

# Division of Early Learning Provider/Program Spotlight

## September 2015 Safe and Sound Day Care Center



Safe and Sound Day Care Center is a 23 hour nationally accredited facility serving children from 2 months to 12 years old in Ward 7 for the last 20 years. This non-traditional child care center offers parents whose work schedule is outside of standard hours a safe place for their child. Parents can receive child care services on the weekend and evenings.

In addition to their extended hours, Safe and Sound has identified unique opportunities to engage the community in the success and education of their children. In partnership with Maya Angelou Public Charter School, each school year Safe and Sound offers hands-on experience to seniors who have expressed an interest in early childhood education. Seniors come in once a week to interact and learn about the needs of infants and toddlers, which is an enriching experience for the children and the high school students. Toddlers in the program also experience tennis lessons once a week at the Washington and Tennis Foundation East Capital Campus ran by Mr. Mike Ragland and staff. The children's librarian, Ms. Taylor, from Capital View Library visits the center once a week to read and do arts and crafts with the children.

Safe and Sound is an Eco-Healthy Child Care Center as recognized by The Children's Environmental Health Network. The children have a planter box in front of the daycare where they plant flowers for Earth Day. In their Science Center the children have an opportunity to feed the birds every day at the bird feeder. They also have books and pictures to identify the many different birds that come to eat in the garden.

Safe and Sound has also been commended for being the first center to complete their Subsidy Application Renewal Application for 2016.

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