




Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-013

Date: January 23, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Jan 23, 2024 14:22 EST)

Re: PLAY Afterschool Program Achieves Reaccreditation Status

In June 2015, the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) successfully licensed our six Promoting Lifelong Activities for Youth (PLAY) after-school programs. During the last 8 years, with over 140 inspections by Broward County Childcare Licensing and Enforcement, our 6 licensed after-school programs have continued to provide the upmost care to our community's children. In March 2021, we successfully accredited our after-school programs through Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment (APPLE) and received the Gold Seal Quality Care designation by the Florida Department of Children and Families Office of Childcare Regulation. APPLE is the number one childcare accrediting body in the State of Florida.

In March 2023, the process began to reaccredit the PLAY after-school programs located at Bass Park, Carter Park, Croissant Park, Osswald Park, Riverland Park and Warfield Park. This self-study required the program to evaluate standards and policies specific to sound health and safety practices, specialized learning outcomes through positive interactions between staff and children, ensure the program delivers research-based curriculum/instruction and engages in communication with staff, parents and the community. Reaccreditation portfolios were submitted and each one obtained a score of 100%.

In January 2024, after on-site monitoring visits and observations, APPLE acknowledged that the PLAY programs continue to provide high-quality programming and demonstrates "best practices" according to APPLE standards, once again awarding the accreditation designation through March 2029.

If you have any questions, contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 954-828-5804 or email cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov.

Please join me in congratulating the Parks and Recreation Department for achieving this distinguished recognition and reaccreditation status.

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