

early childhood education

A New Leaf's Phoenix Day Janis Merrill Education Center has offered quality early education to families from across the Valley for more than 100 years, providing a solid educational foundation for children ages 0-5 from diverse households.

Phoenix Day focuses on each child's unique characteristics, developmental needs, and interests to support their growth and development. Our role is to facilitate, assess, support, and nurture each child in their personal growth and development by providing access to a child-centered, emergent curriculum, health care, nutrition education, and parenting support services.

Additionally, all classrooms are immersion-based bilingual environments, exposing children to Spanish and English. This mix of students offers a diversity of language, culture, and backgrounds – greatly enriching the educational experience for all children. The center is a Quality First accredited school through First Things First. Curriculum adheres to the Arizona Department of Education's Early Learning Standards and Infant and Toddler Developmental Guidelines documents.

Phoenix Day's Early Childhood Education program serves children 6 weeks to 5 years of age who are residents of the Phoenix area. Openings may be available for parents able to pay for their child, and additional opportunities may be available for certain income-based scholarships.



Infants
6 weeks to 1 year old



Toddlers One 1 to 2 years old



Toddlers Two 2 to 3 year old



Preschool
4 to 5 years old

the very best in education

Early Childhood Education utilizes a child-centered, emergent curriculum as its approach to early learning. The curriculum is based on developmentally appropriate practice focused on skill development in all five domains of child development through a well-rounded methodology focused on school readiness.

These include social, emotional, cognitive, language, literacy, adaptive, self-help, and physical areas of development. Aligned with Arizona Department of Education Early Learning Standards, Phoenix Day is committed to offering research-based best practices in this dual language program.

Phoenix Day pursues meaningful goals in serving the community:

- Provide top quality education to children in Phoenix
- Promote lifelong learning and healthy living
- Identify and mitigate barriers to learning prior to kindergarten
- Ensure all children enter kindergarten with the cognitive, language, social, emotional, selfhelp, and physical skills necessary for school success

location & enrollment

Phoenix Day is located at 115 East Tonto Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

To contact staff regarding enrollment, please call **(602) 252-4911** or visit: **TurnaNewLeaf.org/PDenroll**.

other resources

A New Leaf offers a wide variety of services. If you are seeking childcare or education for your family, you may also be interested in some of the services below. Please ask a staff member at A New Leaf about these programs, go to **TurnaNewLeaf.org**, or call **(480) 969-4024**.

- After School and Summer Programs
- Behavioral Health Clinics

- Counseling and Therapeutic Programs
- Financial Wellness Programs

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

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