



## Children of the World Learning Center

In Charlotte, the demand for high quality, affordable preschool programs far exceeds the availability. This problem exacerbates economic and social inequalities in the city.

*Children of the World Learning Center*, a half-day, dual language program, fills this gap in services by providing high-quality preschool on a sliding scale tuition model based on Federal poverty guidelines. Recognizing the potential for integrated schools to increase economic mobility in Charlotte, COTWLC has adopted an admission process designed to create a culturally, economically, and linguistically diverse community. COTWLC is committed to increasing children's school readiness, thus preparing them for lifelong success, while empowering their parents to serve as advocates for their families.

**Vision:** Children of the World Learning Center offers shared learning opportunities for children and families of varied cultures, languages, and incomes leading to increased school readiness and accelerated language acquisition while embracing diversity.

**Mission:** Children of the World Learning Center is a Christian-based organization offering a multicultural, dual language preschool for families of varied incomes and cultures reflective of our diverse, vibrant communities in East Charlotte and beyond.

**Sustainability:** Enjoying strong community support, COTWL is funded through individual and corporate donations, grant funds, and tuition payments. The preschool's fundraising plan is developed and implemented by the diverse group of dedicated professionals and community members who serve as its Board.

**Objectives:** COTWLC will continue providing high-quality, half-day preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds. Future goals include attaining a 5-star NC Child Care License and opening a second classroom to serve more families on our extensive waiting list.

### **Points of Distinction:**

Location: Preschool is uniquely situated in an area of Charlotte that is economically and culturally diverse.

Services for children from birth: COTWLC works with families on our waiting list to provide early intervention through referrals, educational offerings, and community connections and partnerships.

Dual language education: For children whose second language is English, dual language education has proven to be critical in long-term progress in school and in fostering positive child-parent interaction.

Focus on family engagement: COTWLC cultivates a strong community, which promotes social competence and fosters upward mobility.

### **2018-2019 School Year Outcomes:**

- When school began, 84 % of students scored below 50% of their peers on the Boehm Standard Table, which measures grasp of preschool concepts. At year's end, 95% of our children achieved at a level well above most peers their age.
- Growth in English proficiency, for children who speak English as a second language, was significant, with most students moving from the very beginning to the early intermediate level or early intermediate to the advanced category, as measured by the IDEA Proficiency Test.

COTWLC is committed to growing our preschool and contributing to economic and social mobility in East Charlotte. To learn more, please visit us at [www. https://childrenoftheworldlearningcenter.org](https://childrenoftheworldlearningcenter.org)