**Mission Statement**

Stepping Stones is committed to providing high quality education and childcare in an environment that fosters positive relationships among our children, staff, families, and the community we serve. We establish a continuity of care by providing meaningful childcare experience from infancy to early adolescents.  Our students, parents, and staff will work together to build an atmosphere where each and every child can learn and respect one another in an academic, physical, and social environment.

**Vision Statement**

Stepping Stones Children’s Center, Inc., will strive to be an organization that exemplifies growth and opportunity for children, their families, and our community at large, by providing the following:

* Implementing a research based curriculum that supports the academic, physical and social learning needs of every child.
* A future that is brighter, safer, and more productive for children.
* Wider understanding of the needs of children and families
* Early identification, intervention, and programming for children with special needs.
* More effective networking with childhood programs to incorporate meaningful, learning experiences

**Value Statement**

Stepping Stones Children’s Center, Inc., through its families, staff, board and administration affirms it commitment to these values for our children and the community:

We will work diligently to:

* Create and maintain standards of high quality childcare and education for children and youth
* Stay current with the ongoing trends in early childhood education and care to provide high quality programs and services.
* Families are encouraged to participate in the board of directors, input in childhood programs, and through open communication.
* Design and maintain high quality physical environments that are safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing.
* Values and respects diversity of children, families and staff to create a positive environment that fosters emotional growth
* Serves as advocates for children, families, and the early childhood profession.
* Maintains high standards of ethical conduct, professionalism and confidentiality

**Philosophy**

Stepping Stones Children's Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization established in 1979. We believe in educating the whole child in an environment in which children feel safe and can strive. Our childcare programs help children achieve developmental goals that are very critical in the early years and foster those goals throughout their adolescent years. Stepping Stones provides a hands-on learning environment that helps children learn through play and experiences while meeting the goals of state standards. Our qualified teachers are responsive to the needs and developmental milestones of each child.