



Children who don't get quality early care and education are:

- 25% more likely to drop out of school
- 40% more likely to become a teen parent
- 50% more likely to be placed in special education
- 60% more likely to never attend college
- 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime

Source: Start Early Newsletter

Parent Advisory Council

Parent representatives meet 6 times yearly to provide feedback on program issues, support advocacy efforts and assist in family events.

PAC Mission Statement

We feel that parent involvement in a child's education is critical for a child's development. In order to form an essential and productive partnership between families and ECDEC staff, all efforts are made to have parents feel welcome and empowered within the school program. This includes offering a variety of parent education programming which is culturally sensitive and personalized for each child and family. As well as regular communication between the school and family with mutual respect for each child, parent and staff member.



ECDEC Early Childhood Developmental Enrichment Center

ECDEC is a ***FREE*** preschool program that serves children between the ages of 3 – 5 years old in Palatine and Wheeling Townships. (District 15) (District 23, 25, 26, 57)



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www.ecdec.org

ECDEC is a free preschool program that requires children to be screened to qualify.

ECDEC/PFA uses Creative Curriculum, Pyramid Model Social-Emotional Curriculum, and Literacy based additional curriculum aligned with the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. We teach by creating purposeful and productive play experiences that help children grow in all developmental areas.

ECDEC classes are held five days a week offering half day (am or pm) and some full day classrooms taught by licensed early childhood teachers. The program follows the individual school district calendar.

ECDEC is funded by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Book and Toy Lending Library

We offer materials for birth - 5 years old. There are a variety of books, puzzles, toys, puppets and games for you and your child to enjoy.



Preschool children learn best through play

Using a variety of curriculum strategies, teachers provide children with opportunities to develop and support the following skills:

- Language/Writing
- Math/Science
- Social Studies
- Social-Emotional
- Fine/Gross Motor

Family Support Services

Home Visits

These are provided by professional parent educators and licensed teaching staff. Families are encouraged to create their own home goals. Visits provide developmental information, social emotional support, communication between school and home, and referrals as needed. Literacy boxes are used with families to support classroom curriculum.

Parent/Child Interaction Activities

These activities are offered at various locations, including the classroom as well as during community trips to parks, nature centers, libraries, and local businesses.

Workshops

Workshops are offered on a wide range of topics based on parent needs. These include routines and responsibilities, discipline, nutrition, literacy, health and safety, language acquisition and kindergarten readiness.

Volunteers

Parents are encouraged to volunteer both in the classroom and through school and home activities. Parents are their children's first and forever teachers! You know your children best!

Emergency Intervention

Parent educators are available to provide emergency intervention to children and families in need through individualized support, as well as referrals to community agencies.

Services are offered in English, Spanish and Polish, in culturally sensitive environments.

