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JCYS Opening New Center in Lincoln Square Ravenswood Two-Story Early Childhood Education Center to Open 2019

CHICAGO (October 12, 2018) – Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) is pleased to announce the new Iris & Steven Podolsky Family Center in Chicago’s Lincoln Square Ravenswood neighborhood. Scheduled to open in Summer 2019, the 18,000 square foot, two-story building located at 2112 W. Lawrence Ave will be the largest building dedicated to early childhood education and young families in the Lincoln Square Ravenswood neighborhood.

Featuring seven classrooms and large playrooms on each floor, and adjacent to the local favorite Vogle Park, the family center will offer full and half-day preschool, vacation day programs, and summer day camps. All programs previously offered at the Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Lakeview will move to the Lincoln Square Ravenswood center after the 2018-19 school year.

“Our new center will bring our existing Lakeview early childhood program, loved by parents and children for 40 years, to an exceptional facility built for the program itself,” said JCYS CEO Barbara Haworth. “We have attended to every detail so that this building will truly be a center for families. We have dedicated indoor play space that will serve our kids during the day and the community on evenings and weekends. Our kids and community will always have a place to play, gather, and call home.”

The new center will join the JCYS Early Childhood community, which includes the Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Chicago’s Wicker Park neighborhood, the George W. Lutz Family Center in Highland Park, and Northwest Family Center in Buffalo Grove.

Founded in Chicago in 1907, JCYS is a leader in early childhood education. JCYS’s innovative, play-based programs are designed to deliver a dynamic curriculum that incorporates Jewish tradition and fosters each child’s developmental growth. JCYS programs are open to children of all faiths and backgrounds.

Registration is expected to open later this year for 2019 programs. For more information on the new family center, contact Jean Losek, Director of Chicago Operations, at (773) 281-2533 or at lincolnsquare@jcys.org, or visit jcys.org/lincolnsquare.

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JCYS offers educational, recreational, and leadership experiences throughout the year at our family centers, multiple summer camps, and specialty programs to families of all religions and backgrounds. Programs are designed to nurture each child's individual spirit, imagination, confidence, and talents.

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