

Mission Statement

Stepping Stones Children's Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is the total development of children. We are 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.

School Age Mission Statement

Stepping Stones' School Age mission is to create a safe and enjoyable learning environment. 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. Stepping Stones will offer a creative curriculum of diverse learning experiences, which meet the individual needs of all of our students. Stepping Stones School Age Program will provide activities for children to help them develop their skills as role models, team members, and responsible representatives of the community.

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:

- A future that is brighter, safer, and more productive for children
- More effective networking among community organizations
- Wider understanding of the needs of children and their families
- Early identification and intervention for children with special needs
- Secure jobs for child care workers in a supportive working environment
- A stronger and more stable local economy

Values Statement

Stepping Stones Children's Center, Inc., through its families, staff, board and administration, affirms its 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.
- Monitor the economic climate in the organization to foster quality programming and growth.
- Design and maintain high quality physical environments that are safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing.
- Promote innovative and creative development of programs, services, and solutions for children and their families.
- Respect and foster the unique talents and abilities of each child.
- Model behaviors that teach tolerance and respect for differences.
- Create a spirit of cooperation and partnership with and among community organizations.
- Serve as advocates for children, families, and the early childhood profession.
- Maintain high standards of ethical conduct.
- Maintain high standards of professionalism.
- Encourage teamwork.

Philosophy

Stepping Stones Children's Center Inc. provides an environment in which children can strive to achieve their full potential for social, intellectual, emotional and physical growth. Each child is unique and special with very individual gifts and strengths that must be nurtured by the adults in their lives. The way in which a child grows and realizes these gifts and strengths depends on parental guidance, love and understanding, and the positive growth experiences of early childhood and childcare.

Our qualified professional employees are responsive to the needs and developmental progress of each child. In an atmosphere of acceptance, children develop relationships of mutual trust and respect with adults and peers. The development of the child's self-worth and feelings of competency are a priority.

Our childcare programs help children achieve developmental goals that are very critical in the early years. To accomplish these goals, we provide an environment that is comfortable and safe. The environment has stimulating materials and equipment and is staffed with knowledgeable, caring adults. Teachers plan daily activities that help children become successful achievers who have initiative, independence and positive feelings about themselves.

Each child is unique and special. They each have very individual gifts within – qualities of strength and potentials awaiting development. We are happy to have a part in helping children grow. In partnership with parents, we work to make our Programs a place where children can just be kids, a place of security, love and fun, and a time to remember as special.