



ALBANY PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER

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**Registration Now Open for Albany Park Community Center's
Early Education and School Age Programs**

Limited spots also available for APCC Summer Program!

Chicago, IL (May 4, 2018) – Monica L. Woodson, CEO, Albany Park Community Center (APCC) announced today registration is now open for the center's Early Education and School Age programs! Families throughout the Albany Park community and across Chicago with children ages 2-12 years old are eligible to register.

"Our Early Education and School Age Programs provide the flexibility and education that parents in Albany Park and the surrounding community need. For over 40 years, the APCC has provided quality education to families with young children in our community and a safe place for school age kids to go when school is out," said Woodson.

Families interested in registering children for the APCC Early Education or School Age Programs including Summer Camp can, stop by by Albany Park Community Center at 5101 N. Kimball or call all APCC at 773-509-5657 and ask for Eva Volin, Early Education & School Age Director or Giavanna Jackson, School Age Coordinator.

The Early Education Program at APCC provides care for children ages two to five years old and children with special needs. Classes deliver comprehensive high quality services that promote healthy development in children through play-based curriculum in preparation for school readiness. APCC programs value each child and family's ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage. Educators at APCC speak 10 different languages including English, Spanish, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Gujarati, Hindi, Polish, Tagalog, and Urdu. Children who attend programs at APCC experience and develop a rich understanding of cultural diversity.

At APCC, parents are encouraged to participate in their child's learning experiences. Parent workshops on topics such as family literacy, nutrition, safety, mental health, child development and financial literacy are offered throughout the year. APCC also participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which provides federal funds to help cover the costs of providing nutritious meals and snacks for children.

The Head Start early education program at APCC is free to children 3-5 years old. Families who are eligible receive free services for their child including a quality education, progress reporting, transportation, family services, nutritional meals, snacks, assessments and more.

“We have seen a lot of success in our Early Education children,” says Dina Evans, Sr. Director of Children and Youth Programs. “In fact, most children in our programs are meeting or exceeding expectations in social-emotional, language, cognitive, literacy and physical development.”

The APCC School Age program provides a safe place for school age kids to go after school. This year-round program offers after school care during the school year and full-day care during the winter, spring and summer breaks. Children experience homework help, field trips, science, art, cooking activities and fun physical activity.

ABOUT THE ALBANY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Albany Park Community Center, Inc. (APCC), is a nonprofit, community-based organization located in the multi-ethnic Chicago neighborhood of Albany Park. APCC was incorporated on September 24, 1975 and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The APCC educates and supports members of the community as they determine their own path by providing diverse programs and services for individuals, families, groups, and businesses. APCC is the largest social service agency exclusively serving Albany Park. For more information, visit www.apccchgo.org or on Facebook @albanyparkcommunitycenter and Twitter @apccchgo

About Head Start: Head Start is a Federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Children from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance are also eligible.

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