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September is:

Nat'l Preparedness Month
www.ready.gov/kids/home

Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month
 (Sep 15-Oct 15)

Nat'l Courtesy Month

Nat'l Better Breakfast Month

Nat'l Blueberry Popsicle Month

Early Learning Property Management is delighted to announce the acquisition of the Warsaw Early Learning Center in the Roswell area. Through a partnership between ELPM, United Way of Metro Atlanta/The Whitehead Foundation, and the Pittulloch Foundation, ELPM purchased the facility and performed minor renovations to showcase secured, spacious classrooms full of natural light, a large motor skills area, full kitchen for preparing nutritious meals, administration area, and age appropriate playgrounds. Easter Seals of North Georgia, a NAECY accredited program provider, will be providing comprehensive program services for this center. Currently, its program serves 1348 children at 13 locations in Fulton County and North East Georgia. The Warsaw Center opened its doors at the beginning of this school year with full enrollment to provide quality care and program services to children six weeks to five years old, as well as community outreach programs.

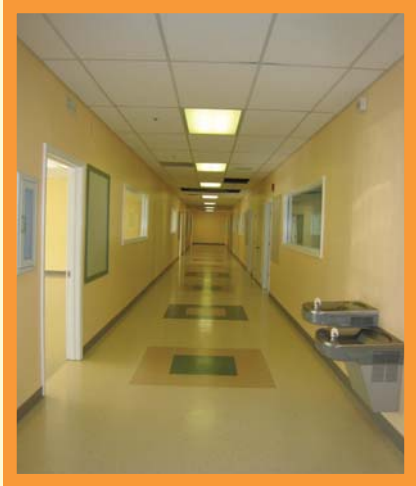
ELPM is very excited to open this beautiful center and expand access to high quality early learning programs critical to help the increasing demand for affordable, quality early education programs in this community. We are very grateful to our funding partners for providing us with the opportunity to expand our mission and continue to bridge the educational gap for our young children, enriching lives in hundreds of families.

Kara Portnell, Executive Director

For more information about Easter Seals of North Georgia, please visit www.easterseals.com or www.elpm.org

News Around the Block

WARSAW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



CONGRATULATIONS
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Tendercare Preschool & Daycare Academy Tendercare Clinic, Greensboro, GA



GOOD NEWS from our friends at Tendercare in Greensboro, GA. Now that school is back in session, its Partnership classes with Metro Atlanta YMCA Head Start are in full swing. They presently have two Head Start classes with one class blended with Georgia Pre-K.

Tendercare is waiting for a site visit from NAEYC, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. Staff and administration have been working diligently towards NAEYC accreditation since being awarded the Center of Recognition by Bright from the Start. The visit is tentatively set for November 30th.

Tendercare just finished its Summer camp program which was a partial collaboration with Tendercare's Clinic Health Educators. The camp program completed a project called Media Smart Youth: Eat, Think and Be Active!. Media Smart Youth is an interactive after-school education program for young people ages 11 to 13. It was designed to help teach them about the complex media world around them, and how it can affect their health—especially in the areas of nutrition and physical activity.

Tendercare's clinic opened in December 2008 and continues to serve the Greensboro community as a comprehensive medical hub with access to all primary care specialties. Tendercare serves families and patients in 52 different zip codes and in a sixty mile radius.

For further information on Tendercare, please contact Lisa Brown at 706.453.1201 or lbrown@tendercarega.org

YMCA Paulding Early Childhood Development Academy

The Paulding ECDA began the new school year on August 3rd with five Georgia Pre-K classes as well as six childcare classrooms ranging in age from six weeks through three years old. Two Head Start classes filled with three year olds began their new school year on August 8th.

The center has submitted their NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) application for accreditation. This certification sets professional standards for early childhood education programs and helps families identify high-quality programs for their young children.

Paulding ECDA is currently participating in a grant to reduce childhood obesity and another grant, scheduled to start the next school term (August 2012) will address raising the literacy rates in children in Georgia with a focus on 3 and 4 year olds..

The prevalence of obesity among children two to five years old has increased to 15%. Research shows that recommended amount of physical activity to develop normal growth patterns and prevent obesity in young children are lacking in preschool settings. The YMCA of Metro Atlanta recently added a new wellness research and development program, Start for Life™, which targets children three to five years old to prevent childhood obesity. A grant by Kaiser Permanente supports Start for Life™, which consists of 30 minutes of moderate -and vigorous- intensity exercise, five day a week, delivered by Head Start teachers during the regular school day. "A significant and very exciting piece of the program is being able to track healthy growth patterns of these children throughout their formative school years. Physical activity is the key", said Jim Annesi, Director of Wellness Advancement for YMCA Metro

Atlanta. Other participating centers besides Paulding ECDA are Chattahoochee and Dean Rusk Head Start Academy.

With the new school year, Head Start classes at the Chattahoochee and Dean Rusk centers, the Academies of South DeKalb; Snapfinger and Lithonia locations, Arthur Blank Pre-School and the Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA Pre School are beginning a new program called Read Right From the Start. We will also have participation from Atlanta Public Schools Pre-K and DeKalb Partnership for Community Action (PCA) in this exciting endeavor. The program is a partnership between the Atlanta Speech School's Rollins Center for Language and Learning and the YMCA of Metro Atlanta.

Read Right From the Start achieves positive results for the children by focusing on teachers. The training program includes 81 lead and 81 assistant teachers who will receive three training components: coaching; live training and eLearning interactive modules. Literacy coaches and facilitators will provide valuable support and feedback for the teaching staff.

The live training, delivered in two-day sessions throughout the year, provides specific methods of language instruction to help children make huge strides with vocabulary and expression. Literacy coaches will provide support during the 2011-2012 school year. Tailored specifically for Y teachers, eLearning modules provide additional training on specific skills and strategies. The Y is committed to preparing each child to enter kindergarten ready to succeed and on a path for grade level reading by third grade.

For more program information, please visit: www.ymcaatlanta.org

Early Learning Property Management Mission Statement

To support and promote early childhood learning and development by providing safe and adequate facilities where early learning programs and activities can be conducted.



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