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Belle Center debuts child care facility renovations

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BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The Belle Center has newly remodeled rooms and teaching tools for infants all the way up to preschool aged children.

The project was funded by \$270,000 in grants from the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority and the John R. Oishei Foundation. The grants purchased renovations, equipment and staff training.

The day care center has been open two years but the renovations are new for 2010.

Parents say they are excited about the changes.

"It was just like open space. All the renovations that they put in are really awesome," said parent Thomas Rutherford. "It's great to bring our kids to something that's totally new," added the father of three children attending the Belle Center.

"Now we know that we can bring a parent in at six weeks old and have them be part of the Belle Center bigger picture," said The Belle Center's Nestor Hernandez. "We're able to provide programs for these kids from when they're born with a parent involved. We're really looking at what they need as they move up through life," Hernandez added.

The Belle Center focuses on childhood development, while offering cash strapped adults a place to attend continuing education classes.



Children wait for their parents to pick them up the toddler room. Parents attend classes while children learn in the newly renovated child care facility.



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