

## Profile of ABCD at Red Creek

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 Eastern Wayne County since the early 1970's. These early services were provided in three separate and difficult to maintain sites. In 1987, in order to consolidate services, ABCD purchased and renovated the former DeMas Elementary School in Red Creek, NY. 1988, ABCD at Red Creek opened its doors. The use of the school building for the children of local and migrant farm workers was enthusiastically received by the residents of Red Creek who were happy to hear the sounds of children in the building again.

Currently, Wayne County is a top producing county in New York State for apples, cabbage, corn, onions, and potatoes. Other major crops in the area include: cherries, peaches, pears, and tomatoes.

**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 Red Creek is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

**Children Served:** Children of eligible families aged six weeks through school age.

**Number of Children Receiving Services on an Annual Basis:** 162 +/- on average in 3 infant, 2 toddler, and 3 pre-school classrooms. In addition, the center operates 3 school age classrooms during the summer months when school is not in session.

**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 primarily in Eastern Wayne County. Families from South Western Oswego, Northern Cayuga, and North Western Onondaga Counties are also served.

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