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Oakland Family Services enrolling for free preschool program

Walled Lake Children's Learning Center has openings for 4-year-olds

Pontiac, Mich. (Sept. 18, 2017) – Oakland Family Services still has open spots for a FREE 4-year-old preschool program at its Children's Learning Center in Walled Lake.

The center, which opened in 2015, offers free preschool for qualifying 4-year-olds through the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). Children must have been 4 years old by Sept. 1 and must meet income or at risk requirements.

"Our preschool program adheres to the HighScope curriculum, which is proven to prepare children for kindergarten and success in elementary school," said Kris Kasperski, Oakland Family Services Early Childhood director. "In this model, children are active learners, exploring their environment and classroom materials with the support and guidance from their teachers. Through play and intentional teaching, children are supported in their academic and social-emotional learning and growth."

The Children's Learning Center houses 96 preschoolers with six classrooms and 16 teachers. Children enjoy a developmentally appropriate learning environment, which includes consistent and secure daily experiences that promote independent thinking, decision-making and problem solving.

The free preschool program runs Monday-Thursday with affordable options available for Friday care. The center, located at 1885 N. Pontiac Trail, provides breakfast, lunch and a snack. Before and after school childcare also is available for a cost.

For more information, call the Children's Learning Center at (248) 295-9508 or visit oaklandfamilyservices.org/education.

Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) serving the community since 1921 and dedicated to providing individuals and families the opportunity to build brighter futures. The agency's prevention, education and treatment services touch the lives of more than 40,000 individuals throughout southeastern Michigan. The agency has offices in Pontiac, Berkley, Rochester Hills and Walled Lake. For more information, go to www.oaklandfamilyservices.org.

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