



Early Childhood and Family Literacy

*For all children, education and literacy begin at birth.
Homes for the Homeless helps parents overcome learning barriers by offering
quality early childhood education and parenting and adult education.*

Jump-Start Child Development Centers

Homelessness has a particularly devastating effect on very young children. Without a stable environment and age-appropriate care, these children face a long struggle in their future academic careers. Homes for the Homeless confronts this challenge by immediately addressing the role of education in the lives of young children residing in our facilities by:

- Focusing on the cognitive, physical and social needs of young children
- Individually guiding children from passively coping with their situations to becoming active learners
- Offering on-site daycare centers that help ease parents into the education process by promoting communal learning

Together in Learning Family Literacy Program

Homes for the Homeless acknowledges that education is the key for families to obtain and maintain gainful employment and achieve independence. The Together in Learning family literacy program was established to address the educational needs of each parent, while encouraging them to be active participants in their children's education. The program consists of:

- Weekly adult basic education classes, including GED preparation
- Children's education, including early literacy instruction
- Parent resource time that incorporates parenting and life skills classes
- Parent and child together time, where parents and children can learn side-by-side

**By providing a reliable and caring network of support that encourages family learning,
Homes for the Homeless helps parents and children meet educational milestones together.**

What we have...

- On-site daycare for children infant to six years old
- Dedicated, qualified staff
- Executive management support
- Classroom space and computer labs

What we need...

- New books, educational toys, and art supplies
- Innovative audio and visual learning tools
- Community partnerships to offer enrichment in the areas of arts and science
- Early childhood curricula resources