

Profile of ABCD at Fredonia

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, eight 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 Chautauqua County's agricultural community since 1974. In 1987, the ABCD at Fredonia Center relocated from Dunkirk's Sacred Heart Church to its present site at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Fredonia.

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 Fredonia is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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

Number of Children Receiving Services on an Annual Basis: 119 +/- 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 Program 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. Continuing education is a priority for all staff.

Geographic Areas Served: Areas of highest eligible farmworker family concentrations in northern Chautauqua and southern Erie Counties.

Special Projects: ABCD at Fredonia was the first ABCD center to achieve accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in 1991. The Center has been recognized for its exemplary work tracking child outcomes and integrating all developmental domains into the daily curriculum.

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