

## **Typical Peer Preschool Experience Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child as a typically developing peer in the preschool program operated by the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Our program philosophy is to provide a developmentally appropriate preschool program to facilitate children's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth. We respect each child as an individual and encourage creativity, independent choice, responsibility, self-control, and the development of a positive self-image. It is our belief that all children can learn and that all children benefit by participating in classrooms made up of children both with and without special needs. When children are educated in these inclusive settings:

- Typically developing children make normal developmental progress.
- Children with disabilities are provided with role models for language, social, and emotional development.
- All children are provided the opportunity to benefit and learn from the capabilities of each other.
- Parents and families become more accepting of human differences, and transfer this attitude into the community.
- Children involved in inclusive settings tend to be more tolerant and accepting as mature adults, demonstrating a greater understanding and respect for all members of our society.

We accept between four to six typically developing peers in each of our eight preschool classrooms. 7 of these classrooms are located at Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center in Louisville and 1 is located at Taft Elementary School in the Plain Local School District\*. In addition, each class enrolls between six to eight children with special needs making for a maximum of twelve children per class with a teacher and a classroom assistant. Our classes meet four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 9:15am-3:00pm. Cost is \$185 per month with a sliding scale available which is based on income and family size.

The following services are provided as part of Stark DD's typical peer preschool experience:

- Instruction by highly qualified early childhood teachers who are certified by the Ohio Department of Education;
- An age appropriate curriculum that is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education Early Learning and Development Standards in order to learn kindergarten readiness skills;
- Transportation by the Stark County Board of DD if there is an established bus route in the child's neighborhood and if there is space available on the bus;
- Daily lunch that may be purchased from the school cafeteria (or parents may provide a packed lunch.) In addition, applications will be available for the National School Lunch Program to determine if a child qualifies for free or reduced lunch prices.
- Daily snack meeting USDA requirements free of charge.

To qualify for Stark DD's typical peer preschool experience, children ages 3-5 must have verbal, play, social, self-help, and physical skills which are typical for their age, and be reliably toilet trained. Screening dates are planned during which children will be assessed on these skills by early childhood professionals. In addition, parents will be asked to complete a parent information form while waiting for their children during the screening. You will be notified by mail of the results of this screening. If the screening process brings to light any concerns regarding the child's development, further referrals will be discussed.

If it is determined by the results of the screening that your child has the necessary age-appropriate skills to be a typical peer in our program, his/her name will be placed on a list in the order in which applications are received and openings will be filled on a first come basis.

If you are interested in having your child screened for placement as a typically developing peer within the Stark County Board of DD's preschool program, please be sure to return this application as soon as possible so your child's name is added to the list for openings right away! You will be contacted by the preschool team regarding the date for your child's screening. Please return the application to: Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center, 2121 Ashland St. NE, Louisville, OH 44641.

Thank you again for your interest in our preschool program.

Tammy Maney, Early Childhood Director

\*Typical peers residing in the Plain Local School District will automatically be enrolled in the classes located at Taft Elementary UNLESS they have a sibling with special needs who requires placement at Eastgate. We will not split siblings between the buildings.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Age \_\_\_\_\_ 8/1 \_\_\_\_\_  
9/30 \_\_\_\_\_

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Date app. rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Screening date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Typ \_\_\_\_\_ Ref \_\_\_\_\_

**Stark County Board Of DD  
Early Childhood Services**

**Application for Preschool  
Enrollment for Typically Developing Peer**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Year Applying for (circle one): 2017-2018 2018-2019

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
house number street city zip

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ School district child lives in \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been involved with Help Me Grow or Early Intervention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been enrolled in preschool elsewhere? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your child have an I.E.P. in that preschool? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child potty trained? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
house number street city zip

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
house number street city zip

Guardian's name (if not mother or father) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
house number street city zip

Contact other than parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list an email address for quick correspondences:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK**

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN:**

I understand that Stark DD Preschool is an integrated preschool for children ages 3-5 with and without developmental delays. I understand that a limited number of typically developing children will be enrolled each year based on available space. I understand that all children must be Stark County residents. I understand that Stark DD Preschool receives funding from the Ohio Department of Education as a preschool program for children with developmental delays and that children who qualify as a preschooler with a disability may receive therapy and other support services not available to my child. I also understand that a monthly fee to attend preschool as a typically developing peer will be charged. A contract and payment schedule will be handled by the finance department of the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

I further understand that my child will have an assessment by qualified staff at Stark DD to determine if he/she is at an age appropriate level in the areas of communication, fine and gross motor skills, cognition, and social/emotional skills. If this assessment raises any concerns about my child, I will be referred to my local school district for further assessment. Finally, I understand that children who are shown to be typically developing will be accepted into Stark DD Preschool on a first come basis and that this application is a request only for my child to attend Stark DD Preschool. It is not a binding contract stating that he/she will be enrolled.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature, parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

**Please Return This Completed Application To:**

**Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center  
2121 Ashland St  
Louisville, OH 44641**