



**Volunteers of America<sup>®</sup>**  
Pennsylvania

*Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization that provides local human service programs to those in need.*

*Imagine a place where every child can learn to laugh, play, trust and love.*



At the Volunteers of America Children's Center, our goal is to create just such a place – a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment where children feel welcome and parents know peace of mind.

Located in the heart of Allentown, the Children's Center offers affordable early childhood education programs for children ages 13 months to 10 years. Each child is guided to achieve his or her full potential with individual assessments and a curriculum that addresses his or her unique social, intellectual, emotional and cognitive

development. The Children's Center

curriculum is based on literacy and language development, character building, computer skills and creative arts.





Providing childcare in downtown Allentown for more than 30 years, the Volunteers of America Children's Center has become a vital part of the community and an indispensable asset to local families. We ensure that today's children develop

the skills, values and confidence necessary to become successful adults, parents, citizens and community leaders.

We create a warm, inviting environment, ensure that children are safe, and follow practices that protect children's health. We guide children's behavior in positive ways. At all levels, our program helps children learn.



## Toddler Program

- Daily routines that build relationships with caregivers and others
- Activities to stimulate growing interests and abilities
- Separate age-appropriate playground for safe, active outside play





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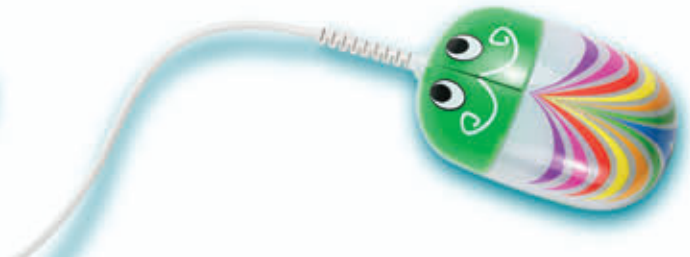
## **Preschool Program**

- Activities with letters, numbers, books and toys to prepare for kindergarten
- Computer experiences
- Age-appropriate playground



## **School-Age Program**

- Healthy breakfast and snack choices, lots of outdoor physical activity
- Support and encouragement for homework and school experiences
- Reliable, safe transportation to and from school
- “Learning by doing” activities and environment encourage positive interactions and support formal learning





## Credentials

- 26 staff members with a total of more than 200 years of child-development experience
- Fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- Pennsylvania Keystone Star Program

## Facilities & Services

- Open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Children ages 13 months to 10 years accepted
- Full-day, year-round Head Start program
- Fresh, hot nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks prepared daily in on-site kitchen
- Transportation to and from Allentown public schools for students
- Three on-site, age-appropriate playgrounds
- Regular parent-teacher conferences and ongoing communication with parents
- Computers and age-appropriate Internet access through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania CyberStart program
- Seasonal celebrations, including holiday gifts for each child, off-site swimming and in-house plays and parades
- Referral services for special needs



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