



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.



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 115 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.

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.

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Mon–Thurs 9–6
Friday 9–5

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Mon–Wed 9–6
Thursday 12–8
Friday 9–5

Art Center and Gallery
915 & 919 W. 17th Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
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Tues–Sat 10–5



MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Individual, family, and group counseling are provided to children and adults by trained mental health professionals. Children and adults work with therapists to improve individual, interpersonal, and overall well-being. Crisis intervention and other support services are also available.

Social services are provided by case managers who assist and educate clients. Case managers help individuals and families access housing, employment, public assistance, healthcare, childcare, and educational opportunities.

New Dawn (Nuevo Amanecer) provides outpatient substance abuse treatment—including counseling, case management, and group treatment—to youth and adults who are struggling with alcohol and other drug addictions.

New Day (Nuevo Día) provides counseling, case management, personal advocacy, crisis intervention, safety plan development, legal advocacy, and education to women and children affected by domestic violence.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

EXPLORE (*Expanding Life-skills & Opportunities in a Recreational Environment*) is an after-school youth development program with prevention and intervention components. The program—open to middle and high school students—incorporates mentoring, academic support, and the development of teamwork, leadership, creativity, and life-skills.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Visions with Hope 360° (Visión con Esperanza 360°) provides family support, advocacy, education, and case management services to families of children with developmental disabilities. **Visionaries** helps young adults with developmental disabilities with independent and social skills and transitional services.

Community Education groups, classes and workshops provide support and information for parents and families. They cover a variety of subjects, including healthy lifestyles, exercise, nutrition, parenting, healthy relationships, family dynamics, and health (mental and physical).

LATINO CULTURAL ARTS



Mattie Rhodes Art Center offers visual arts and craft classes and workshops for children, as well as adults. School children participate in an after-school arts class developing creativity and cultural awareness. Spring and Summer Art Camps provide children with classes in ceramics, fiber/craft, painting, mixed media, and printmaking/photography.

Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery features cultural art exhibits and the work of local, national, and international artists. A collection of mostly Latin American folk art is on display. Group and school fieldtrips, educational arts activities, teacher workshops, and a visiting artist program are also available.

