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## Announcing

# Affordable Quality Child Care

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## **CREW** COUNSELING, RECREATION, EDUCATION & WORK-READINESS

**S**ponsored and managed by Horizon Academy West Public Charter School, the CREW after-school enrichment program offers a rich variety of high quality, out-of-school time (OST) learning opportunities.

Using a 'multi-system' perspective, The Horizon Academy West CREW program provides the most basic of life skills in order to have a foundation to build a successful life on and participation in structured out of school activities has shown to be an effective teacher of these skills.

**CREW**, an acronym for Counseling, Recreation, Education, and Work, seeks to address myriad social challenges facing inner-city children especially those from low-income households within economically depressed neighborhoods. The chief aim of the CREW program is to instill confidence, to build self-esteem and uplift children ages 6-12 in order that they may aspire to earn their rightful place in society.

Meeting five days per week, over the duration of the school year and through four complimentary components – Counseling, Recreation, Education and Work – the after school program will provide a series of interactive learning experiences designed to challenge and test emotional, intellectual and physical capacity.

The **counseling component** consisting of group and 1:1 sessions will provoke attitudes, challenge beliefs, and explore risky behavior leading to frank discussion to stimulate and raise consciousness absent of stigmatization or humiliation. Age-appropriate topics from the sublime to the ordinary will include conflict resolution; violence prevention; personal hygiene, negative peer influence and suicide prevention.

The **recreational component** will be designed to test one's individual mettle, to help the more timid intended beneficiary breakthrough barriers of personal fear. It will also stress the importance of and engage the group in regular exercise, and address obesity, fad diets, and nutrition. Other activities will include art, library science, and desktop exercises.

The **educational component** will sharply focus on the realities of and preparing for the competitive global economy. Attention will be paid to improving math skills, reading fluency and comprehension, hands on science, test-taking, study skills, critical thinking, grammar, speech, poise, and personal presentation in conjunction with 1:1 tutorials, mandatory school progress reports and home visits.

The **work component** will primarily consist of group projects (membership in Junior Achievement of New Mexico optional) and speaking engagements by prominent personalities. It will also address etiquette, courtesy and customs, public speaking, civic engagement, and other numerous activities to be determined by the users.

### ***We know what good child care looks like.***

CREW staff, consisting of HAW classroom and interdisciplinary personnel, will use measurable goals to fulfill the expectations, which the CREW program has set forth. CREW will maintain progress reports with the strictest of confidentiality and concern for privacy. CREW will keep parents and guardians apprised of events materially related and afford them every opportunity to volunteer.

## Questions and Answers:

### **How much will the CREW After-School Program cost?**

\$25.00 per week / per child

### **Is there a sliding scale fee?**

No. Everyone pays the same amount.

### **What are the CREW hours of operation?**

Mon - Thu 3:30 to 6pm (2.5 hours x 4 days = 10 hours) and Friday 8am to 6pm (10 hours) – **for a combined total of 20 hours per week of high quality out of school time programming.**

### **How many slots are open?**

**48** slots exist. We know we will have more applicants than slots, so we will fill slots based on first come, first served.

### **Are there any other eligibility criteria?**

No. However, as with any high quality, OST (out of school time) learning opportunity, there are mandatory conditions and requirements that an applicant must consider.

### **How does one learn more about CREW or make reservations?**

To learn more about the benefits and features of this high quality program, contact the **FRONT OFFICE** or speak with **Mr. Cox** at [dcox@hawest.net](mailto:dcox@hawest.net).

CREW: Hours of Operation (as of July 21, 2009)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30-6:00p	3:30-6:00p	3:30-6:00p	3:30-6:00p	8a – 6p
No Drop-ins	No Drop-ins	No Drop-ins	No Drop-ins	No Drop-ins

Refer to HAW 2009-2010 School Calendar

**Eligibility Contingent on the following:**

- Mandatory school progress reports
- Mandatory parents' conference
- Mandatory adherence to CREW\* attendance policy (see below)
- Mandatory teacher conference
- Mandatory home visit

**Data included:**

- Initial clinical assessment
- Previous school year-end reports
- Pre/post workshop assessment/evaluations
- Pre/post students' tutorial evaluations
- Tutor assessments

**\*Attendance Policy:**

Under no condition, will we allow access to the CREW program to a student who was absent / truant from school that day or the Thursday before the Friday, 8-6p session. Further, three unexcused absences in a 4-week period will result in permanent expulsion.

**Payment:**

- A. Payment accepted only for the week or the month. Late or partial payment is not accepted. **No exceptions**
- B. Payment accepted no later than Monday noon. For upcoming weeks, see program coordinator
- C. Payments accepted only by the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FCE). Extensions 119 or 156
- D. Payments accepted by check, money order, or cash.

**E. Make check payable to: *Horizon Academy West – CREW.***

# CREW PARENT CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read, understand, and  
(Parent or Guardian - please print)

agree to adhere to the conditions described above for selection and entrance in the CREW after-school enrichment program.

I understand that long-term enrollment is contingent on fulfilling the weekly financial obligation in a timely fashion, which means having a payment on the books before the start of the new week.

I understand that CREW program staff is neither responsible for nor under any obligation to supervise any child after 6:00pm. That Horizon Academy West will contact the appropriate agency when a child is not retrieved by 6:15pm; or when CREW staff is unable to reach the parent or emergency contacts, or when the parent has not informed the program of their late arrival.

I also understand that CREW operates under the Horizon Academy West - Code of Conduct.

Further, I understand the CREW program holds the right to refuse any individual from continued participation for excessive late arrivals. For all intent and purposes, we define excessive late arrivals as arriving later than 6:05 pm on two or more occasions.

Last, I understand CREW is an evidenced-based, out-of-school time enrichment program where the prospects for sustainability are largely dependent of evaluation results, and in which mandatory parent involvement will be the norm.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date month / day / year

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Student/s' name

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FCE Coordinator

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Date month / day / year