



## City R-Centers to Offer Free Early Childhood Development Screening to Rochester Families

**(Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016)** – The City of Rochester is partnering with the Children’s Institute’s GROW Rochester screening project to provide free early childhood development screening at several R-Centers from Nov. 7 through Nov. 10.

“Making sure our children are healthy at an early age is critical for their development,” said Mayor Lovely A. Warren. “I invite parents to take advantage of this free service and give their child the help they may need before starting prekindergarten. The Children’s Institute’s work to insure our kids grow up healthy helps us achieve our goal to create more jobs, safer more vibrant neighborhoods and better educational opportunities for our citizens.”

Early childhood screening is a simple and quick check of how children are growing and developing. A set of simple tools helps parents and teachers find out what children need to reach their fullest potential. In addition to identifying children’s skills and strengths, screening finds possible health or learning concerns. Trained professionals will check, vision, hearing, dental, thinking, language, and communication skills, social and emotional development, and movement skills.

If the screening shows that a child might need help in a particular area, an early childhood center director or teacher will meet with parents or guardians to make recommendations and provide information regarding programs and resources available in the community.

The screenings will be held from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

- Nov.7, Frederick Douglass R Center, 999 South Ave.
- Nov.8, Adams Street R-Center, 85 Adams St.
- Nov.9, David F. Gantt R-Center, 700 North St.
- Nov.10, Edgerton R-Center, 41 Backus St.

For more information on the GROW Rochester screening project, visit [www.childrensinstitute.net/programs/grow-rochester](http://www.childrensinstitute.net/programs/grow-rochester)

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