



# Welcome to Bright Horizons at Chicago Central Loop

## What to Expect

At Bright Horizons at Chicago Central Loop, your child will be safe, well cared for, loved, and supported by our skilled teachers. Our carefully crafted back-up care program offers age-appropriate programs to encourage curious, happy, and confident children at every age and stage.

### [View our virtual tour!](#)

Our center has been welcoming families since 2000 for their back-up, school vacation, and summer care needs. Throughout the year, we offer virtual family information sessions and workshops, themed program weeks, and many other events for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

If you would like a virtual tour prior to care, we would be more than happy to schedule one at your convenience; our center administrative team can be reached at 312-853-3299 or [centralloop@brighthorizons.com](mailto:centralloop@brighthorizons.com).

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## Health & Safety

At Bright Horizons your child's health, safety, and wellness is our top priority. We continually monitor state and local public health guidelines, consult with our medical experts, and use our considerable experience to guide our practices. We're prepared to respond quickly and adjust those health and safety practices as needed, to ensure children, families, and teachers are protected.

### **Designed for the well-being of staff, children, and families**

- ▶ A daily health check policy that strives to mitigate the spread of illnesses
- ▶ Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, toys, and soft items
- ▶ Strict handwashing and sanitary policies to prevent the spread of illnesses
- ▶ Safety and security procedures designed to keep our families and staff protected
- ▶ Secure entrances to all centers
- ▶ Curriculum that emphasizes healthy practices for children

# What to Bring

## Enrollment Forms & Health Records

Prior to care, we are required to obtain additional information about your family. Many of the forms are available on our Back-up Care portal: [backup.brighthorizons.com/account/login](https://backup.brighthorizons.com/account/login), and will need to be submitted along with your child's Illinois Child Health Examination Form and birth certificate (a requirement in the city of Chicago).

Please be aware, medication noted on action plans for allergies or asthma must be brought daily to the center, labeled, and not expired.

## Meals & Snacks

For children 10 months and older families can choose to participate in our snack/lunch program (consisting of a combination of fruit, vegetable, protein or carbohydrate, and milk). Catered lunch must be purchased: \$5/child under 6, and \$6/ child 6-12 years; or families have the option to take their child out for lunch. For children under 15 months, all food provided must be store bought/sealed and ready to eat.

*Please note: our center is a nut safe environment and we ask you not to pack any nut items for your child.*

Infant bottles cannot come prepared (it's a Chicago regulation), unless it is breast milk. Formula needs to be brought sealed and will be prepped onsite; a fresh bottle is needed for each feeding.

## Items From Home

- ▶ Spare clothing
- ▶ Diapers and wipes (*as needed*)
- ▶ A comfort item to ease the drop-off transition or for rest time (toys and pacifiers with any attachments (straps, small animals, etc. are not allowed as they can be choking hazards)
- ▶ Closed containers of formula, plenty of clean bottles, and sealed food items only



## Center Location

The center is located on the southeast corner of LaSalle and Washington. Upon entering the main building, go straight ahead and we are on the right hand side. You will need to be buzzed into the secured center.

We validate parking at the self-park garage (entrances on Madison/Wells or Washington/Wells) for 30 min during pick-up and drop-off; validation tickets are available at the front desk.

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# Our Staff



**Christiana, Center Director**

I love Bright Horizons because of the great curriculum. Bright Horizon's Discovery Driven Learning Curriculum is the pathway for making children great investigators. It promotes educational equity in the classroom and that is why I love it.

In education since: 2009



**Emily, Health & Safety Director**

I love Bright Horizons because of the staff, children, and families I work with. It is an inclusive environment where all are welcome.

In education since: 2018

## Our Teaching Staff

Our teachers are the heart of our program — people with the skills, passion, and dedication to make early education their career. They are experienced and dedicated professionals who meet strict certification requirements. Through *Discovery Driven Learning™*, our teaching and learning framework, these talented educators focus on children's unique interests while supporting today's big milestones and tomorrow's success. We support our educators with our own award-winning training, as well as learning opportunities to further advance their careers and skills through training, certificates, and college degrees.

## Bright Horizons® at Chicago Central Loop

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- ▶ **Download** | Search "Bright Horizons" in the App Store/Google Play to find our Back-Up Care app

