



Bright Horizons®

A Family of Solutions at Work™

City of Madison Accreditation



Benefits to Families

Access and Usage

- Currently 15% of our families receive a form of subsidy.
- Headstart & School District Support:
 - A family recently joined our center who toured with Headstart. The Head Start Representative shared she will refer future families to our center as well as share information with her colleagues.
 - The current 4K program continues to be full and we are evaluating adding an additional section for next year. Children are able to extend their day to support working families.
- 5 Star DHS Reimbursement:
 - Since October, four families that receive assistance through DHS have left the center because of the reimbursement rate. These families have shared the additional 25% assistance would have allowed them to stay with Bright Horizons.
- Transportation
 - We are located directly next to a bus stop that services bus route 8. Route 8 is easily transferable from all routes that go through the East Town area.



The Accreditation Process

Timeline

- 2010 Bright Horizons Suspends Accreditation
- May 2013 Bright Horizons reinvests in Bright Horizons at the American Center with updated facilities, and retraining of all staff in curriculum, environments and management.
- January 2014 Center Director discusses with City of Madison the timeline to re-apply for the accreditation process.
- March 2014 New Center Director is hired
- April 2014 Meet with City of Madison Representative to discuss application for accreditation and our intention to pursue accreditation.
- August 2014 Submitted Application for City of Madison Accreditation along with the fee.
- November 2014 City of Madison Accreditation Representative attends a staff meeting to introduce the process and train staff on the importance of accreditation.
- December 2014 Classroom observations are completed
- January 2015 Team Meetings are conducted with teaching staff and the Bright Horizons Administrative Team.

Options for Accreditation

- The City of Madison Accreditation is the most highly respected accreditation system in the Madison area. It is the mark of quality families look at first when searching for centers. The City of Madison Accreditation's focus on interactions and environments would best fit the needs of Bright Horizons at the American Center.
- If the focus of City of Madison Accreditation has changed and Bright Horizons no longer meets the new criteria to continue this process, we ask for temporary accreditation until we could complete the process with another organization (NAEYC, NAC, etc). We hope this is NOT the case, however we appreciate your support of our efforts to achieve recognition of program excellence which in turn benefits all families including those receiving child care benefits.

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