



**“Developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.”**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission for Nene’s Little Angel’s Childcare Center is to give each child a loving and educational environment; teach the children how to have confidence in themselves. Our goal is to nurture the children to become all that they can be, so they can become strong successful men and women having the necessary tools to reach their fullest potential in life.

### **Philosophy**

The goal of the GSRP program is to provide every preschooler with the best educational opportunities through child-centered, hands-on curriculum, set in a rich learning environment which is created through our families, community and professional staff. We believe that young children learn to the best of their ability when provided with the following:

- A safe, healthy, nurturing environment.
- Development of strong teacher-child relationships in combination with strong
- Family-teacher relationships which are all valued.
- Various opportunities for play and learning through creative play experiences.
- Families that are involve and work as a unit, to help your child grow.

### **GSRP Overview**

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a program funded by the State of Michigan specifically for four-year-olds. The program has a unique balance of learning opportunities for your child.

### **GSRP Program Operating Hours**

The GSRP runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The GSRP programs follow the regular school calendar. We have an open-door policy which will allow authorized adults to visit the classroom and center at any time.

### **GSRP Curriculum**

We follow *The HighScope Curriculum® for Preschool*

**Proven, research-based strategies for learning.** The HighScope Curriculum emphasizes **adult-child interaction**, a carefully designed **learning environment** and a **plan-do-reviews process** that strengthens initiative and self-reliance in children and young people. Teachers and students are active in shaping the educational experience.

**The HighScope Approach: A balanced approach for young learner and the people who teach them.** The HighScope Curriculum integrates all aspects of child and youth development. Using research-validated strategies, this approach enhances each young person’s growth in the foundations of academics as well as in social-emotional, physical, and creative areas. By adopting the HighScope Curriculum – and learning to use it effectively - thousands of educators and caregivers worldwide are making a difference in the lives of children, youth, and families. Many of the activities that HighScope teachers do in the classroom or center can also be done at home. For example, families can provide many different learning materials, often using everyday objects that cost little or nothing. Families can encourage their children to make plans, carry them out, and talk about what they have learned from the experience.

## Daily Routine

Our program is carefully planned to meet the needs of the children. Each classroom will include physical, cognitive (including math and science), language, literacy, communication, interpersonal skills and relationships, creative arts, dramatic play and construction according to the interest of the child(ren). Below is a sample of a daily routine:

- Greeting/Message Board/Morning Snack
- Large Group
- Small Group/Tooth Brushing
- Planning Time
- Work Time
- Recall Time
- Outside/Indoor Play
- Lunch
- Rest Time
- Outside Time
- Small Group/ Story Time
- Large Group Time/ Supper/Dismissal

## Parent Involvement

A quality early childhood program following the GSRP model conducts a minimum of two home visits and two parent-teacher conferences annually for every child and family. In promoting a partnership between parents and teachers, home visits provide the means for observing children in their home environment and encouraging parent involvement. Please be kindly informed, home visits **ARE NOT** optional and the meetings offer the opportunity for the discussion of progress, goals, support and strategies that the Lead Teacher, Associate Teacher, and parents can provide. Maintaining this link strengthens the parent teacher partnership, learning at home and creates positive experiences for the child. Parental involvement also takes place at the center for parent teacher conferences and as needed per the request of the parent. Parental feedback and participation in the child's education is a necessary component to the collaboration process.

## Additional Information



**Nene's Little Angels Childcare Center is a 3 Star Quality Rated Child Care Program by Great Start to Quality. For more information on additional early childhood services throughout Wayne County, please visit: <http://www.greatstartwayne.org>**