



Messiah

Lighthouse

child & family development center



The Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center is embarking on a partnership with Messiah Lutheran Church to open a second facility that will serve thirty children (6 weeks to 6 years) and their families. 15 children (50%) will receive FREE childcare services within the center. The other 15 spaces will be full-pay spaces for families that wish to participate in this unique childcare program.

Messiah LCFDC strives to assist families in their efforts to become informed, self-sufficient members of our community through intensive case management, individualized goal-setting, family education, accountability and empowerment.

The Messiah's Lighthouse will provide a quality nurturing childcare environment at a reasonable rate or no charge to qualified families that fully participate in the program and continue to demonstrate progress toward self-sufficiency and/or successful accomplishment of individual family goals.

The existing Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center (LCFDC), located at 2548 N. Fremont, has been open almost two years and serves 100% lower-income families. In the first two years of operation, Lighthouse staff have seen tremendous growth in participating families – increased employment earnings, increased community awareness/involvement, the creation of support networks, along with decreased household debt and decreased use of public assistance.

Messiah's Lighthouse is the first step in expansion of the existing pilot project, and will utilize a slightly modified business model. Messiah will serve 50% lower-income families and 50% families who will pay standard child care tuition. The new facility will use the same Strengthening Families model which expects families to 1) maintain a full-time need for childcare through employment and/or education, 2) participate in family goal-setting, 3) attend monthly parent education workshops, and 4) volunteer in the center.

Child & Family Development at Lighthouse

- Caring childcare in an active learning environment
- Three nutritious meals daily
- Developmental, medical/dental screenings
- Community resource referrals
- Christian character education
- Regular parent education workshops
- Family case management & goal-setting

Family Requirements at Lighthouse

- Maintain full-time education and/or employment
- Provide a stable and loving home environment for child(ren)
- Volunteer 15 hours of volunteer service in the childcare center per year.
- Openly communicate and collaborate with staff to set and reach family goals.
- Attend monthly parent workshops and case management meetings

Messiah Lighthouse Scheduled Open Date

Monday, September 14, 2009

Pending completion of Missouri Childcare Licensing

Messiah Lighthouse Fees & Openings

Subsidized Spaces:

Families meeting income guidelines for State of Missouri childcare subsidy are eligible for free or sliding-scale fees.

Full Pay Spaces:

Infants	\$180 per week
Two-Year-Olds	\$125 per week
Pre-K	\$110 per week

To Apply or For More Information

All families interested in high-quality, faith-based child & family programming are asked to submit an application to 925 E. Seminole by August 21, 2009.

Family applications are available on the web at either: www.messiahmo.org or www.lighthousecfdc.org. Or pick up an application in person at: 925 E. Seminole, Springfield, MO. Call us for more information at 417/881-2192