

Parent Ambassador Story

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I learned about Head Start in 2009. I visited Little Hands Child Creative Center on 71st and Ashland. It was amazing. I enrolled my daughter immediately. I got involved with volunteering at the center and on the parent policy committee as a delegate. I went to the first meeting, and enjoyed every moment of it. Being a part of the parent policy committee helped me learn a lot about the Head Start program. I was able to vote on matters throughout Ada S McKinley's Head Start program and attend citywide head start meetings.

Years later, I had a son, and enrolled him in the same Head Start program. This time around, I became the policy Chairperson. Both of my children have progressed mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically. They have learned a different language, how to speak for themselves, how to communicate with others, and so much more.

Head Start is important in my community because there are many children who are not receiving a quality education. Head Start offers many resources to support children and their families. With the violence in this community, Head Start offers a safe space for children to be able to attend school and learn without being afraid of being harmed.

