



IWSE

INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY OF EVANSTON

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Summer Fun at IWSE Teen Baby Nursery

Summer is here and we are excited to celebrate the opening of our new gardens at Teen Baby Nursery and Baby Toddler Nursery.

Recently our TBN staff held a family picnic for our toddlers in the garden. The outdoor space we created connects our children to outdoor education and enhances their awareness of how vegetables are grown and can be enjoyed! This space is also available for families to relax and unwind, to have a picnic and enjoy a break from a stress filled day or week.

We hope our parents will utilize the space we have created to celebrate and enjoy nature and spend time with their young families. Family time is a key success factor to happy and healthy children. We are excited to engage our children and families in the beautiful space we have created.

See you in the garden!



Some of our children enjoy a picnic and explore the new garden at our Teen Baby Nursery site!

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IWSE marches with over 40 teachers, parents, board, and staff in its first 4th of July Parade

2016 4th of July Parade a huge hit with IWSE!

In its first ever appearance at the Evanston 4th of July parade, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston was well represented by over 40 people from the agency marching to celebrate Evanston and spread the word about the amazing work done at IWSE programs.



The Evanston Central street parade, an annual holiday tradition has over 100 participating organizations, marching bands and floats. Thousands of onlookers and holiday revelers line the parade route. IWSE sang, danced and cheered their way down the mile long route handing out pens, flyers and t-shirts from the organization. Parents and their young children, staff and board members participated. Some of our fathers from our Young Fathers Empowerment program attended the parade as well. Getting the word out to the community about who and what we are is critical to our success as an organization. Thanks to all who made this such a fun and exciting activity for IWSE!

Baby Toddler Nursery:

Transitions in Early childhood Programs:

Transitions can become difficult for anyone, particularly very young children. Within the early childhood context, transitions are the times when children move or change from one activity to another. Typically, these include arriving in the classroom, playing with toys of their choice, cleaning up, group or individual structured activities, going outside, preparing for lunch, preparing for nap, snack along with regular handwashing, then preparing to go home. Here are a few tips for teachers and parents to explore while planning and implementing transitions:

- Provide predictable, structured routines
- Seek opportunities to expand children’s ideas and interest
- Promote and encourage social interactions, communication & learning

Transitions provide opportunities for supporting social skills and emotional competencies. It acknowledges a child’s feelings validated emotions and helps children learn to handle their feelings appropriately.

Teen Baby Nursery/Family Support:

IWSE Staff & Parents: I have appreciated getting to know each one of you and the children at IWSE. The relationships we’ve established together will be remembered. I am grateful for being allowed to advocate, serve, and support the children and families in both programs I supervised. Staff, thank you for giving me an opportunity to get to know you.

It is with dismay that I inform you of my transition from my position as Site Director for Teen Baby Nursery and the Family Support program. **Thursday, August 4th** will be my last day with Infant Welfare Society of Evanston. My wish for IWSE is much continued success with the EHS and Family Support programs. The best to you all! **-TeeNeka Jones-Gueye**

A very special thank you to the G.R. Kendall Family Foundation for their generous \$30,000 designated contribution that made our playground a reality!

IWSE hosts its first Community Breakfast and Playground ribbon cutting!

The G.R. Kendall Foundation generously supported the redesign of our main outdoor play space at Baby Toddler Nursery this Spring. In June, we welcomed more than 40 community members to a breakfast to celebrate this our new space.

Many of our staff proudly watched as Pamela Staples, BTN Site Director, cut a ribbon to officially open our new playground. Stephen Vick, Executive Director, shared a few words about his vision for the future of IWSE, the importance of quality early childhood education in our community and its impact on eliminating the disparity in kindergarten readiness.

We want to thank the G.R. Kendall Family Foundation for making this exciting day possible. Our children and families will have many years of enjoyment and fun in our new space.

Upcoming events at IWSE!

August 5: Baby Toddler Nursery Ice Cream Social and Family Music Night

August 2016: Day of Service with Alumni Relations and Development Office at Northwestern University

First Monday of each month: Intergenerational classroom visits with Sunrise Senior Living Center

September 2016: International Fest and Back to School Open House

October 1: United Way/Evanston Day of Caring

October 1: IWSE Backyard Music Fest



The G.R. Kendall Family Foundation playground is officially open at Baby Toddler Nursery

IWSE works with ETHS students and Fine Art Department to create a new mural for our building!

This year IWSE had the opportunity to collaborate with our friends at ETHS and students from the Fine Arts Department to create a beautiful mural on the West side of our property. This was an old block wall that faced the alley and was a real eye sore. The Art students created a design and presented it to our leadership team. A few weeks later they were hard at work creating a masterpiece that the entire community will enjoy.

Not only are we beautifying our property, but building strategic connections to our local high school. These connections provide the opportunity for art students to become involved in community service projects that fulfill their service requirements and brighten the neighborhood. Thank you ETHS for all your hard work! Our Pre-k students got in the fun as well with colorful handprints.



ETHS students from the Fine Arts Department and some of our students in our pre-k classroom are hard at work creating our beautiful new mural

IWSE and Board of Directors hosts 1st annual volunteer luncheon and celebration!

On July 19, Marsha Richman, a long time board member and co-chair of our development committee, hosted a thank you luncheon at her home in Evanston for our program volunteers. An enthusiastic group was able to join us, though we missed those unable to attend. IWSE is honored by the contributions of time, energy and talent of more than 25 volunteers who support the classrooms, staff, administration and our children and families in a variety of ways at Teen Baby Nursery and Baby Toddler Nursery. The luncheon was a simple way of saying thank you for all you do!



IWSE celebrates our volunteers and their time and commitment to our families and children!

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CONGRATULATIONS to our talented staff for their IWSE milestones this year:

<i>Geri Pace</i>	<i>5/15/1975</i>	<i>41 yrs</i>
<i>Yvonne Gammell</i>	<i>2/15/1984</i>	<i>32 yrs</i>
<i>Buket Ozer</i>	<i>6/22/1995</i>	<i>21 yrs</i>
<i>Ady Enessy</i>	<i>1/30/1995</i>	<i>21 yrs</i>
<i>Patricia Estrada</i>	<i>4/15/1996</i>	<i>20 yrs</i>
<i>Chuck Petty</i>		<i>15 yrs</i>
<i>Valerie Brown</i>	<i>4/01/2002</i>	<i>14 yrs</i>
<i>Pamela Staples</i>	<i>9/18/2003</i>	<i>13 yrs</i>
<i>Melody Scott</i>	<i>5/3/2004</i>	<i>12 yrs</i>
<i>Paula Miller-Richards</i>	<i>8/23/2004</i>	<i>12 yrs</i>
<i>Tamika Robinson</i>	<i>12/01/2005</i>	<i>11 yrs</i>

IWSE Staff Spotlight:

Chuck Petty

(BTN) was recently promoted to "Head Teacher" in Eagle(1). Lets congratulate Chuck in his promotion and years of service to IWSE!



Blanca Torres (BTN) was recently promoted to "Teacher" in Eagle(1). Let's congratulate Blanca in her promotion as well!

Jasmine Cerritos

(TBN) has shown great leadership ability in the Caterpillar room. Jasmine has been promoted to lead teacher as of 7/26/16. Thank you for all you do!



Emily Homa

(BTN) Assistant Director/ Disability Coordinator at BTN, was recently awarded her Level 1 Directors' credential from Gateways in June 2016. Congratulations to Emily!

