

## **About Flance**

Since its inception in 2014, Flance Early Learning Center has become a trusted resource for low-income parents who seek quality care, education and health services for their infants and young children. Founded to improve the social and academic trajectory of children in one of the most distressed zip codes in the state of Missouri (63106), Flance is named in memory of Dr. I. Jerome Flance and his wife, Rosemary, for their tireless dedication and work within the community. Flance provides services to a racially, culturally, developmentally, and socio-economically diverse population in north St. Louis City. Accredited and licensed to serve children ages 6 weeks to 6 years, **our mission** is to provide excellence by educating and nurturing young children, supporting families, and strengthening community.

Located in the Carr-Square neighborhood on St. Louis' north side, Flance's state-ofthe-art 25,000 square foot building was designed to be an ideal environment for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Flooded with natural light and child-friendly features, the facility boasts 13 spacious classrooms with outdoor access, a free onsite health clinic, ample indoor and outdoor play areas, a commercial kitchen, and a working community garden.

Over 70% of Flance students come from families living at or below federal poverty levels and are at risk for negative outcomes. To meet the needs of this population, Flance partners with over 20 social service agencies to provide medical, dental and vision screening and care, creative arts and play therapies, food giveaways and other services that increase family stability and improve outcomes. In this regard, Flance is more than just a preschool; it is a community-based center that is focused on holistically improving the lives of young children, their families, and the surrounding neighborhood.

Flance Early Learning Center is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Accredited by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth, Flance is registered and licensed in the State of Missouri.

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