

## Wickliffe Connection

# Early Steps Learning Center - Where Every Day is a Fun Day!

Since 2003, Early Steps Learning Center (ESLC) has been dedicated to the total development of the children entrusted to their care by providing educational services encompassing social, emotional, cognitive, and language development; literacy; phonics; and computer to approximately 200 children in two Richmond Heights child care centers.

Now open at their third location in Wickliffe, Executive Director Angela Barringer shares, "We are passionate about bringing our unique educational approach and child care philosophy to children and are thrilled to reach Wickliffe-area children now as well. It is a privilege and blessing to

have the responsibility of expanding young minds and shaping hearts."

The management and staff are proud of the recognition received from the State of Ohio for providing quality educational programs, which exceed Ohio's childcare licensing standards. Their three-star rating under the Step Up to Quality program is based on education, classroom ratios, and quality of care. Teachers and staff are devoted to ESLC's Philosophy of Care, in which they commit to providing a safe, secure, caring, and stimulating environment to help children develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Special programs such as Montessori

Preschool, Spanish, Sign Language, and Christian Club give children even more opportunities to learn and grow. The children's librarian from Wickliffe Public Library, providing animated Story Hours, is always a welcome guest.

When preschoolers leave Early Steps Learning Center and continue on their way to Kindergarten, they are well prepared and their personal portfolio will attest to that.

ESLC in Wickliffe is now enrolling children from 6 weeks of age through 12

years of age. Hours of operation are 6:00am-6:00pm Monday through Friday. Families are welcome to learn more about ESLC by scheduling a tour of the state-of-the-art facility located at 1601 Drenik Drive. A special 5% tuition discount is being offered to those who work for any business in Wickliffe. Contact Sharon Jackson, Business Director, at 440-585-4500.

Don't forget - learning through play is what children are all about!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Early Steps Learning Center on August 1, 2014. Left to right: Pastor Kevin James (New Community Bible Fellowship), Amanda Harper (Asst Director), Lauren Gaffney (Director), Sharon Jackson (CFO), Mayor William Margalis, Angela Barringer (Executive Director), Veronica Waller (Asst Director), Karen Tercek (President Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce).



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