Friday, 7:30-5:00, 260 days a year, closing for major holidays. The Center employs a total of 24 staff. This includes the Director, Assistant Director, and Food Service Manager.



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