

Grand Opening Celebration!

On July 13, Child Start opened its newest Head Start 0-5 center at 2020 N. Oliver. The new center, Fingerprints Head Start 0-5, is Child Start's second center serving children from birth to kindergarten-entry. The first is located at 1510 E 2nd Street and opened just last year. The new center will start providing services to families in Northeast Wichita on August 29.



Fingerprints Head Start 0-5 will serve parents and their children from birth until kindergarten-entry with early childhood development services including parenting classes, home visits and half-day preschool.

"This new building embodies so much about what we want to provide for families," said Teresa Rupp, Executive Director of Child Start. "The fact that it's birth to five contributes to continuity and the green outdoor playscape and the colorful interior should provide an oasis for early exploration and discovery."



It's a Child Start tradition to invite community members who "had a hand" in our projects to help commemorate Child Start milestones by adding their handprint to a handprint collage. The ceremony was especially fitting with the opening of Fingerprints Head Start 0-5. Pictured here (left) leaving his handprint is Craig Nelson, the president of Conco Construction, who managed of the remodeling project for the new facility.

To see more pictures of the festivities, please visit our Facebook page. Don't forget to "like" Child Start!

Pictured above unveiling the new sign: Edward Anderson;
Ribbon cutting: Teresa Rupp, Megheen Goos, Sue Shinn, Glenda Wilcox, Dana Smith and Jay Hildreth.