



**LOTTERY  
REGISTRATION FOR  
INCOMING  
KINDERGARTEN  
CHILDREN OPEN  
APRIL 1 – APRIL 16!  
LOTTERY HELD ON  
APRIL 17. FAMILIES  
WILL BE NOTIFIED  
BY EMAIL.**

## **After School and Summer Day Care Services Program**

Since the founding of the program in 1974, Hephzibah Children's Association has been Oak Park's ***largest and leading provider*** of innovative after-school services, extended day care services on school holidays and full day care services during the summer to school-age children of working parents at the eight elementary schools in Oak Park.

### ***Caring for the Whole Child***

Hephzibah works closely with the Oak Park School District 97 and the community's social service agencies to meet the needs of the whole child. We are committed to addressing

the needs of all children that we serve socially and emotionally, and we do this through activities that foster skill development, social competence and a positive self-image.

Hephzibah:

- Serves children from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Accepts subsidized funding through the Child Care Assistance Program and gives priority enrollment to children referred through District 97 and community service providers, and families receiving subsidized childcare assistance.
- Assesses fees on a sliding scale to ensure every family in the community has access to quality day care, regardless of income.

### ***Activities***

Hephzibah delivers high quality programming and activities designed to engage children holistically and with a foundation of respect, safety, inclusivity and accountability. Program highlights include:

- theme-based art, science, music, special interest and physical activities,
- cooperative and team-building games,
- a blend of multi-age and same-age peer opportunities for socialization,
- nutritious meals and snacks,
- community and Chicagoland area field trips (school holidays and summers).

### ***Hephzibah Staff***

Each site is staff by a dedicated team of highly trained professionals. Staff receives at least 15 hours of in-service training each year, and the staff to child ratio is 1:10 – 1:12. Specially trained staff with expertise in working with children with special needs provide assistance, when needed.

### ***Fast Facts about Hephzibah's Day Care Program***

Hephzibah's Day Care Program:

- Oak Park's largest and leading provider of on-site after-school/extended day care services on school holidays, and full day care services during the summer months for school-aged children.
- Has been providing quality after-school programming for more than 40 years.
- Fulfills a critical need in the Oak Park community for affordable, high quality, school-age day care.
- Is funded through parent fees, community contributions, state and federal grants and the Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

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