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## Program Highlights

- Parent Education Classes and parent-teacher conferences help parents create stronger attachments with their children and develop their own parenting skills.
- Developmental Screenings ensure that children are developing physical, academic, and social skills at an age-appropriate pace.
- Dual Immersion Education prepares children and their families for an increasingly multilingual, transnational world.
- Low Teacher-to-Child Ratios mean that each child receives more individual attention.



St. Joseph Center's mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.

The agency offers outreach & enagement, housing, mental health, and education & vocational services across a variety of interconnected programs. Central to all programs is a process of case management, referrals, and follow-up care that enables more than 6,500 clients annually to overcome crises, achieve greater stability, and progress toward self-sufficiency.



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# St. Joseph Center's Early Learning Center

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# What Sets Our Program Apart

Children thrive in an environment that supports their development by creating an environment that is physically safe, socially enriched, emotionally nurturing, and intellectually stimulating. We ensure the high quality of our program by concentrating on the following key areas:

- Low teacher-to-child ratios
- Strong curriculum that emphasizes the importance of developing the whole child
- Developmental assessments that help staff identify the individual strengths and needs of each child
- Family involvement that makes parents active partners in their child's growth and development
- Ongoing staff development to ensure that our classroom reflects the latest thinking in the field
- Comprehensive services for children and their families who need extra help to maintain stability

Our staff qualifications exceed state licensing requirements. Teachers are well-educated in Early Childhood Education and Child Development and hold Child Development Permits from the State of California. They have B.A. and M.A. Degrees in Child Development or Education, or are working toward those degrees. All staff hold current child CPR and First Aid certificates. Teachers also attend annual workshops to keep up to date in current research and teaching methods.

# Flexible Schedules and Reasonable Tuition

Childcare needs to fit your needs and be within your budget. That's why we vary the cost of care based on your child's schedule and age.

	Monthly Tuition	
	3 days/week	5 days/week
<b>Caterpillars Classroom (18 months – 3 years)</b>		
9:00a–12:00p	\$633	\$805
7:30a–3:00p	\$828	\$1,047
7:30a–6:00p	\$1,001	\$1,231
<b>Lions Classroom (3 years – 4½ years)</b>		
9:00a–12:00p	\$633	\$805
7:30a–3:00p	\$828	\$1,047
7:30a–6:00p	\$1,001	\$1,173
<b>Busy Bees Classroom (4½ years – 5½ years)</b>		
9:00a–3:00p	\$771	\$989
7:30a–6:00p	\$1,001	\$1,173

A non-refundable \$100 application fee per child and an annual \$350 Supply/Activity Fee are required. Families eligible for subsidy through Connections for Children or similar organizations are encouraged to apply. Some financial aid is available for families of limited means.

Please call us at 310-396-6468 ext. 358 for more information and to schedule a tour of our state of the art facility.



# Our Philosophy

At St. Joseph Center we believe that children deserve a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where they can develop physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. We also believe that playing is learning. Child-initiated, child-directed and teacher-supported play in a natural setting that offers hands-on, active-learning experiences is an essential component of our program.

The most important goal of our curriculum is to help children become enthusiastic learners. We promote self-esteem and problem solving abilities, which help children gain the confidence to face new experiences.

Our curriculum varies according to age group, but it always reflects our philosophy and our goals for the children. Our philosophy is based on elements of emergent curriculum, creative curriculum, Jean Piaget's and Erickson's philosophies, and supportive elements of the Reggio Emilia approach.

Dual Immersion classrooms provide both native English and Spanish-speaking children with the chance to become bilingual early in life through play, art, music, and performance. A high quality bilingual environment opens up a new world of possibilities for every child.