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Treasure House Child Development Center Earns 4 STARS from Kentucky’s STARS FOR KIDS NOW Program

Covington, Kentucky: December 5th, 2012 - Kentucky’s STARS FOR KIDS NOW Program has awarded Treasure House Child Development Center in Covington, Kentucky, a 4 STAR rating. STARS FOR KIDS NOW is a voluntary rating system for licensed and certified child care programs. Programs are given a 1 to 4 star rating, and all STAR levels are measurable quality indicators above the state minimum requirements.

The measurable quality indicators for STAR rating ensure smaller child-to-staff ratios, higher training credentials for staff, increased family engagement, and quality in curriculum, in addition to other measures that are associated with good outcomes for youth.

Achieving this award requires an ongoing commitment to quality – not just a one-time, short-term preparation period. “Our staff works to provide their best each and every day and work diligently to continue improving,” says Assistant Director Julie Rodriguez. Director Cindy Ehler adds, “Our team members are very supportive and practice shared leadership within the center environment. They really have the willingness to rise above.”

Childcare programs that participate in STARS FOR KIDS NOW are eligible for achievement and incentive awards that will help to maintain and increase quality standards. Child care professionals can access a college scholarship fund, and have technical assistance from specially trained personnel to assist their program in meeting the quality standards that are a part of STARS FOR KIDS NOW.

Treasure House provides care for children ages infant through kindergarten and offers both traditional and Montessori programs and full-day kindergarten at its state-of-the-art facility at the IRS Cincinnati Service Center in Covington.

Treasure House is the sixth Children, Inc. center to receive a 4 STAR rating; the other five centers are also located in Northern Kentucky, and are the only programs in the northernmost three counties to hold this rating. There are only 20 other programs throughout the state of Kentucky that have been awarded 4 STARS.

Children, Inc. offers nationally accredited child care and early childhood education programs in a variety of settings throughout Northern Kentucky for infants to school age children. In addition to providing services at stand-alone and in-school centers, Children, Inc. manages a large network of certified family child care providers, runs a home visitation program, and offers a variety of training programs for parents and early childhood professionals.

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