



Agency Overview 2011-2012

Information, Skills and Support for Parents & Children

Mission: Forty Carrots Family Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families through educational programs for parents, children and professionals in the field.

PRIMARY GOALS

Forty Carrots Family Center strives to:

- Ensure positive outcomes, both short-term and long-term, for children
- Build a community of capable, caring, and respectful young people
- Provide parents/guardians with information, skills and support to better equip them in the job of raising their children
- Promote positive and productive relationships between parents/guardians and their children
- Prevent child abuse and neglect

PROGRAMS

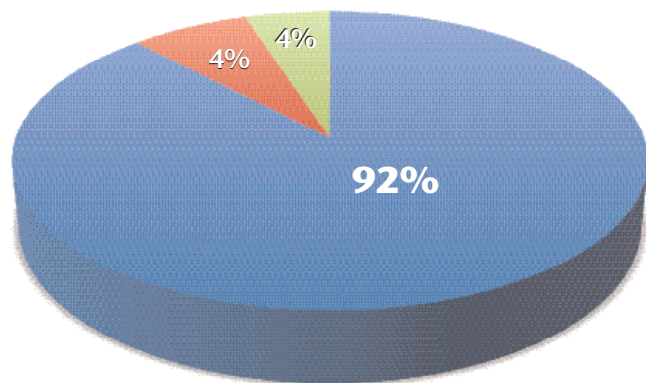
Forty Carrots Family Center has four components:

- A comprehensive Parenting Center
- A community outreach Parenting Program *On Wheels*
- Professional Development and Training Opportunities
- A Preschool that is nationally accredited (NAEYC) and 5+ star rated through the local Look for the Stars program



FAMILIES SERVED

1,944 (June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011)



Free Community Outreach

Parenting Center

Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES

View our full class schedule at www.fortycarrots.org

Welcome to Our World: Free class for parents navigating the newborn phase in a supportive, fun and informative setting

Studio 40: Captivating program of art, music, movement and other creative activities for 1-5-year-olds and their grownups

Coffee Talk: Dynamic conversation focusing on hot topics for parents of young children

Talk & Play (TAP): Best of two worlds series – quality time to network with other parents and stay on top of each new stage of your child's developmental; and special time for your child to engage in play

Parenting 101: Evening series for parents to discuss development, temperament and discipline strategies that work

Partners In Play (PIP): An engaging series where parents share meaningful play time with their children and have the opportunity to talk to other parents and our Parenting Educators about parenting concerns

Individual Consultation: For families looking for support in a private setting

The Preschool at Forty Carrots Family Center:

provides the highest quality early childhood education to children age 2-5 (Lic.#: 58-51-00397)

Free Neighborhood Drop-in Programs: Weekly classes offered at 8 different libraries at Sarasota County for mobile babies to 5-year-olds and their caregivers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Forty Carrots Parenting Program *On Wheels* reaches families facing specific challenges compounding the already complex job of raising children. Challenges include parental drug and alcohol addiction, teen parenthood, history of sexual, emotional, verbal or physical abuse, homelessness, poverty, domestic violence, or limited education. Partnerships include: CYESIS Teen Parent Program at Riverview and North Port High Schools, First Step Mothers and Infants Program, SOLVE Maternity Homes, SPARCC Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center and several other local agencies.