

CDC Partner Pages

Matthews Memorial Child Development Center

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“High Quality” Goals in View

By December 2019, every early childhood educator will be required to have the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and by 2023, every childhood educator will be required to have an Associate of Arts degree. Matthews Memorial Child Development Center has embraced this *Credential Challenge* and all of our teachers currently have their CDA certification or are in the final stages of earning their credential. The Infant/Toddler Environment Rating (ITERS) Scale and the Creative Curriculum are the foundational tools used in our Child

Development Center to provide high quality learning experiences to our children, from infancy to age three. Our Child Development Center Partners with a variety of Early Childhood professional agencies to help us meet the educational, social and emotional needs of our children. **Early Childhood Education Consultant Debra Byrd** has been working with our Director, Tammy Lucas, and our staff to perfect the Personal Care Routines and Space and Furnishings components of the ITERS Rating Scale through professional development (PD) staff meetings and one-on-one coaching sessions.



Ms. Debra Byrd leads a demonstration in a recent staff PD



CDC Teachers Ms. Renwick Ms. Brock and Ms. Wellington

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HQ Professional Development

- March and ongoing Bi-Weekly Coaching and Modeling in the classrooms, Debra Byrd, TA Consultant
- April 4, 10, 2019, One-on-One Staff Conferences, Valerie Morris, CDC Quality Assurance
- April 19, 2019; 1:30-4:00 pm Overview of the ITERS-R and Sub Scales, Debra Byrd, TA Consultant
- May 17, 2019; 8:00 am -5:00 pm, In-depth look at ITERS-R Sub-scale #2: Personal Care Routines (Debra Byrd, TA Consultant) and #6: Program Structure (**Shiffaun Alston, Capital Quality Facilitator**)
- May 2019, Teacher Planning Time focus on Positive Behavior Support and Conflict Resolution Strategies

Points of Interest

May is Teacher Appreciation Month

Matthews: On the Move to High Quality

Partnering Opportunities

Sysco Food Service Supporting Farm-to-Table Education



“An awareness that food comes from farms and not the grocery store is an important awareness we want to support with our children and families.”

Our current Food Service Provider is Sysco Foods. This vendor makes a good effort to source local produce. According to Sysco, knowing where their food comes from and how it gets to the plate is becoming more and more important to their customers. This is certainly true for our Child Development

Center. We are very interested in helping our children connect their food with their world. An awareness that food comes from farms and not the grocery store is an important awareness we want to support with our children and families. Our company representative, **Ilecia Williams** is helping us

identify the local farms that supply our produce. **Our Nutritionist, Ms. Pricilla Martin** records this information for food service reports and plans to work closely with Ms. Williams to begin sharing this information with our children, families and stakeholders.

May is Teacher Appreciation Month

Thank you to the teachers and staff of Matthews Memorial Child Development Center. You make a difference EVERY DAY in the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. We hope you were made to feel appreciated during the week of May 6-10,

2019. Meeting the educational needs of young children is a hard job and you do it every day of the year!!! Thank you to: **Ms. Tammy Lucas** (Director); **Ms. Tammy Brock** and **DeChantel Outlaw** (Before/After Care and all ages); **Ms. Betty Dempsey**, **LaTavia Lucas**, **Teya Renwick** and **Monica Reed**

(infants); **Ms. Stephanie Scott** and **Rickia Everette** (1 to 2 year olds); **Ms. Lanette Wellington** and **Kanielle Jones** (2-4 year olds); **Ms. Ramona Gordon** (all ages). **Nutritionist Priscilla Martin** and **Geraldine Baisey** (Maintenance). Thank you for being a difference maker in our Child Development Center! You are most appreciated!!!

