

Programs for Innovative Learning

Welcome to Council on Rural Service Programs, a private, not-for-profit organization who embodies a commitment to empowering individuals and families to achieve stability, hope, and confidence within their life for the future.

Our mission is to provide a unique mix of learning and social experience to develop competence, motivation, and behavior for a better life and stronger community.

In order to achieve our mission, our dedicated staff builds partnerships with the community, schools, local organizations and businesses, volunteers and clients. Through these partnerships our programs support the belief that the vitality and creativity of the learning experience is the essential element in achieving our mission.

We provide comprehensive education and support services while demonstrating the high standards of our Core Values which are diversity, integrity, team commitment, innovation and extraordinary performance. We expect these values to be passionately upheld and positively demonstrated in a manner that supports, strengthens, and empowers the partnerships among clients, staff, and the organization.

Currently, our programs are offered in nine counties of west central Ohio; Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert Counties.

We invite you to learn more about the innovative learning programs offered by the Council on Rural Service Programs.



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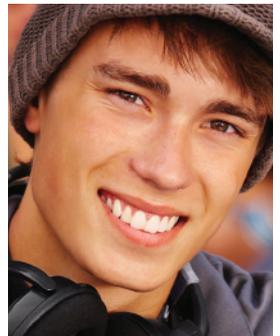
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Early Childhood Programs

Our approach to early childhood education is to reinforce the child's natural curiosity for learning with the support of degreed teachers, trained staff and highly important - parent inclusion.

Kids Learning Place is focused on providing the best early care and educational environments for young children. With an emphasis on **EVERY DAY EXPLORING...** our comprehensive program encourages children to explore indoor and outdoor environments, learn by carrying out their own intentions, as well as develop and build on their own interests. **EVERY DAY LEARNING...** seeks out the curiosity and inquisitiveness of children through variety of observations and discovery experiences. **EVERY DAY GROWING...** promotes social-emotional development in a caring and nurturing environment, where learning is fun.



Services are offered through a combination of programs and options:

Early Head Start / Head Start – specialized education program for children birth to 5 years old that provides learning experiences to promote each child's readiness for school and beyond.

In addition to school readiness education, comprehensive services include health, nutrition,

and developmental screenings to ensure the children are healthy for kindergarten. Also, included is family well-being support to enable families to achieve their own goals, to strengthen parent-child relationships, and engage families. The options include:

- **full-day classrooms** (6 hours a day, 4 or 5 days a week according to the location)
- **part-day (preschool) classrooms** (3 ½ hours a day, 4 days a week)
- **home base visits** (weekly 90 minute instructional and parenting education with case management, includes monthly socialization events for children and parents)
- **pregnant women** and their families (periodic visits providing pre-natal and post-natal family support)

This program is offered at NO COST to income eligible, homeless, and foster care families. In addition, the program allocates 10% of the participant slots for children with diagnosed special needs.

Our local toll free number is **1-866-627-4557** for more enrollment information.

www.kidslearningplace.org
www.facebook.com/kidslearningplace

Youth Programs

We believe that positive youth development will occur when there is connection, inspiration, and motivation. Through a model that supports the social-emotional needs of youth the trained staff support the youth's ability to build healthy relationships, learn in ways that work for them, and realize a higher sense of self and achievement.

Gateway Youth Program offers youth development and prevention services that specialize in working with youth ages 7 to 17. The youth are served through a variety of programs that include Community Connectors, Incredible Years, The Connection Center, and

tutoring. Youth come to us from a variety of ways and reasons; many are struggling in relationships, self-esteem, in conflict with their family, or need help to succeed in school. Gateway's main goal is to help youth gain the skills necessary to deal with life's many challenges. The program is available in Darke County.



ACES (Achievement Center for Educational Success) assists students in grades 9 through 12 in Darke, Miami and some surrounding counties. These are students that need a structured, supportive and educational environment as they work toward their high school diploma. Many students that come to the program are credit deficient or looking for an alternative learning environment in order to succeed. ACES philosophy is that all students can learn and succeed when the conditions are conducive to their needs and community efforts are available to help them overcome their obstacles.

Coursework is provided in smaller classrooms, through online classes and by independent study all under the guidance of an onsite certified teacher and aides. A workforce development program is available to qualified students who are matched to jobs in the community.

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Volunteer Recruiting

Our programs offer many opportunities for the community to volunteer and help within our organization. Volunteering gives you the chance to influence change, inspire others, and connect with your community to make a difference. There are many options to share your life-learned knowledge and skills to benefit our programs and our clients.

We offer opportunities for a caring person to build a relationship and encourage youth in the Gateway Youth Program in their mentorship option in Darke County. We work with several schools and youth in grades 5 – 12 by pairing students with role models to motivate and inspire them. We also have a tutoring program that offers opportunities for community volunteers to work one-on-one with students after school and in the summer.

All our counties offer the possibility to volunteer within our early childhood programs. There are all kinds of opportunities available; assisting in the classroom, with parent involvement and doing clerical functions. Commitments can range from just a few hours a month to as much time you are available. Tell us about your skills and interests and we can find a way for you to use them by volunteering.



Volunteers are critical partners, if you are motivated to give your time to help others call our administrative office at 937-778-5220 extension 421.