

Your child's future  
looks bright at  
**The Florida Center's  
Starfish Academy!**



**THE FLORIDA CENTER**  
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
*Building Strong Families ... One Child at a Time.*

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Monday – Friday

**LOCATIONS**

**Sarasota**

4620 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34235  
(941) 371-8820 x1019 | License #: 58-51-00551

**North Port**

6929 Outreach Way, North Port, FL 34287  
(941) 371-8820 x1912 | License #: 58-51-01865

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We proudly participate in the following programs:  
*Look for the Stars and Growing Healthy Kids.*



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The Florida Center for Early Childhood, Inc. is dedicated to equal opportunity for all consumers without regard to race, color, religion, gender, or on the basis of any other condition or characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. We will comply to the fullest extent with the applicable regulations and provide reasonable accommodation to clients with impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills.



**Early Childhood  
Education**  
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The Florida Center for Early Childhood is a nationally accredited nonprofit organization that has been providing early childhood education and development services since 1979. With locations in Sarasota and North Port, The Florida Center is uniquely positioned to offer our community's youngest children a high quality education and a wide array of onsite developmental therapies.



## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Expertly trained in early childhood development, our skilled staff help to identify potential development issues as early as possible. On-site mental health consultation, speech-language, physical and occupational therapies are available.

As an integral part of the early childhood community, The Florida Center has established strong partnerships to ensure every child and family receive the coordinated services and support they need from our community.

## CALENDAR

Our school year follows the Sarasota County School Board calendar including holidays, professional days and weather days. Additional programming is available during the summer months.

## WHO WE ARE

The Florida Center's Early Childhood Education Program is an inclusion program serving all children 6 weeks through 5 years old. Typically developing children and children with special needs learn together side-by-side. Children are challenged to meet their individual potential.

Our highly trained early educators work closely with therapists to develop and implement classroom activities that promote growth and development in language and early literacy, cognition, motor, self-help and social skills.



## REGISTRATION

The first step is to schedule a visit to see our school and meet our staff. During your visit, we will offer opportunities for classroom observation and participation, plus plenty of time for questions.

To schedule a visit please call (941) 371-8820 x 1000 and ask to speak with our Early Childhood Education Director.

## FEES/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We accept:

- ★ VPK Voucher
- ★ Early Learning Coalition Child Care Connection Scholarships
- ★ Sarasota County School Board Pre-School ESE funding
- ★ Private Pay

Partial tuition assistance may be available to families based on financial need and availability. Applications are available from the director. Contributions to the scholarship fund are always welcome.

