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NEW EARLY HEAD START CENTER OPENING IN SOUTH AUSTIN

- WHAT: The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) in partnership with Child Inc., and Mainspring Schools, will host a ribbon cutting for a new Early Head Start Center to expand educational opportunities for south Austin youth.
- WHEN: 11:30 a.m. Thursday (April 21)
- WHERE: Meadowbrook Apartments, Henry Flores Education and Training Center, 1201W. Live Oak, Room 123/124
- EVENT: The Early Head Start Center is funded by the Federal Head Start Program, the Early Head Start Expansion, and the Child Care Partnership grant. The center, located at Meadowbrook Apartments, one of HACA's 18 public housing properties, is designed to increase the accessibility of high-quality child care services to 32 underserved infants, toddlers and their families at Meadowbrook and neighboring public housing communities.

Child Inc. and its child care partner, Mainspring Schools, will leverage child care development funds, parent co-pay, and foundation dollars to blend local funding resources. Through this partnership, Mainspring Schools will provide full-day, year-round services to Head Start eligible infants, toddlers and their families.

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