Partnership Opportunities

There are so many ways in which you can become a Partner of Matthews Memorial Child Development Center. Here are just a few ways you can help us make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve:

- Become a Teacher in our Child Development Center

- Adopt the Child Development Center and help us keep our facility, playground and gardens safe and beautiful
- Volunteer to read to a class
- Volunteer to do a class demonstration

- Volunteer to be a class assistant and help the teacher and children as needed-earn volunteer service hours
- Adopt a particular class and help support the learning that goes on in that class

Partnership Opportunities

- Volunteer to help our After Care Students with their homework
- Volunteer to help recognize and/or reward our staff with gift cards, movie tickets, appreciation gifts under \$25.
- Volunteer to help our center engage with parents during Literacy Nights or other special events
- Volunteer to read and discuss a book for 30 minutes during our Back-to-School Community Block Party event August 24, 2019
- Donate a gift for a child at our center for the holidays
- Lend your talents as a musician, artist, good reader to engage in a special event showcase for our children, parents and/or community
- Donate your old, but still functioning, desktop, lap top or tablets to our education center to help our children increase access to and use of technology
- Gardening tools and skills

Your support can help us make a difference in the educational experience offered at Matthews Memorial Child Development Center.

Please partner with us.

Outdoor Classroom Coming Soon

“Mary, Mary,
Quite Contrary”
(Original Version):
Mistress Mary,
quite contrary,
How does your garden
grow?
With Silver Bells, and
Cockle Shells, and so
my garden grows.

There is so much we can learn by working in a garden. So much to

think about....so many sensations provided by the soil, the sun, the water. So much to learn about patience caring for the garden, seasons, weather patterns and timing, pests-like insects and natural predators that might want to eat our garden. Can you imagine the rich discussions and experiences the children in our child development center will have as they grow their own flowers and vegetables in

their classroom garden? Can't you see the excitement in their eyes and the light bulbs of awareness and connections flickering as they connect food and nutrition with what they are doing in their garden? Stay tuned. We have a classroom garden plan underway!



MMCDC CEO Corner

Dr. Joseph D. Turner is the Senior Pastor of Matthews Memorial Baptist Church and he is also the Chief Executive Officer of Matthews Memorial Child Development Center. Dr. Turner has passion for education and has led the development of both children and adults as Youth Pastor for many years. He has also served as the Director of Summer Youth Programs (Pace

Setters) and as an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Florida Memorial University (formerly Florida Memorial College) in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Turner has served as a Teacher and Mentor through organizations; such as 5000 Role Models, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and 100 Black Men of Miami. Through Matthews Memorial Child Development Center, Dr. Turner hopes to impact the

present and future quality of life of the children and families living in the SE Washington DC area. Literacy and Education can and will provide the Keys to access the opportunities available to them in our ever-changing World.

**Your Partner
in Education**

Dr. Joseph Turner



Matthews Memorial Child Development Center has served the community of SE Washington, DC for more than two decades. Our mission is to provide high quality early childhood education to the diverse students we serve in a caring and creative learning environment. Through partnership and collaboration with our parents and community we will expand the opportunities our students have to become prepared and engaged citizens in a competitive, complex and changing World.

Donations Needed

Our Child Development Center can always use **your generosity**. Our Infants and toddlers would appreciate your donations of any of the following items to enrich their daily experience in our center.

- Non-fragrant, Hypoallergenic Wipes
- Large Stickers to help acknowledge excellence
- Toys for our Toddler's Treasure Chest

- Clear Backpacks for our Home Learning Literacy Kits (\$6 ea. www.Discountmugs.com)
- Board Books for our Toddlers
- Soft Books for our Infants
- Music instruments for our Music Areas
- Crayons, paint, paper, smocks for our Art Areas
- Books for our After-Care Library (ages 6-12)
- LeapFrog Epic Academy Edition Educational

- Tablet for children 3-6 (\$120.00 from Target)
- \$25 gift cards from Walmart, Target, Visa or Master Card for teacher special requests for their classrooms

Your generous donations are tax deductible and will do so much to enhance the learning experiences of our children. To make a donation, please call Valerie Morris at 202-727-0040 or Ms. Tammy Lucas at 202-889-3707.

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