



Who We Are

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) is a nurturing organization serving Monroe County working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. We provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance, and community service opportunities.

A Brief History

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) began in 1939 as a day care for low-income families. Over the years MCUM has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community. Our goal is to reduce the impact of poverty in our community. We accomplish this goal through our programs and by networking with other organizations in an effort to find the best solutions for our clients.



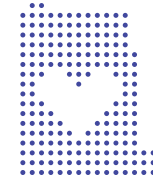
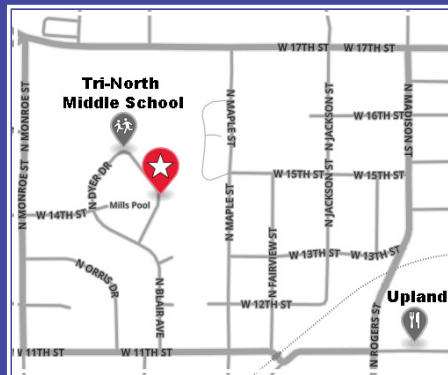
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Getting Here

MCUM is located next to Tri-North Middle School and Mills Pool off the Bloomington Transit "2" Bus Route. The childcare program is located in the brick building on the left.



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Childcare



Are you in need of affordable childcare for your son or daughter?

We Can Help.

Our Philosophy

At Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM), we believe that young children have a natural curiosity about the world and an innate thirst for learning. Some parents may not recognize that learning is taking place, because we were taught using rote memorization and worksheets. You will rarely see worksheets in our program.

MCUM teachers use a philosophy known as **developmentally appropriate practices** (DAP) and engage the child's mind in many creative ways that are suitable to the child's age, individual talents, and culture.

Our goal is to make education so much fun that children will think that they played all day. In fact, this type of learning has a more lasting effect than worksheets. Our bi-annual developmental assessments confirm that this method is more fruitful in helping prepare children for the next stage in their development or academic career.

Schedule a tour with our staff to find out if MCUM is the right place for your child!



How Much Will It Cost?

The program is open year-round from:
7am-5:30pm Monday through Friday

Our fees are based on your gross income and family size.

In order to provide quality childcare at an affordable rate, we conduct many fundraising activities and rely on the support of individuals, service organizations, area congregations, United Way funds, and Opportunity House resale store. With this assistance, we are able to offer fees on a sliding scale basis, so the fee varies depending on your income and family size. If you are eligible, you will need to apply for Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) funding to further assist this effort.

Fee Calculation Example*:

If your family income is:	\$16,500
And your family size is:	3
The weekly fee for one child is:	\$55
A second child is:	\$50

*Sample calculation only. Please contact our office for up-to-date fee information.

Who qualifies for the program?

- Parents working at least 25 hrs/week
- Parents enrolled full-time in school
- Families living in Monroe County
- Children ages 2 - Kindergarten
- IU student families, on a limited basis

What We Provide

- A licensed childcare program for children ages 2-6 with five classrooms, including a full-time Kindergarten
- Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- An outstanding nutritional program that received the CACFP Gold Standard rating and will meet 75% of your child's daily nutritional needs
- Children eat two hot meals and one snack daily in our dining room with adults sitting at each table
- Child-to-staff ratios that meet or exceed state requirements
- A program that encourages parent involvement with parent workshops
- Play-based developmentally appropriate curriculum to encourage learning and fun
- Bi-annual developmental and academic assessments to measure children's behavioral and educational progress
- Basic health services, such as flu shots, lead screenings, and dental clinics.