



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
**Child**  
**Development**  
**Center**



**We Believe Every Child Should Have Access  
to High-Quality Early Education**

*A family's income should never be a barrier*



"Eradicating the implications of poverty and the educational, racial, and wealth disparities facing people of color begins in places like Women's League. The research is clear: Quality early education reaps immediate, high-impact, long-term benefits for children."

— Karen Lott, Executive Director

## Why Invest in Quality Early Education?

- A child's brain reaches 90% of its physical volume by age five. Millions of new neural connections occur every second in those five years.
  - Achievement gains due to attending preschool increase over time.
  - Preschool particularly benefits children from low-income families of color. Access to pre-K could shrink the Black-white school readiness gap by nearly 20% and the Latino-white school readiness gap by almost 36%.
  - Long-term benefits of preschool include better overall health, employment in skilled positions, and higher academic achievement and incomes
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## Women's League: A Legacy of Excellence

### MORE THAN A CENTURY OF SERVING HARTFORD'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Founded in 1917 by African American ministers' wives who aimed to help Hartford's immigrant women gain job skills. In the 1940s, our mission shifted exclusively to early childhood education.

### THE LARGEST SINGLE SITE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER IN GREATER HARTFORD

- More than 230 infants and children fill our 17 vibrant classrooms with the joys of learning and play.
- Fully accredited by NAEYC, the national "gold standard."

### A FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING ARTS, AND MATH (STEAM)

- STEM careers offer more opportunities, job security, and higher pay, yet Black and Hispanic workers are significantly underrepresented in STEM jobs. We lay the foundation — early! — for essential STEM skills.



**Learn more about  
giving opportunities.  
Contact us for a tour!**

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