



Florence Fuller
Child Development Centers

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**TOMORROW'S GENERATION
TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY**

OUR MISSION

As a child development center, we are committed to provide inclusive quality childcare and family support services in preparation for a lifetime of positive learning. We serve economically disadvantaged families in which parents are in career training, attending school, maintaining gainful employment, or disabled. We show respect to our children and families, honor their differences, and empower them to excel.

The Florence Fuller Child Development Centers are dedicated to serving children and families from low-income households so that these children can start their education on a par with those with more economic advantages. Subsidized quality childcare is available in a loving, healthy environment at little or no cost to 625 economically disadvantaged children annually.



A DREAM

In 1968, Dorothy Fleeger, a volunteer at the South County Neighborhood Center, realized that poverty-stricken children would start their education at an extreme disadvantage. Dorothy approached her friends, James and Florence Fuller, for the initial funds to build a center. The Center was built in Florence's name, and the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization was incorporated in 1971.

SERVING CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Two nationally accredited Boca Raton locations serve children from South Palm Beach County, providing assistance for working parents struggling to gain independence. The children served are growing up in circumstances that might limit development of their potential, compromise their health, impair their sense of self, and generally restrict their chances for successful lives. Services are provided to children whose parents are in low-income work, job training programs, employed as farm-workers, are teenagers in school, or identified by the Department of Children and Families as neglected or abused.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The children receiving services at Florence Fuller Child Development Centers are ethnically diverse from families with an average household income of \$18,000. The children range in age from one month to five years and attend fulltime preschool. Children ages 6 to 13 attend after school care and summer day camp.

■ Infant, Toddler and Preschool Care

Infant, toddler and preschool care is provided for children at the East and West Centers, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Trained teachers and assistants work with the children in a nurturing and responsive environment to encourage cognitive, physical, and language development. Children engage in stimulating activities that promote play, exploration, and learning to build fine and gross motor skills and aid in social and emotional development. Preschool children ages 3 to 5 years learn skills preparing them to enter kindergarten as healthy, intelligent, and disciplined students.

■ After School Care

The After School program is available Monday through Friday, three hours a day, for children ages 6 to 13 years who are attending elementary school. Full day sessions are offered on teacher planning days and on school holidays, providing a safe haven until parents return from work. Students receive help with their homework and participate in enjoyable after-school activities such as arts and crafts, sports, and field trips.

The After School program offers activities that connect lessons learned in school to everyday life. Intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development is addressed through the Centers' curriculum.

■ Summer Day Camp

During the summer months from June to August, the Day Camp program is offered up to ten hours a day Monday through Friday. Day campers participate in outdoor sports, swimming, field trips, arts and crafts and nature activities. The Summer Camp program enhances social skills and physical development for children ages 6 to 13 years.



DEDICATED AND CARING STAFF

The staff understands the importance of shaping a child's life. Both Centers are highly accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and are Gold Seal Centers, based on offering a top-quality program.

A stable and consistent environment contributes to positive experiences and successful results for the children. Many staff members have been at the Centers for 15, 20, and more years.

GOOD NUTRITION AND HEALTHCARE

Each day the Centers provide two nutritional meals and a snack for the children attending the preschool program, and a snack and dinner for the after-school children. Campers enjoy two meals and a snack.

Medical services such as vision, hearing and dental checkups with necessary remedial work are under the supervision of a staff registered nurse. Mental health counseling is also available to children and parents.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Staff members work with parents and provide referrals to other social service agencies including family counseling and job training programs for eligible parents. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the Centers when their schedules permit.

Both Centers have a Parent Resource Lending Library that contains educational toys, books, and software that parents can borrow to use with their children at home. Other parent services include an evening family support group and ESOL/literacy classes.

CENTER FOR MILDLY ILL CHILDREN

The Harold and Mary Perper Center for Mildly Ill Children is the first in a childcare setting in the state of Florida. The purpose is to provide quality healthcare for children with short-term illness or symptoms of illness as a component of current childcare services provided by both the East and West Centers. This care for children helps prevent mild illnesses from developing into major health problems, keeps parents from losing their jobs to absenteeism, and reduces parental stress by assuring that their children are safe and in capable hands.

Sick children are the single greatest childcare-related cause of absenteeism among employees. Unfortunately, children do tend to get ill more often in the early years in childcare. In most states, Florida included, ill children are not allowed to attend regular childcare programs.

LOVING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers assist in the classroom, in the library, and as tutors. They serve as role models for children who may lack stability and guidance. Volunteers provide affection and give extra attention. Volunteers are also needed at the Centers' two successful thrift shops.

DONATIONS HELP THE CHILDREN

Florence Fuller Child Development Centers are dependent on a variety of sources to continue providing services. Funding is received from several government agencies including: Head Start, Federal Title XX, Florida Department of Health Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, Children's Services Council, United Way, and the City of Boca Raton.

The Centers operate two thrift stores reliant on donations of quality merchandise and profitable sales. Contributions from corporations, foundations, and individuals permit the Centers to continue to operate and thereby positively influence the lives of children.

Preschool and college scholarships for children who have attended the Centers are available upon application.





Your support is greatly appreciated to help the Centers continue the programs for children from economically disadvantaged homes. For information on leaving a legacy for the children, please contact the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' Director of Planned Giving and Development at 561.391.7274.



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