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HISTORY – In 1969, two child care centers, the Lafayette Community Day Care Center and Dennis Burton Day Care Center were created in Lafayette with a common purpose to provide affordable child care to working families. After becoming member agencies of the United Way of Greater Lafayette the centers were requested to merge in 1976 and formed Tippecanoe County Child Care, Inc. (TCCC). In April of 2013 the agency rebranded to become Right Steps Child Development Centers.

CURRENT SERVICES

Early Care and Education - Right Steps operates four child development centers in the Greater Lafayette area that provide quality care for children using a play-based curriculum. Right Steps serves up to 310 children at a time between the ages of six weeks to six years.

After School Care and Enrichment (Cool School) – Youth enrolled in Cool School participate in a curriculum that is designed to incorporate the 40 Developmental Assets identified by the Search Institute as essential to raising successful youth, and support learning with homework assistance, nutritious snacks, and enrichment activities.

The Child Care Resource Network –TCCRN conducts educational trainings, technical assistance and workshops on child development and child care related topics in Tippecanoe and 11 surrounding counties. They also mentor family day care providers who seek to enhance the quality of their care by participating in the Paths to QUALITY initiative.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) - Right Steps supports proper nutrition to boost optimal child development and combat childhood obesity through participation in CACFP. As a state program sponsor, we provide nutrition training, technical assistance, claim administration, and compliance monitoring to 80 participating family day care providers in an eight county area.

Imagination Library - The Imagination Library is Right Steps' newest program that mails books directly to registered children's homes each month. This program works for every child in Tippecanoe County to have access to a home library that fosters a life-long love of reading.



BOARD & STAFF – Right Steps is directed by a board of 12 community leaders and employs approximately 110 people. The Governance Committee oversees the agency and consists of:

Marilyn Redmon, Executive Director
Victoria Pearl, Board President
Megan Purcell, Board Vice President
Jim Compton, Board Treasurer
Melissa Grabner-Hagen, Board Secretary

MISSION – The mission of Right Steps Child Development Centers is to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education. Our vision is that all children and their family members will be actively engaged in quality early care and education that prepares them for future success and life-long learning. Our child care services are made highly accessible to the community by accepting child care vouchers, and operating on a sliding fee scale utilizing state and local grant funding, private donations, and the strong support of the United Way of Greater Lafayette.

LOCATIONS

- **Right Steps Administration** – 100 Saw Mill Road, Lafayette, IN 47905
Phone: 765.742.4033 Email: Contact@rightstepscdc.org
- **Right Steps Creasy** – 1170 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905
Phone: 765.477.2010
Center Director: Shelbi Mohebbi
- **Right Steps Dennis Burton** – 218 Ferry Street, Lafayette, IN 47905
Phone: 765.423.4906
Center Director: Kristina Hogue
- **Right Steps Downtown** – 218 Ferry Street, Lafayette, IN 47901
Phone: 765.429.6798
Center Director: Rhiannon Ryder
- **Right Steps Wabash Landing** – 385 Brown Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906
Phone: 765.746.2432
Center Director: Ashley Smith
- **Cool School** –
Vinton Elementary School, 3101 Elmwood Ave, Lafayette, IN 47904
Oakland Elementary School, 611 South 21st Street, Lafayette, IN 47905
Phone: 765-491-7600
Director: Tabatha Davis