



Positive Happenings

Childcare Programs

FLAS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Childcare Program has 57 staff members.
- Steps Ahead participates in the HighScope curriculum guide.
- Steps Ahead continues to be NAEYC accredited.
- Students in after school programs are more likely to stay in school and move to the next grade.

Catching up with SAC, Sonic & Steps Ahead

The SAC, Sonic and Steps Ahead programs have 57 caring and confident staff who provide care and support to children each day by providing opportunities to develop social/emotional skills as well as enhance their learning. Staff plan and implement a variety of activities that encourage active engagement and enrichment before and after school and on days when there is no school.

The FLAS Childcare Programs provide, not only exceptional care, but provide benefits that reach beyond safe supervision before and after school. Studies show that students that are involved in after school programs have increased likelihood of staying in school, moving to the next grade and remaining engaged in their academic program.

In addition to peace of mind for parents while they work, data also

shows that children who are supervised in a safe, caring environment are less likely to engage in risk-taking behaviors. Children that are going home to empty, unsupervised homes are more vulnerable to taking part in or becoming victims of crime.

SAC and Sonic partners with Targeted Services by reducing the fee for childcare for extended day and summer school participants, making accessibility easier for additional academic help during the school year and summer.

Steps Ahead continues to develop the skills early learners need for kindergarten through the HighScope curriculum guide. Steps Ahead has maintained accreditation through the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for two years.





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