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FAMILY SERVICES CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

County Executive Isiah Leggett to Preside Over Official Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony

GAITHERSBURG, Maryland (September 14, 2009) - Watch Me Grow Child Development Center, a program of Family Services, Inc., will celebrate the Grand Opening Celebration of its new Child Development Center on Thursday, October 15th. The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will begin at 9:30am, with special guest speaker Montgomery County Executive, the Honorable Isiah Leggett. Other guests will include individual and corporate supporters, as well as county officials and community leaders.

The new center will provide early childhood development programs for children six weeks to five years old. The 14,000 square foot area, located in Clarksburg at 22530 Gateway Center Drive, Suite 900 features 10 spacious classrooms, large indoor and outdoor play areas, and a capacity for 120 children. Each classroom has been designated with a "bug" theme, which is reflected with beautifully hand-painted murals throughout the center.

"At Watch Me Grow we go above and beyond so children will have a rich educational and fun way to learn, says Nicole Queen, Educational Director. "Our motto here is that we Play With A Purpose".

The center offers children a specialized and unique early educational experience in a safe, creative and supportive environment. Teachers plan creative and developmentally appropriate lessons and classrooms are set up to foster creativity and free exploration. Infants and toddlers, for example, are provided activities that stimulate their sensory development, enhance language development, and encourage physical growth. Likewise, preschoolers are

being prepared for Kindergarten through cognitive, language, physical and social/emotional development. Watch Me Grow also foster creativity through arts/crafts, in house special events/field trips and music.

“Our mission is to enrich the lives of children by creating a warm, nurturing environment that encourages children to experience developmentally appropriate practice, personal interest, cultural diversity and a life-long love of learning.”, says Kylie McCleaf, Associate Director of Family Services, Inc. “Watch Me Grow promotes the gifts and talents of each individual child, provides a safe and secure environment with high quality assurance standards.”

Watch Me Grow Child Development Center is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care.

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