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**Smart Love Family Services Announces the Opening of Smart Love Preschool
*New North Side Preschool to open in Fall of 2010***

Chicago, IL - In fall of 2010, [Smart Love Family Services](#), a seven-year-old non-profit based in Chicago and Oak Park will expand its offerings to include preschool education with [Smart Love Preschool](#), a play-based preschool for children ages 3, 4, and 5 at 800 W. Buena on Chicago's north side. Based on the uniquely effective Smart Love™ parenting and child development philosophy, the preschool will feature a curriculum that places equal emphasis on strengthening children's social and emotional health and inspiring their intellectual creativity.

“Families have repeatedly asked us to develop a preschool curriculum that reflects our experience and deep understanding of how children develop socially, emotionally and intellectually,” says Martha Heineman Pieper, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert who developed the Smart Love approach with her husband, William J. Pieper, M.D. “This is a logical extension of our work with families to date and we're so pleased to finally be able to bring our work to the community in a preschool setting.”

The principles of Smart Love™ serve as the foundation for Smart Love Preschool and the parent and tot programs (ages 6 mos. – 4 years) which are also offered at the north side facility. The goal of the Smart Love philosophy is to raise children to become happy, secure and successful adults who make healthy and constructive choices.

“Teachers will employ the use of ‘loving regulation’ when children's age-appropriate behavior needs to be managed,” notes Martha Pieper, Ph.D. “This informed approach to discipline eliminates punishments and time outs and offers a way of understanding the reason for the behavior and responding to it in an effective, yet kind and loving manner.”

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Experienced head teachers, certified in early childhood education and trained in Smart Love™, will engage children in learning, play and social activities supported by assistant teachers with specialties in music, art, science, and child development. Morning and afternoon sessions are available to families five days a week and offer high teacher to student ratios, along with parking for easy pick-up and drop-off each day.

Smart Love Preschool debuts at [800 W. Buena Avenue](#) in the Hutchinson Historic District on Chicago's north side. The property was recently gifted to [Menomonee Club](#) which invited Smart Love to make it a home for its preschool. The campus includes the main house, coach house and garden, surrounded by a wrought iron fence. Smart Love's preschool will occupy the main floor and Toddler Explorations, the parent and tot program, is on the second floor. Children will be able to take nature walks around the property, plant a children's garden and hear stories in the home's beautiful library.

Smart Love Preschool will offer a year-long preschool program, Smart Love Kids Summer Program and Toddler Explorations for parents and tots. All preschool programs are tuition-based with some scholarship support anticipated for families in need of financial assistance.

For more information about Smart Love Preschool please call Carolyn Stolper Friedman at 773.665.8052, email her at carolyn.friedman@smartlovefamily.org or visit us online at www.smartlovepreschool.org.

Set to open in fall of 2010, Smart Love Preschool is based on the Smart Love philosophy which was developed by two highly respected experts, Martha Heineman Pieper, Ph.D. and William J. Pieper, M.D. The preschool will provide a setting that promotes children's long-term academic success by strengthening children's social and emotional health and inspiring their intellectual creativity through play-based learning. Supported by the latest child development research, Smart Love has been successfully applied by trained professionals in a broad range of settings for over three decades. For more information please visit www.smartlovepreschool.org.

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