The Early Childhood & Family Education program at Willow Lane serves children birth to age 5 and parents/guardians. Willow Lane and Arbor View are two early childhood centers in ISD 279-Osseo Area Schools. Families participate in our program as both district and out-of-district residents.

**OPPORTUNITY**
Activities where parents and children learn, enjoy time together and make friends.

**SUPPORT**
We support families by providing parent education time and we welcome children of all ability levels.

**PARTNERSHIPS**
Local hospitals, clinics, human services organizations, libraries and special education.

**HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE**
Our Preschool and Pre-K programs have earned the highest possible Four Star Rating from Parent Aware.

**SAFE & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT**
In our nurturing, learning environment, parents build confidence in their own parenting abilities.

**VOLUNTEERS**
Volunteers in our program work with students and/or adults in the classroom, at events or can take home projects.
SPOTLIGHT ON WILLOW LANE

• Morning, afternoon, evening and Saturday options
• Playtimes for children and parents/guardians
• Parent Educators can provide support and education in home visits per request
• Early Childhood Screening appointments on site
• Annual family friendly events
• Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council members provide feedback and host social events and fundraisers
• Safety enclosed playground area

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

In our program, children develop skills to be a member of a group, build routines, work together and grow emotionally with others. We practice getting ready for kindergarten by modeling what a typical day might look like. We practice the three pillars of Behavior Expectations:

• Be respectful
• Be responsible
• Be safe

STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By participating in programs and special events, families develop meaningful relationships that support their important role as parents and advisers to their child’s educational journey.

You are your child’s first and most important teacher.