

ABOUT US

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) provides intergenerational basic needs and financial assistance, self-sufficiency coaching, and affordable, high-quality early learning.

While we are a secular organization, we were founded in 1939 through the efforts of nine local churches and the Bloomington Council of Church Women as the first early learning center in Bloomington.

Today, our focus is on stabilizing families in the short-term and helping them build self-sufficiency.



Our goal is to instill a love of learning and give each child a strong foundation for their future.

WE PROVIDE

- licensed early learning for children ages 1-5 years old
- free onsite mental health therapy
- complimentary diapers & wipes
- two meals and two snacks daily
- monthly family engagement opportunities
- bi-annual parent-teacher conferences



Scan QR code to enroll or apply for our wait list.

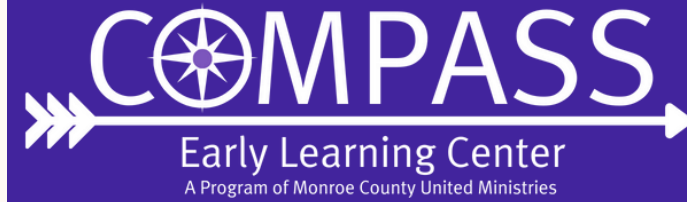
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“Compass is a great place for children to learn. I would recommend it to anyone who wants their child to be in good hands. It’s definitely been a huge asset to our family and MCUM offers other great services to assist families as well!”

-Makayla, Compass Parent

OUR VISION

To eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.

EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Our program's philosophy includes the belief that when presented with developmentally-appropriate materials and learning tools, a child grows and develops to their full potential.



I absolutely adore the Compass family. I am so happy with how they have helped the development of my child and helping him get ready for kindergarten.

Kristina
parent

Compass can serve up to 94 children between the ages of 1-5 years old. We offer income-based tuition on a sliding scale in addition to accepting state and federal vouchers.

OUR PROGRAM



Both my children attend MCUM and I am so pleased with the care and education my children get. – Sarah, Parent

Compass is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We are a Level 4 Paths to Quality provider .

Our facility offers 6 classrooms and 3 outdoor playgrounds. Each classroom has 3 full-time teachers.

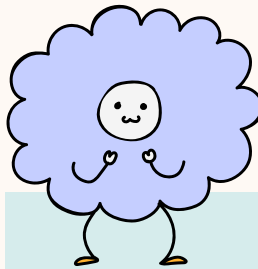
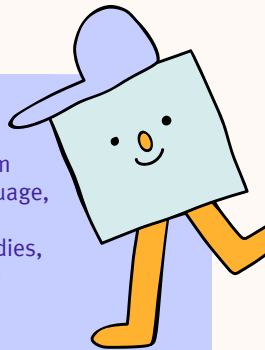
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT EACH DAY AT COMPASS:

CIRCLE TIME

Conversation & sharing, music & movement, finger plays, stories, flannel board, or circle games

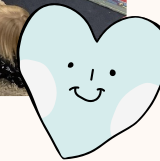
LEARNING CENTERS

Children may choose from centers such as art, language, dramatic play, music, math/science, social studies, and large & small muscle movement



SCHOOL FAMILY

We abide by the guidelines set forth by the State of Indiana center. Lead teachers must have a Child Development Associate degree or a degree in early childhood education.



REST TIME

Children hear a story. Children who do not sleep or who awaken early are offered quiet activities, like reading.

CURRICULUM

Compass Early Learning Center utilizes the Creative Curriculum, which focuses on the social-emotional, physical, cognitive, and language developmental domains.

OUTSIDE PLAY

Children select from a variety of outdoor activities such as sand play, using balls & large wheeled toys, swinging, climbing, gardening, jump ropes, nature walks, etc.