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Openings available at LSSI's Winthrop Head Start Program

Winthrop Head Start, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), currently has openings for its full-day pre-school program. The program is located at 4848 N. Winthrop, in Winthrop Tower. The deadline for registration is September 17.

The program provides early childhood education for up to 74 children, including one classroom for 2-year-old children and three pre-school classrooms for children between three and five years old. LSSI's Head Start program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

"LSSI has a long-term history in providing Head Start programs in several Chicago neighborhoods. In fact, our Winthrop center has been serving the Uptown community for 40 years," says Carol Endemann, who oversees LSSI's Head Start programs. "We adhere to strict Head Start standards and an official education curriculum. Our teachers do an outstanding job of preparing the children for kindergarten."

LSSI's commitment to early literacy is exemplified through its Bonding with Books program, a unique family literacy program offered at all five of its Head Start sites that gives 10 free hardback books to each child, one per month from October to May. She adds that once a month there's a parents' activity – chosen by the parents.

"We have a very friendly staff," says Stella Edoimioya, site director. "And we care a lot about the parents and families." Staff are available to help parents interested in enrolling their children in the program, including gathering the required documents.

"We are a very diverse community," Edoimioya says, adding that the program has both English- and Spanish-speaking teachers. The children go on field trips every month — some of which are related to the books they are reading — and there's a park across the street where the children can play.

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“We are also very safety conscious,” she adds, noting that security is very strong at the site, and all visitors are screened when they come into the building.

For more information about the Winthrop Head Start program, which is located a half-block north of Lawrence and a half-block east of Broadway, contact Stella Edoimioya at 773/878-3210. For more information about Lutheran Social Services of Illinois’ Head Start program, call Carol Endemann at 847/390-1494 or visit www.LSSI.org

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