

Ministerial Day Care Association

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Children's First Learning Centers

8409 Hough Ave.

12421 Superior Ave.

1416 Hayden Ave.

Superior Academy

7020 Superior Ave.

Brackland Academy

12416 Brackland Ave.

Church of the Master

4050 Monticello Blvd.

St. Mark Head Start

11123 Buckeye Road

Cory Head Start

1117 East 105th St.

Avon Head Start

10902 Avon Ave.

Zion Chapel

4208 Lee Road

Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!
September



Lovette Sample	9/2
Rosa Lindsey	9/2
Sharron Shaw	9/10
Crystal Buford	9/18
Katherine Rickin	9/19
Gwenette Turner	9/20
Shaunte Booker	9/22
Garnetta Buchanan	9/25
Yvette Giles	9/27
Beverly Wright	9/27
Darlene Jeter	9/28
Felecia Poon	9/28

October

Cassandra Evans	10/4
Loretta Smith	10/12
Josephine Ward	10/16
Brenda Sample	10/19
Unique Hines	10/21

Please submit information for the November/December newsletter by Oct. 17.

Thank you!

Happy Anniversary

MDCA-Head Start has a rich history of long-time employees who have worked with the agency for decades. Their longevity is one of the reasons that MDCA has been getting children kindergarten-ready for more than 40 years.

Jacqueline Ford has been with the agency 10 years on Sept. 11.

We also recognize Brenda Sample (Aug. 1, 1990), Mildred Evans (Sept. 1, 1990) and Vanessa Saleem-Taylor (Sept. 5, 1990) for 20-plus years.

Congratulations!

Our Vision: "The Sooner They Start, The Further They'll Go."

Ministerial Day Care/Head Start Association, a visionary trendsetter, will meet the diverse needs of our children, families and communities by offering high quality, comprehensive services, in an environment where diversity is valued, power is shared and individuality is respected and rewarded. We will develop and sustain relationships in the community, building partnerships and opportunities that are responsive in meeting and exceeding the performance standards of our lines of business. We will be the stellar early childhood development and supportive services agency committed to excellence at all times.

MDCA-Head Start

September/October
2011

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Welcome Back!



Executive Director's Notes

Welcome To The New School Year

"Quality Child Care" is a term that just about everyone in the child care world claims belongs to them. But, just what is quality child care. At MDCA, here is how we measure quality child care:

1. Quality Care Givers – MDCA teachers and staff have degrees, accreditations and experience that set them apart.
2. Quality Programs – MDCA programs care for the whole child. We provide opportunities for developing the social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of young children. We are not babysitters. We make sure that children have a medical home and are current in all health, dental, and mental health areas. We use nationally recognized curriculums for teaching. We use play and well-equipped play areas to help the children grow strong and age-appropriately. When children leave MDCA, they are ready for kindergarten.
3. Quality Service to All Children – MDCA welcomes children with disabilities and helps them grow.
4. Quality Family Involvement – Parents are an integral part of every MDCA program. Their input and volunteer activities are vital. MDCA also provides opportunities for family members to receive GEDs and training for jobs.
5. Quality Recognition – All MDCA programs adhere to the demanding Head Start Performance standards. These standards are monitored and measured regularly and MDCA is always recognized for its leadership.

These are some of the ways to measure quality in child care. Use them to measure any child care program and you will find that at Ministerial our children are Number One.

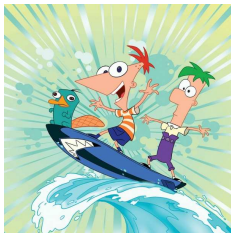
Verneda Bentley

Buy Two, Get One Free

Want to see Phineas and
Ferb LIVE! at the
Wolstein Center
Oct. 30?

Buy two tickets for \$34
and get one free.

See your
Family Service Worker
to sign up
and pay.



CFLC Hayden's Annual Welcome Back Breakfast



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MDCA-HEAD START

Upcoming Events

Sept. 6: Double Sessions Start

Sept. 7: Church of the Master Head Start Parent Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 19: Policy Committee Meeting at Superior Academy @ 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 1: Father Figure Flag Football at Gordon Park @ 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 30: Phineas and Ferb @ Wolstein Center:

Tickets are \$17. Buy Two, Get One Free.

PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Sept. 12: CFLC 124th at 5 p.m.

Sept. 13: CFLC Hough at 5 p.m.

Sept. 14: Superior Academy at 5 p.m.

Sept. 14: CFLC Hayden at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 15: CFLC Hayden at 5 p.m.

Sept. 16: Cory at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 20: St. Mark at 5 p.m.

Sept. 21: Avon Head Start at 5p.m.

Sept. 22: Zion Chapel Head Start at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 23: Church of the Master Head Start at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 26: Brackland Academy at 5 p.m.

Father/Father Figure Flag Football

All fathers, uncles,
brothers,
male role models...
WE WANT YOU!!!

For a Flag Football game on
Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
at Gordon Park.

See your Family Service
Worker to sign up!!!

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Brinda James-Agee, Family
Service Worker at Brackland
Academy, has obtained her
Bachelor of Social Work from
Cleveland State University.
She made the Dean's list in the
Spring and Summer of 2011.

Congrats!

HIP HIP Hooray!!

**Congratulations
to
Ralphine Rolling
and St. Mark
for full
enrollment!!!!**

Volunteer Dinner



Mrs. Eva Ford, former Family Service Worker at Church of the Master Head Start, accepts award for outstanding parent participation.

Mrs. Ford is now at Superior Academy.

MDCA-Head Start honored volunteers on Friday, July 8, 2011
at the annual Parent Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It was
held at Zion Chapel Church Annex.

Church of the Master Head Start received the award for
outstanding parent participation.

**Do you want to be recognized for your service at the
end of the year? VOLUNTEER!!!**

Welcome New Staff

Margaret Simpson, Bachelor's Degree - Head Teacher
Colleen Sammon, Bachelor's Degree -Head Teacher
Elizabeth Soto, Bachelor's Degree -Head Teacher
Paula Franks, Associate's Degree - Head Teacher
Dwila McAdams, Associate's Degree - Head Teacher
Lorene Giles, CDA, Assistant Teacher
Angel Pickett, Bachelor's Degree, Head Teacher
Scottra Carr, Bachelor's Degree, Family Service Worker
Nicole Tate - Nutritionist

EDUCATION CORNER



Assessment Tool

MDCA-Head Start is switching from
the Galileo to COR for the Head
Start assessment tool.

Home Visits

Teachers will be asking parents
about setting up home visits. Please
know that it is mandated to have 2
each year. Also, expect your teacher
to schedule parent-teacher
conferences. Two are mandated by
the government.

Education

All teachers are working on
Step Up To Quality in-service hours.
Infants/Toddlers teachers are
working on CDAs to meet the 2013
deadline.

Head Start teachers are moving
toward bachelor degrees for that
deadline.

Step Up To Quality

Hough, 124th Superior and Superior
Academy have had their inspections
for Step Up To Quality and they
are awaiting renewal of their
one-star certification.

