



EARLY LEARNING & SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM



NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Hope House broke ground on a brand new, 11,000-square-foot early learning center in April 2023. The new center, which provides full-time, licensed child care for up to 104 children, opened October 2024. The center removes a significant barrier for teen moms on their path to self-sufficiency, allowing them to attend school or work full time. Scan the QR code for more information!



DID YOU KNOW?

A middle-class 3-year-old has a working vocabulary of 1,200 words. A poverty class adult has a working vocabulary of only 900 words. Language development is a key component of our Early Learning & School Age Program.

In fact, children of teen parents are 50% more likely to repeat a grade and are less likely to graduate from high school. This is a significant problem because education is key in breaking out of poverty.

THE SOLUTION

The good news is that children who attend a high-quality early learning program are less likely to repeat a grade in school, less likely to drop out of high school, more likely to attend and graduate from college, more likely to be employed as an adult and less likely to receive public assistance as an adult.

The Early Learning & School Age Program at Hope House is designed to enhance language acquisition skills and improve social/emotional skills in the children of our teen moms, better positioning them to break the cycle of poverty.

THE GOAL

The goal of our program is to help the children of teen moms develop the skills they need to succeed in school, as well as to help them successfully transition to a full-time, quality early learning center, setting both mom and child up for long-term success.



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Program Components

PARENTING EDUCATION & CLASSES

- Parenting 101
- Support groups
- Age-specific parenting sessions
- Individual coaching

CLUBHOUSE

Clubhouse offers academic and extracurricular enrichment opportunities with a child-centered approach.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

- Speech therapy
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Behavioral therapy
- Play therapy

HOPE HOUSE HOUNDS

Interaction with therapy dogs helps ease transition into the classroom and decreases separation anxiety. All dogs are trained and insured through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Volunteers work alongside teachers in the classroom to provide activities that directly support the individualized growth of each child, specifically targeting any identified delays. Volunteers must complete a background check and are required to complete an early learning training session.

