



Mattie Florence Rhodes was a teenager who worked for the less fortunate with a group of friends from church called the Little Gleaners. Mattie was only 19 when she died of typhoid fever in 1890, leaving \$500 to her friends to continue

their work with children. The Little Gleaners honored Mattie's wish in 1894 by founding the Mattie Rhodes Memorial Society. This was their pledge:

*"I promise to do all I can to help the needy and suffering by working for them, learning about them, giving for them, and trying to interest others in them."*

For 116 years Mattie Rhodes Center has provided services ranging from kindergarten and day nursery care, job placement, food and shelter, youth development, counseling, and arts programming. Today, we continue to provide programs that strengthen the ability of children and families to become more self-reliant, confident, creative, and productive members of their communities.



### ***Mission***

Mattie Rhodes Center bridges cultures and communities through arts, mental health and social services. We empower individuals and families through culturally competent, bilingual services in a respectful and compassionate environment.

### ***Vision***

We envision a community where individuals and families reach their full potential in a healthy, safe and creative environment. Mattie Rhodes Center is a Midwest leader on Latino issues and cultural competency.

### **Westside Office**

1740 Jefferson Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(816) 471-2536  
Mon–Thurs 9–6  
Friday 9–5

### **Northeast Office**

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Mon–Wed 9–6  
Thursday 12–8  
Friday 9–5

### **Art Center & Gallery**

915 & 919 W. 17th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(816) 221-2349  
Tues–Fri 10–5



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## Clinical Services

**Behavioral Health:** Individual and family therapy services are provided to adults and children by trained mental health professionals. Social services are provided by case managers who assist clients in finding employment, housing, childcare, and educational opportunities. Crisis intervention and other support services are available as needed.

**Family Violence:** Services are available to all members of a family impacted by violence. Survivors and their children can access therapy and case management services, as well as legal support. Domestic violence offenders can be referred to a Batterers Intervention Program consisting of groups and individual therapy sessions.

**Substance Abuse:** Adults and adolescents struggling with drug and alcohol dependency can participate in groups and individual counseling, and learn the principals of addiction and recovery.

**Supportive Living:** We provide education and support services for families with children with developmental disabilities, including monthly parent support groups, educational trainings, and case management services. There is also programming for young adults with developmental disabilities.



## Out-of-School Services

**Youth Development:** EXPLORE (Expanding Life-Skills and Opportunities in a Recreational Environment) provides after-school and summer programming for middle and high school youth in the areas of academic achievement, community and civic engagement, healthy lifestyles and leadership.



**After-school Arts:** The Visual Arts Out-of-School Program provides after-school instruction for elementary and middle school children in a variety of artistic mediums. The Cultural Arts Explorations program ties arts programming back to academic disciplines to enhance learning.

## Community

**Health and Wellness:** Children and their parents participate in exercise and nutrition classes using the Salsa, Sabor y Salud curriculum to teach healthy lifestyle behaviors. Programming takes place evenings and in collaboration with schools. Zumba classes are available evenings as well.

**Leadership and Engagement:** Forums, resources and educational opportunities are available to engage residents in their neighborhoods. A community liaison works to engage youth and others civically and to partner with neighborhood groups to better meet the needs of the community.

## Cultural Arts



**Art Education:** Special classes and cultural workshops are available to children, adults, and families. Spring and summer art camps are offered for elementary age children, working in five different artistic mediums. Community and school groups come to the Art Center & Gallery for unique art activities. Staff members outreach to bring lessons and activities to those who can't come to us. The Art Center & Gallery are also unique spaces for birthday parties and other gatherings.

**Exhibits and Collections:** Exhibits of local, regional and national artists show in the Art Gallery. Educational opportunities are available that complement exhibits; fieldtrip groups often visit the Gallery to view exhibits. Classes and workshops, teacher in-services, and various community gatherings take place as well. Pieces from an international folk art collection are on display in the Gallery and are available for lessons and activities.

