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Tampa YMCA Seeking Applicants for Free Full-Time Childcare

Tampa, FL (May 18, 2015) – The [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) is accepting applications for its [YMCA Early Head Start Program](#). The free full-time childcare program is open to parents/guardians with children between 6 weeks and 23 months old and working a minimum of 25 hours per week or attending school full-time.

As a delegate agency of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners Head Start/Early Head Start program, the Tampa YMCA partners with family childcare homes throughout Hillsborough County to provide full-day, full-year comprehensive services to children and their families. From 7am – 5:30pm Monday-Friday, eligible families receive free childcare which includes age- and developmentally-appropriate curriculum, meals, snacks, diapers, wipes, books and toys. Once enrolled in the YMCA Early Head Start Program, families can also take advantage of free family engagement activities and field trips offered through the program. Bilingual providers are available.

In general, eligibility is based on family income at or below the poverty level. Families with other situations including children with disabilities, children in foster care, or receiving SSI or TANF also are eligible. To apply, contact Family and Community Engagement Specialist Shayla Bryant at 813.676.5072 or shayla.bryant@tampaymca.org. Parents/guardians must provide a copy of the following documents:

1. Proof of household income (i.e. 2014 W2, 1040: pages 1-2, 1099 tax return or IRS transcript).
2. If applicable, current printout reflecting the last 12 months of benefits/support received from AFDC/TANF, court-ordered child support, SSI, Social Security, Foster Care Grant, unemployment benefits, and/or school grants.
3. Original Bureau of Vital Statistics Birth Certificate or Proof of Guardianship/Custody.
4. Proof of employment or full-time enrollment in school.

For more information, [click here](#) or visit www.tampaymca.org, select “Our Programs,” then “Childcare” and “Early Head Start.”

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About the Tampa Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area’s leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 160,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org