



OUR MISSION

“Vibrant, healthy, sustainable communities where everyone is valued and can achieve their full potential.”

For more information, please contact:

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Hours:

Monday to Friday | 9AM - 5PM



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about us

In 2012, the New York City Administration for Children's Services awarded Lutheran Social Services of New York the opportunity to revitalize existing early childhood education centers, open new centers, and expand a network of home-based child care. Today, our network of teachers provides quality early learning and child care opportunities to nurture a child's social, emotional, and educational needs, while partnering with parents to build a strong foundation for families.

Early care and education is so essential to a child's success in life. Our classrooms are rich with music, art, and technology, and along with our exceptional teachers, we help children begin on a positive path to kindergarten.

To build on our unprecedented success, the Early LIFE program continues to maintain special relationships with families who enrich our programs and strengthen community bonds.





EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Children go through distinct periods of development as they move from infancy through age 5. Research has shown that these years are the most important time in brain development. During this time, the brain and body form connections essential for their future learning and healthy physical growth.

Early LIFE supports early childhood development by providing a nurturing environment and fostering social/emotional, physical and cognitive development to promote school readiness and build healthy families.

APPROVED CURRICULUM

Early learning at our centers and in our home-based programs is fun, engaging, and age-appropriate. We teach children the skills they need as they take their first steps toward preschool and kindergarten. Our teachers use The Creative Curriculum to incorporate a wide range of teaching strategies, including child-initiated learning and teacher-directed approaches to best respond to children's learning styles, strengths and interests. By working with our diverse community of families, and our neighborhood partners, The Creative Curriculum helps our teachers to integrate learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, art, and technology, in an environment that invites children to observe, be active, make choices, and explore.



INFANT & TODDLER CARE

We care for children in our infant/toddler program in nurturing, responsive, caring environments that inspire trust, creativity, curiosity, and self-confidence.

PRESCHOOLERS

Early LIFE Centers offer Early Head Start & Head Start, Child Care and Pre-Kindergarten in a center-based environment for children 2, 3, and 4 years old.



ENROLLMENT

Families interested in low-cost or free child care should apply by contacting our enrollment staff at arivera@lssny.org to discuss program requirements and the needs of their child. We encourage parents to visit our programs in order to choose the best care. Once a specific Early LIFE program is chosen, you will need to apply and submit the required documentation.

Families may be eligible for free or low-cost child care based on their family's income and reason for requiring child care. Financial eligibility is determined by a family's gross income, with consideration of family size.

TO ENROLL, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:

- Proof of your child's birth - one required (birth certificate, baptism record, alien registration card)
- Two proofs of residency (e.g., utility bill, rental lease)
- Proof of income (e.g., pay stub, W2 form)
- Proof of public assistance and/or Medicaid

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE:

New reasons for care apply to families that are not on cash assistance and are at or below 200% of the state income standard.

- Homeless families for up to 12 months
- Parents attending a four-year college and working 17.5 hours per week
- Parents looking for work for up to six months

EARLY LIFE CENTER LOCATIONS:

BROOKLYN

1175 Gates Ave
btwn. Bushwick & Evergreen Ave
718.443.4500



MANHATTAN

1947 Park Ave
btwn. E. 131st & 132nd St
212.933.1815

510-516 WEST 145TH ST
btwn. Amsterdam Ave & Broadway
646.449.0814



BRONX

80 East 181st St
btwn. Walton & Morris Ave
347.297.29001

2125 WATSON AVE
btwn. Olmstead & Castle Hill Ave
718.943.0580

888 WESTCHESTER AVE*

Bronx, NY 10459
718.450.3556

*Office Locations for our Family Child Care
Network program at these Early LIFE Centers

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