

Our Mission

Our mission at KIDCO Child Care, Inc. is to provide comprehensive quality early childhood services to our young children, ages birth to five by...

- ≈ Providing continued training to our teaching staff and parents.
- ≈ Involving parents in their children's early education.
- ≈ Providing extended hours of care to meet the needs of our parents.
- ≈ Supplementing three nutritionally balanced meals per day to our children.
- ≈ Providing children with adequate experiences in and out of our facilities through planned visits and field trips.
- ≈ Providing outdoor play experiences with safe and appropriate equipment.
- ≈ Collaborating and participating in community events complying with all funding agencies requirements.
- ≈ Continuing our search to increase our funding base to ensure quality services.
- ≈ Providing health/mental services to children and families.
- ≈ Collaborating with community agencies to meet the individual needs of children and families.
- ≈ Including children with special needs in each of the services provided.

Our Philosophy is to...

Provide a quality early care and education program for children between birth and school entrance age and their families.

- ... Use a quality open framework curriculum based on meeting the needs of the individual child during the formative years.
- ... Use referrals to assist children and families in securing their basic needs through community services.
- ... Involve parents at all levels of commitment; in the areas of education, health, nutrition, policy and general information.
- ... Assist parents and families with their basic needs, particularly their educational needs and information for mothers during pregnancies.
- ... Work with teachers, teacher assistants, caregivers and service employees who share KIDCO's commitment to developmentally and individual appropriate practices.
- ... Work with teachers, teacher assistants, caregivers, and service employees who provide each child with a learning environment and experiences that affirm total development and foster readiness skills.
- ... Celebrate the agency's history with pride.
- ... Celebrate the cultural and ethnic diversity within the community and the program sites with respect and dignity.
- ... Collaborate and cooperate with the community-based agencies and the private sector for the betterment of all children and families.
- ... Hire and work with individuals who share in the vision of supporting young children and their families and have the experience and the educational expertise to help achieve this goal each day.

KIDCO's professional and renowned Executive Director and Associate Director, and their administrative personnel established this commitment to the community, its children and their families in 1976.



"Building the Future Today"

KIDCO Child Care, Inc. is a private non-profit, multi-government funded corporation **accredited** by the *National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Academy*, providing quality early childhood education and services.



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(305) 758-1664 - Lic. #C11MD1327
- KIDCO V** ~ 5510 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, FL 33137
(305) 754-2462 - Lic. #C11MD2183
- KIDCO VI** ~ 242 NE 26th St., Miami, FL 33137
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- KIDCO VII** ~ 183 NE 57th St. Miami, FL 33137
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At KIDCO Your...

Infant is involved in activities and with materials that stimulate their visual, sensorial awareness, fine and gross motor skills and language development in a warm and nurturing environment.

Toddler participates in activities with materials that support their total development, including increasing their attention span, fine and gross motor skills, language, social and creativity.

Preschooler actively explores, discovers, creates, analyzes, investigates, solves and plans their daily activities supported by facilitating adults. The classroom environment is supported by "key experiences" with creative and developmentally appropriate experiences.

Extended Afternoon Hours

Will enjoy additional services and physical activities.

Days and Hours of Operation

Days: Monday through Friday

Hours: 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Extended hours....

This program is available for program and school age children from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

KIDCO Provides...

Qualified staff ⇒ trained and certified in Department of Children and Families (DCF) hours; Child Development Associates (CDA) or equivalency; Associate Degree; Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree. Staff participates in on-going in-service training.

Parent Involvement ⇒ through committees and numerous activities. Field trips to Dade's most exciting attractions: parks, educational events and shows.



Child sized safe equipment and materials ⇒ promote curiosity within healthy and nurturing environment.

Social Services ⇒ referral system for families and children.

Community Involvement ⇒ networking with neighborhood organizations.



Funded Programs

Miami-Dade Community Based Organization serves children from birth to 5 years of age.

Early Head Start under Miami-Dade Community Action Agency serves children ages 0 to 3.

Early Learning Coalition of Dade and Monroe County School Readiness & Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) - Serves children 4 years of age.

Head Start Youth and Family Services under Miami-Dade Community Action Agency serves children 3 to 5 years of age.

Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development provided funding for renovation of facilities to serve children birth to five years of age.

USDA Food and Nutrition Management provides breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks to all enrolled children.

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### **Private Sector and Fee Supported**

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|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Registration fee              | \$ 100.00 | one-time       |
| Infants (0-11 months)         | \$ 200.00 | weekly         |
| Toddlers (1-2)                | \$ 200.00 | weekly         |
| Preschool age (3-5)           | \$ 195.00 | weekly         |
| Extended hours (after school) | \$ 80.00  | weekly (4-6pm) |
| Teacher Planning Day          | \$ 40.00  | daily          |

(For children under subsidized program)