

Profile of ABCD at Geneva

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 Ontario County and the surrounding area since 1966. Initially, services were provided in a variety of rental spaces. In 1991, ABCD purchased and renovated a building on West Lake Road in Geneva. ABCD at Geneva remained on West Lake Road until February 2006 when the program was invited to relocate to a more modern facility at 5 Goodman Street in Geneva.

Currently, Ontario County is a top producing county in New York State for corn, wheat, sweet corn, and cabbage. Other major crops in the area include: onions, apples, grapes, and potatoes.

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 Geneva 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: 60 +/- on average in 1 infant, 1 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.

Special Projects: ABCD at Geneva is a pilot center for the Primary/Continuous Care Practice. This practice allows the same caregivers and small groups of children to remain together from infancy until preschool.

Geographic Areas Served: Areas of highest eligible farm worker family concentrations in Ontario, Yates, and Wayne Counties.

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