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Felton's Early Care and Education Programs Serving More Children than Ever with Three New Sites



SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 1, 2016) — Felton's Early Care and Education Programs (ECE) opened three new sites this summer, an expansion that makes it possible for Felton to provide its acclaimed programs to more San Francisco children in need.

Felton's youngest clients are part of Felton's ECE Programs in its Children, Youth and Family (CYF) division. The three new San Francisco sites are located in the Bay View/ Hunters Point and Visitation Valley neighborhoods. Under Felton's administration, the Felton Learning Center (FLC) serves 75 children three to five years old, Sojourner Truth Center (STC) serves 45 children from birth to three years old, and Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK), serves 54 children three to five years old.

"Felton's expansion allows us to serve more families and continue to partner with them to ensure that our youngest learners have access to high quality early childhood experiences that will prepare them socially, emotionally, and academically for kindergarten and lifelong success, while supporting families towards self-sufficiency, " says CYF Division Director Yohana Quiroz.

The centers operate year-round Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., with hours varying slightly at different sites. Including Felton's Family Developmental Center (FDC), there are a total of 19 classrooms providing early care and education to 350 infants, toddlers, and preschool

children. FDC is the only fully inclusive program in San Francisco and operates the largest Infant/toddler program.

Felton's early childhood educators are trained in and implement The Creative Curriculum for Infant, Toddler and Preschool. This nationally recognized play-based curriculum is designed to help children develop their social competence, positive approach to learning, and the pre-academic skills needed to succeed as learners.

"I feel very grateful to the program, because it has helped my daughter to grow at a rapid speed in ways that I couldn't have helped her with at home," one mother recently shared.

For more information about Felton's ECE program contact Yohana Quiroz, CYF Division Director at (415) 474-7310 x 101 or yquiroz@felton.org.

Felton Institute was founded in 1889 with the mandate that children and families in crisis must have access to social services and resources in order to help them build upon their inherent strengths and develop self-sufficiency. Its name honors executive director Dr. Katharine "Kitty" Felton whose innovation at the turn of the 20th century greatly expanded social services throughout San Francisco and garnered national acclaim. For more than 127 years, Felton Institute has been a leader in innovative mental health and social service programs for all. felton.org

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