



Press Release

ROSS Early Childhood Center

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Children First and the Sarasota Housing Authority will present an Open House on Monday, June 25th at 8:30 a.m. at 1912 North Orange Avenue to celebrate the grand opening of the ROSS Early Childhood Center. The ROSS Early Childhood Center, located on Housing Authority property, is funded in part by the HUD Resident Opportunities & Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant that was awarded to the Sarasota Housing Authority in February of this year. The child development center will provide care for housing authority infants and toddlers while their parents are working or participating in self-sufficiency training programs also funded by the HUD ROSS grant.

Community partners involved in this project are Dooley Mack Construction, Habitat for Humanity, The Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Vista Serve.

“Child care remains one of the major barriers to employment and self-sufficiency for many of our low-income families. This partnership with Children First and the funding provided by the federal ROSS grant from HUD is a major accomplishment that removes that barrier and gives our families a true opportunity to better their lives,” states William Russell, Executive Director of the Sarasota Housing Authority.

Children First and the Sarasota Housing Authority have been serving families in the Newtown community for over 40 years. Together their joint efforts enable both agencies to provide quality services to even more families.

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