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## **Kids Hope United opens new child development center** *Center to serve Bridgeport community*

**CHICAGO (Jan. 31, 2008)**—Bridgeport Child Development Center II, a program of Kids Hope United, opened its doors to children and families Wednesday, Jan. 23. The new child care program will serve 51 children ages 2 – 5 years in three classrooms. The center is located within Kids Hope United’s Annie Jo Dawson Service Center, 514 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St., in Chicago.

One of six child development centers operated by Kids Hope United, Bridgeport Child Development Center II provides affordable, high-quality child care that encourages the social, emotional, intellectual and moral development of children. It also offers a unique learn-by-doing approach.

The center offers child care and Head Start programs. It uses a sliding scale fee based on income and family size. Subsidized tuition is available to qualifying families through the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Its sister site, Bridgeport Child Development Center I is located nearby at 3053 S. Normal Ave. and has been serving the needs of children and families in the community for 28 years.

For more information, contact the center at 312.949.4000.

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### **About Kids Hope United**

Kids Hope United is a private human service organization dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. Kids Hope United offers a diverse array of prevention, intervention and community-based programs. Kids Hope United also specializes in child welfare system management, reform, consultation and training. With principal offices in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Florida, Kids Hope United serves more than 15,000 children and their families across the country each year. For more information, visit [www.kidshopeunited.org](http://www.kidshopeunited.org).

