



PHFA's Housing
Services Department
Best Practices

Centennial Place/Playgroup and After School Program

Categories: Youth Services

Outcomes:

Children enrolled in the Pre-K Playgroup are at or above recommended cognitive levels for their age. Students participating in the After School Program made the Honor Roll at their respective schools. Both programs increase performance in school, decrease negative behavior, and increase familial unity

Units: 34 units of
LIHTC/Public Housing
Management Agent:
Mercer County Housing
Authority
Service Coordinator:
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Program Components:

The service coordinator works with the AmeriCorps volunteers to set up activities and programs for the children enrolled in both the Pre-K Playgroup and After School Program. There are monthly calendars created with daily activities for both groups. The Playgroup is available to children 3-5 years old and runs for 3 ½ hours Monday-Thursday. It is very structured and is run like a typical school day with morning activities, lessons including Spanish, and parent/teacher conferences. The After School Program is available to students in grades 1-6 and is held from 3-5:30 Monday-Thursday. The service coordinator secured a contract with a local service and hot dinners are served daily to the children. Not only is homework help offered, but additional activities including games, etiquette class, yoga, line dancing and more provide greater social interaction for the students.

Investment in Services:

Mercer County Housing Authority and Keystone Smiles have a partnership with the AmeriCorps Program. MCHA has a cost share with Keystone Smiles.

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