



Child Crisis Arizona
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New Early Head Start Opens at Child Crisis Arizona

Mesa location serves 112 children up to 3 years old

MESA, ARIZ. (Apr. 20, 2017) – Child Crisis Arizona celebrated the grand opening of their new Early Head Start program at 817 N. Country Club Drive today. The program serves 112 children up to 3 years old in center-based and home-based models. Child Crisis Arizona also operates an Early Head Start program in Phoenix, which has a 5-star rating from First Things First.

“Expanding our Early Head Start program to Mesa is an important part of our vision to keep kids safe and build strong families “ says Torrie Taj, CEO of Child Crisis Arizona. “We know that when disadvantaged children receive high-quality, early education experiences, such as Early Head Start, they gain innumerable benefits that help both them and their families.”

Six new classrooms offer a full day of care for 48 children with parents who are working or in school.

“We reserve openings in our center-based program for parents that are working or pursuing education so they will have peace of mind knowing their children are safe and cared for while they are working to provide for their families,” says Kristin Andrew, director of Early Education Services for Child Crisis Arizona.

In the home-based program, which accommodates 64 children, specially trained Child Crisis Arizona staff visit parents who have children at home to provide them with tools, support and guidance with their child’s development.

“In both program options, our priority is to support children and families in being school ready,” says Andrew. “As a child develops, we work to identify any special needs and ensure children are receiving the appropriate services and support needed for their success.”

Early Head Start is a federally funded, community-based program for low-income families. Children experience consistent, nurturing relationships and stable, ongoing routines while families receive guidance and connections to other community services, as needed. According to the National Head Start Association, advantages to children that participate in Head Start and Early Head Start appear immediately, last a lifetime, and even have an effect on other generations.

For additional information about Early Head Start visit: <https://www.nhsa.org/facts-and-impacts>

About Child Crisis Arizona

For 40 years, Child Crisis Arizona has served the Valley’s vulnerable children and families and is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect through education and intervention. Child Crisis Arizona offers emergency shelter for children from birth to age 10, foster care and adoption services as well as community-wide parenting classes, workshops, children’s playgroups, support groups and more.