

Profile of ABCD at Batavia

Agri-Business Child Development (ABCD), founded in 1946, is committed to providing the highest quality early childhood education and social services to farm worker and other eligible families across New York State. Children, 8 weeks old through school age, benefit from the culturally and linguistically diverse programming recognized nationally as a hallmark of Agri-Business Child Development.

Agri-Business Child Development has provided services to the agricultural community in Genesee County, as well as, parts of Monroe and Orleans Counties since the early 1970's. In 1975, ABCD opened the Batavia Migrant Child Care Center for 40 children in the basement of the YMCA. The center soon moved to the Industrial Building on Harvester Street and was licensed for 75 children. In 1989, the program relocated to its current location, the Brooklyn Avenue Elementary School, where it is licensed for 96 children.

Currently, Genesee, Orleans, and Monroe Counties are in the top 10 producing counties in New York State for onions, sweet corn, cabbage, and wheat. Other major crops in this area include: apples potatoes, tomatoes, and dairy production.

Services Provided: As a provider of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, Agri-Business Child Development ensures that each child receives comprehensive educational, health and social services. ABCD at Batavia is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Children Served: Children of eligible families aged six weeks to compulsory school age.

Number of Children Receiving Services on an Annual Basis: 116+/- on average in 2 infant, 2 toddler and 2 pre-school classrooms.

Hours of Operation: 8-12 hours a day, 5 days a week.

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements for local agricultural workers, as well as, the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program include household income, children(s) age(s) and employment status. The center utilizes a system of points, in accordance with the Head Start Performance Standards, to ensure that the neediest of the eligible families receive services.

Transportation: Given the rural location of families served and the lack of public transportation, busing is provided for infants, toddlers and preschoolers to and from the center on DOT inspected school buses. Educational activities are provided while children are in transit.

Staff Possess Special Skills and Knowledge: Staff must meet State and Federal mandated educational requirements. Teaching staff reflect the culture and linguistic diversity of the children served.

Geographic Areas Served: Areas of highest eligible farm worker family concentrations in Genesee County, as well as, Southeastern Orleans County and Western Monroe County.

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