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YWCA Bergen County Postpones Nursery School Relocation Until September

February 11, 2013 – Hackensack, NJ – The YWCA Bergen County has postponed until September the relocation of its Ridgewood-based early learning programs to its dedicated Early Learning Center in Upper Saddle River, NJ. The change was made in response to parent concerns about the timing of the move, which was scheduled to take place in February prior to the end of the school year.

The YWCA’s decision to make the move was prompted by concerns about increased security for the children enrolled in its early learning programs. The Ridgewood Nursery School is currently housed in the YWCA’s main facility, which is accessible to the public. Relocating the programs to its dedicated and secure child care facility will provide increased safety.

While the Nursery School program remains in its Ridgewood facility, the YWCA has put in place additional security measures, including onsite surveillance and a security guard to patrol the building when children’s education and child care programs are in session. “These measures will help improve the safety of everyone who uses the facility, including members, their families and the public,” says Helen Archontou, the YWCA’s Chief Executive Officer. In addition, the YWCA is working with local law enforcement on ways to enhance the security systems already in place in its Early Learning Center.

The relocation will bring all of the YWCA’s early childhood education programs under one roof, offering families a child-focused early learning environment. The Early Learning Center has enhanced features such as an onsite registered nurse, a dedicated early childhood library and art studio, and a large indoor gym.

In addition to its nursery school programs, the YWCA offers full and part time infant and toddler care, pre-school, pre-K and all-day kindergarten for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

Information and tours can be arranged by contacting the Early Learning Center's Director, Diane Eide, at 201.236.3126 or visit www.ywcabergencounty.org.

About YWCA Bergen County

YWCA Bergen County (www.ywcabergencounty.org) is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We are the area's largest provider of child care services, a recognized leader in health and fitness programs, and operator of the county's only Rape Crisis Center. Celebrating nearly a century of commitment to our community, today we improve the lives of thousands of women, girls, and their families.

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