



# STORYTELLER

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN

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## MISSION

Storyteller Children's Center provides quality, tuition-free early childhood education for homeless and at-risk children, as well as comprehensive support services for their families.

## CORE MESSAGE

In addition to its excellent preschool program serving 90-95 children each year, Storyteller Children's Center helps families in crisis achieve stability. Parents must pursue work or attend school while their children are enrolled. Children receive nutritious meals, medical screenings, counseling, and therapy if they suffer from developmental delays. Parent education classes and referral services are offered. Most importantly, the Storyteller teachers and staff provide a stable, nurturing environment so both children and families can feel safe and secure. The need for this program is dire: while 42 children attend Storyteller daily, almost as many children are on the waiting list.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

- Storyteller's program is multi-cultural and bilingual, with a curriculum that encourages children to be actively involved in the learning process.
- Storyteller employs 9 teachers and a full-time director.
- Children who attend Storyteller come from families with extremely low incomes – \$19,400 or less annually for a family of four.
- Children ages 18 months through five years attend the program.
- Storyteller Children's Center works in collaboration with Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Services provided to children and families include:
  - Family Support Services
  - Case Management
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Parent Support Groups
  - Parent Education Workshops
  - Mental Health Services
  - Disability Services
  - Physical Health Screening
  - Vision Screening
  - Dental Screening
  - Nutrition Services
  - Field Trips

## TIMELINE: STORYTELLER CHILDREN'S CENTER

- 1988 — Founded
- 1991 — Incorporated and moved into facility at First Congregational Church
- 1998 — Received National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation, awarded to less than 10% of childcare centers nationally
- 1999 — Began collaboration with Head Start/Community Action Commission
- 2000 — Moved into a "home of our own" with backyard playgrounds
- 2005 — Received NAEYC re-accreditation

## ANNUAL BUDGET

