

History

Children's Services of Roxbury, Inc. is a community-based, non profit organization that began in 1968 when Roxbury Children's Services was established as an extension of services through the Boston Children's Services Association (Boston's oldest child welfare agency) and the Church Home Society in order to effectively handle the growing number of black children in need of foster homes and adoption. Meanwhile, other organized efforts across Massachusetts were forming in order to handle the plight of minority children in foster care and in 1972, United Homes For Children (UHFC) began as a network of foster homes located north and south of Boston. In 1974, Roxbury Children's Services became incorporated and independently operated. From 1975 to 1989 both Roxbury Children's Services and United Homes For Children continued to thrive and serve hundreds of children and families in both urban and suburban neighborhoods. In 1990, Roxbury Children's Services re-organized under its new name, Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) and in 2005, merged with United Homes For Children. Today, CSR employs 350 employees throughout offices located in Roxbury, Tewksbury, Worcester and Northampton.



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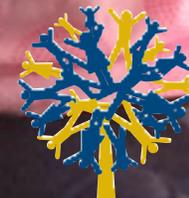
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Center Based Early Education & Care Program



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Who We Are

Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) is regarded as one of the largest, minority-operated, human services agency in Massachusetts, serving more than 6,000 people annually.

Our Mission

CSR's mission is to strive to provide high quality services to economically disadvantaged children, youth, families, and individuals thereby promoting and strengthening family life and individual growth.

Core Values

We serve with *humility* and treat those we serve with *dignity* and *respect*. We act with *compassion* and *patience*, empathizing without judgment. We operate with *integrity*, knowing that the families we serve need us to be true to our word and we strive for *excellence* in everything we do.



The Center Based Child Care

Program began in 2003 with an emphasis on ensuring safe, nurturing and secure environments, developmentally sound curricula, and wraparound supports which enable families to thrive and to support their children's learning. CSR's vision for the delivery of these programs is to ensure that each child develops to his or her maximum potential by providing the earliest possible identification of developmental issues, rapid connection to an array of interventions, and supports which allow all parents and caregivers to provide effective nurturing and support for learning.

Currently, the center based program is located in Roxbury and is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). CSR is licensed to serve 105 children annually and provides children with comprehensive and coordinated activities that are centered around several critical elements: safety and supervision; the creation of an environment that promotes physical, cognitive, social and emotional growth through play; preparing each child for school readiness; and providing early learning opportunities through a developmental, age-appropriate curriculum.

CSR serves:

- Infants (birth up to 15 months)
- Toddlers (at least 15 months but younger than two years and nine months),
- Preschool (at least two years and nine months to six years)

CSR screens all children with *Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)* tools. The staff is fully trained in the screening process and uses the results to identify additional supports needed for children. Screenings are incorporated into the initial sequence of intake activities for each child, and therefore are completed within an average of three to seven days.

CSR offers "A Whole Language Curriculum" which includes literacy skills, math and science, and other basic curriculum skills.

CSR offers a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack every day.

CSR has Spanish and Cape Verdean Creole speaking teachers.

Our Credentials:

The center is at QRIS Level Two and all staff possess a CDA, Associate, Bachelor's degree in early childcare education from an accredited college or university.

Payment:

CSR currently accepts child care vouchers, private pay, and income eligible slots.