



Center News

I am excited to share with you the first While You Wait newsletter. You will receive these newsletters throughout the remainder of the construction and opening process to help you stay informed with center updates, learn more about us, and see some photos as we move to opening the center and welcoming our new families!

As construction continues, we are also working behind the scenes with other preparations so we can be ready to meet our families. We are moving forward with the hiring process, conducting interviews for the administrative and teaching team, finalizing the delivery of furniture and supplies, and determining center opening events.

As you are aware, we are planning for contingencies and a delayed opening of September 1 due to COVID-19, although we will be ready to open sooner if licensing processes proceed more quickly than anticipated.

We also want to assure you that the center will be operating under enhanced health and safety practices. Current practices in our open centers include:

- Nonessential visitors are not permitted in the center
- Drop-offs/pick-ups are restricted to the lobby or outside the center
- Reduced class sizes
- Daily temperature and health checks conducted on arrival
- Center staff wear face masks/coverings
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, toys, and laundered items
- And more

For a complete list of our enhanced protocols, please visit <https://www.brighthouse.com/covid19>.

We have a great deal to accomplish in the upcoming months and we look forward to sharing progress updates with you throughout our journey.

Stay tuned!

Sincerely,
Chrissy Cross
Director

Introducing *World at Home*

With many centers temporarily closed, we've created a new way to keep your children learning and to support you in these times. We want to welcome you to **Bright Horizons® World at Home**.

Designed by our education team to bring some of the very best learning from our centers right into your homes, **World at Home** features videos and activities for every age group and for each of our curriculum areas, including yoga & mindfulness, STEM learning, language, story time, cooking, and more! Start learning today: <http://worldathome.brighthouse.com>

Questions? We've Got You Covered. World at Home Webinars

We've rolled out resources just for parents, including 30-minute live Q&A webinars. Register now for a recording of [creating a space for home learning](#)!

Topics include:

- Managing the Daily Schedule
- Helping Children through Stress
- Working at Home with Infants and Toddlers
- Adjusting to New Expectations & Right Now
- Learning in Life vs. Learning in School



Construction Underway

Construction is proceeding! We are excited to share some pictures with you.



Making Progress!



Now Hiring!

Bright Horizons is proud to have been included among FORTUNE magazine's prestigious list of the "[100 Best Companies to Work For](#)" many times over the past two decades. A competitive pay structure, generous benefits, and a commitment to helping employees bring their very best to work each day are among the key characteristics that distinguish Bright Horizons from other child care and early education providers

If you know of someone who may be interested in applying to work at the University of Maryland Child Development Center, please refer him or her to the "[Careers](#)" section of Bright Horizons' website to learn more.



University of Maryland Child Development Center Curriculum: *The World at Their Fingertips*®

At Bright Horizons, we understand how important the early years are to both you and your child. These early days are a time of remarkable growth, when children are experiencing rapid development, learning new skills, and progressing steadily toward physical, linguistic, and social-emotional milestones.

With this in mind, the University of Maryland Child Development Center's curriculum, called *The World at Their Fingertips*®, will provide intentional guidance and rich experiences that move children along their journeys by building upon their individual strengths and talents. Our integrated and emergent curriculum gives young children the ability to expand beyond strong foundations in reading, writing, and math to understand not just what to learn, but how to learn.

The World at Their Fingertips® is broken into components that provide specific content learning across all age groups. Engaging activities, learning centers, and extended projects addressing these curriculum components will be visible in every University of Maryland Child Development Center's classroom, regardless of children's ages.



Language Works

Language Works - Creates a literacy-rich environment in which love of language, books, and reading is cultivated through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



Math Counts

Math Counts - Gives children mathematical experiences with one-on-one correspondence, counting, sorting, patterning, and problem solving.



Art Smart

ArtSmart - Helps children develop an interest and appreciation of art, music, theater, and dance, encouraging them to uncover their talents and express themselves.



Well Aware

Well Aware – Fosters positive attitudes towards healthy living, physical activity, and nutrition through experiences that incorporate healthful habits into daily routines.



Toward a Better World

Toward a Better World – Acknowledges and values the rich cultural heritage of families and provides a wide range of experiences for children to learn respect for our world, its diverse people, and the environment.



Science Rocks

Science Rocks – Stimulates a child's sense of wonder by encouraging children to question, experiment, observe, record, describe, and form conclusions.



Caring Matters

Caring Matters – Focuses on children's social-emotional development, helping children gain the critical foundational skills they need to become happy, successful adults.

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