



## ***West Haven Community House***

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### **Community House Opening Programs for the Fall**

West Haven, CT—(August 13, 2020) The West Haven Community House (WHCH) is now accepting registrations for the 2020-21 school year for their high-quality, affordable childcare and school readiness programs for West Haven children starting at age three.

The agency's Children & Youth Services before and after school program, which is located in West Haven public schools, offers a safe, constructive place for school age children to be before and after school while their parents work or attend school. The Head Start preschool program, located at the main building on Elm Street, is licensed by the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and serves children ages three to five of income eligible families.

“During these uncertain times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone’s safety will always be and has always been our top priority” said Patty Stevens, WHCH Executive Director. The Community House is strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols and guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) including screening children and staff upon arrival, modifying drop off and pick up procedures, social distancing strategies and frequently disinfecting classroom and playground areas to ensure the safety of all students, staff and families.”

“During the time when some of our agency programs were closed due to the pandemic, we used the time to make improvements and enhance the safety of our facilities. We upgraded playground equipment and replaced HVAC systems to ensure better ventilation, repaired fencing and improved other safety and security systems,” she added.

For more information about the Community House’s Head Start preschool or before and after school child care, please visit the website at [www.whcommunityhouse.org](http://www.whcommunityhouse.org) or call 203-934-5221.

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