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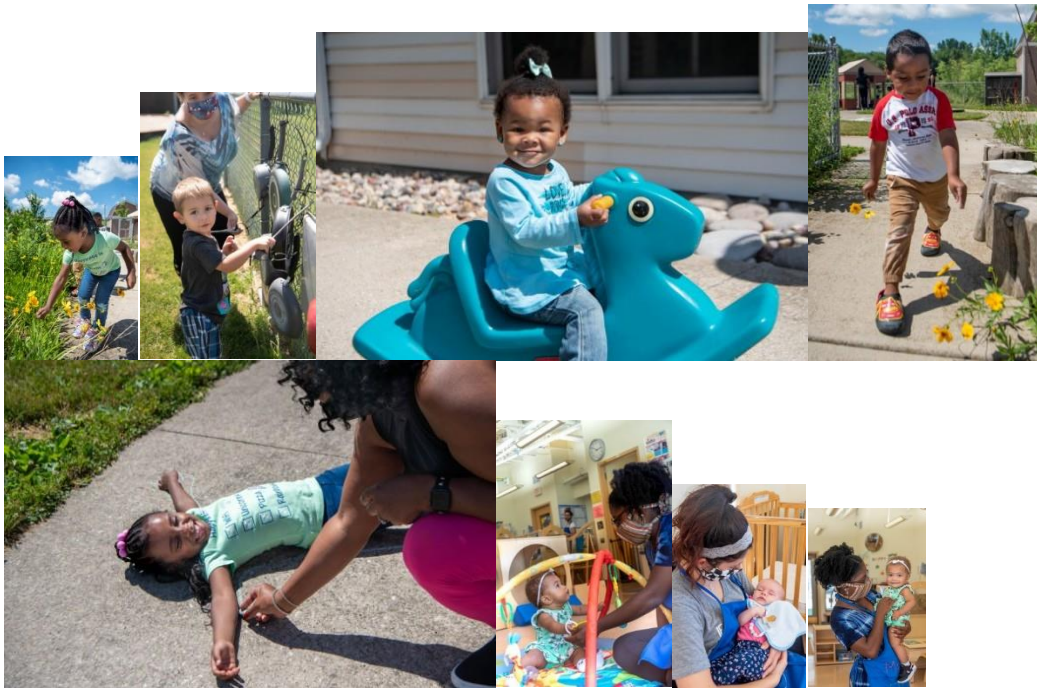
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After abruptly closing in March amid coronavirus concerns, the Governors State University Family Development Center (FDC) has re-opened its Early Head Start and other education programs just in time for summer.

With the help of a \$63,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) grant provided by the Office of Head Start, the FDC has modified the facility and retrained staff to comply with federal and state guidelines to keep children safe. In addition, the FDC has purchased personal protective equipment (PPE) and taken other steps to create a safe and healthy environment for children, said Erin Soto, Executive Director of the Family Development Center.

"They are enjoying their regular playtime routines with spread-out activities and lots of outdoor time," said Soto. "The children are happy to be back and engaging with their teachers and peers."

The FDC is currently enrolling for the Early Head Start programs which provide comprehensive services for babies 0 to 2 years old and their families in both center- and home-based programs. From connecting families to community resources for health, learning and wellbeing, the Early Head Start program helps young children from low-income families prepare to succeed in school.