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CHILD CARE**

A STORY ABOUT
TURRELL CHILD CARE &
EARLY LEARNING CENTER



CHILDREN'S AID
AND FAMILY SERVICES





The Turrell Child Care & Early Learning Center, located in Paramus, NJ, is part of Children's Aid and Family Services. It serves children ages 8 weeks to Kindergarten, offers an age-appropriate, comprehensive curriculum, large sunny classrooms, an on-site commercial kitchen where nutritious meals and snacks are prepared, state-of-the-art outdoor playgrounds, and an indoor gym for year-round play.

The Turrell Center provides scholarships to approximately 40 percent of the families whose children attend, giving children from hardworking, lower-income families access to a high-quality early educational experience. Following is the story of one such family, and the incredible progress their daughter has made since attending the Turrell Center.

Mary's happy babbling echoes in the infant playroom as she delights in learning to speak. When her parents come to pick her up, she waddles like a little penguin, right into their arms.

A few months earlier, things weren't looking so hopeful for this family. Nick and Kristina, a hard-working couple who had just started their own business, found themselves in a dilemma. With the start-up expenses of their business, the 16-hour workdays, and a newborn, they were just about paying their bills, never mind affording child care. They realized they were in danger of neglecting their little girl, even while they were struggling to provide for her.

A friend suggested they contact the Turrell Center. After speaking to the staff, they were thrilled to learn they qualified for financial assistance, and they could now actually afford a quality child care center. Nick and Kristina now work at their growing business with the assurance Mary is getting nurturing, loving care, learning basic skills and making new friends every day. "Mary's excited to go to the Turrell Center every day, see her friends, and learn new things. I couldn't be happier," says Kristina.

All names have been changed to protect client privacy.

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