



# Metropolitan Family Services

# Children's Center

3215 W. 63rd Street  
Chicago, Illinois

**Total Project Cost:**  
\$960,000

**Development Team:**  
Illinois Facilities Fund  
*Project Manager and Lender*

Metropolitan Family Services  
*Owner and Child Care Provider*

Schroeder Murchie Laya  
Associates  
*Architect*

Jones Lang LaSalle  
*Construction Manager*

Novak Construction Company  
*General Contractor*

**Date Completed:**  
April 2004

**Description of Project:**

Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) offers a comprehensive array of services for families and individuals. It serves as an anchor to the diverse Chicago Lawn community on the southwest side of Chicago.

MFS hired the IFF to manage the construction of the new Children's Center, located on the first floor of a new apartment building for seniors on West 63rd Street. The completion of the center was the final piece of a major community revitalization project at 63rd and Kedzie that includes new commercial, residential, and senior facilities.

IFF managed the build-out of the four-classroom center: three full-day collaboration classrooms serving 60 three- to five-year olds, with an additional classroom for nine infants and toddlers. The project also includes a new kitchen, a conference/parent room, and additional office space. Due to the generous donation of an adjoining vacant parcel by the building owner, MFS was able to add a new playground to the child care center.

*The Midway Head Start Center is a project of the IFF's Chicago Children's Capital Fund, a partnership between the IFF and the City of Chicago to increase child care capacity in Chicago communities that have the greatest need for child care options.*