



## Facts about the WCCS Early Learning Centers

**WCCS Early Learning Centers**, operated by Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS), provide **Early Learning and Child Care Programs** for 3 and 4-year olds.

### Mission and History

WCCS began providing Head Start 40 years ago. It is the first and only Head Start program in Warren County. Today, regardless of financial resources, young children can receive the learning experiences and social skills needed for success in school. During the past 5 years, over 1500 children have been readied for kindergarten.

WCCS Early Learning Centers are dedicated to helping families make a **lasting, positive difference** in their children's education and in their lives. In partnership with parents and community, our dedicated, caring and experienced staff creates a loving and safe environment where children and families can grow in self-confidence, by accepting differences, nurturing strengths and encouraging mutual respect.

Our **vision** is that all children who attend will receive High Quality Early Education and Child Care in a caring and stable and loving environment and proudly say **"I'm Ready for Kindergarten!"**

### WCCS Early Learning Centers Today

- Enrollment – 283 children enrolled
- Daily bus services is provided to 150 children every day.
- Family Involvement
  - Families who participated in family goal setting: 269
  - Fathers who participated in "Father Involvement" Activities: 52
- Special Services Provided
  - All children receive physicals and dental exams
  - Children receiving follow-up medical care: 67
  - Children follow-up dental care: 55
  - Children with speech, learning, and physical disabilities receiving special services: 30
  - Nutritious hot, family-style meals and snacks served every day.

### Academic Qualifications

- **Every classroom** has a teacher with a degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Centers are **accredited** by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
- Curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards.

### WCCS Early Learning Centers Program and Funding Sources (FY 2006)

Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 was just over \$2 million dollars.

Sources of funding were U.S. Health and Human Services (\$1,656,716), Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (\$334,955) and United Way (\$25,000)

Local in-kind donations were received to match federal grant (\$502,289)

Private, corporate, and individual gifts will help sustain the program for the future.

### Growth and Dreams for Future

- Provide quality and competitive early education to the growing, diverse group of children in Warren County, such as children younger than 3 years and the Hispanic population.
- Expand full day child care in the Franklin area
- Provide a new, progressive looking facility in South Lebanon

### Current Locations and Contact Information

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