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Play and Learn

The right collaborations make a world of difference to young children in Price Hill

It is no secret that we operate two early learning centers in Price Hill and are in the process of raising funds to renovate a

third. My colleagues and I in the early childhood education field often meet and discuss how we can take the strengths of our respective nonprofit organizations to ensure that children are prepared for kindergarten. In addition, we know the critical role a parent plays in their child's development.

I am pleased to share that Roberts Academy, the Community Learning Center Institute, 4C for Children, and CELC has launched a new, parent-focused program. The program began in April and ran thru June of this year. The goal is to strengthen the early developmental learning for children in Price Hill. Called Kaleidoscope Play and Learn, this program is designed to enhance young children's (birth to 4 years old) early development foremost by growing their parents' knowledge and competency to be their child's first teacher. In classroom space donated by Roberts Academy, parents spent 90 minutes a week with their child, a bilingual CELC educator, and CELC facilitators providing activities and support. All learning is focused and aligned to the Common Core State of Ohio Standards. In addition to the Kaleidoscope Play and Learn sessions, parents are welcomed and encouraged to use the Roberts Community Learning Center services that include an on-site health clinic, dental care, adult English classes, and other programs to ensure healthy, stable, and enriching conditions necessary for on-track development and kindergarten readiness. This program will resume again in the fall.

It does indeed take a village to raise a child and all of us at CELC are honored to be part of the families' village.

I never tire of saying this -- thank you for what you do every day as together we prepare children for kindergarten.



Sincerely,

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