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Wah Mei School and the U.S. General Services Administration Partner to Provide Childcare Services in San Francisco Financial and Civic Center Districts

SAN FRANCISCO - Wah Mei School (WMS) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) have partnered to ensure that quality childcare services remain accessible to federal families with children in the San Francisco Financial and Civic Center districts.

On January 6, 2020, WMS will begin providing early childhood development programs to infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children (0-5 years) at two current GSA child care locations: Kids by the Bay (KBTB) – Financial District and Civic Center, respectively.

WMS brings its high quality Chinese-English bilingual education and early care programming to children for federal employees, state subsidized and community families at both campus locations.

"The collaboration between GSA and Wah Mei School is an example of the joint federal government agency community here in San Francisco supporting our most important customers – federal employees -- and those most precious to us, children," said Region 9 Public Buildings Service Commissioner Dan Brown.

For more than 30 years, GSA has helped federal employees gain access to workplace child care facilities. Today, more than 100 independently operated child care centers are located in GSA-managed spaces.

"After the Kids By The Bay board performed an extensive search for a high-quality provider for the child development center, we are delighted to begin this partnership with Wah Mei School," said Tommy Williams, KBTB board president. "Wah Mei's successful and extensive history is based on high-quality care and bilingual education for children here in San Francisco. We are very excited to help expand Wah Mei's successes to the children in our center starting in January 2020."

The current GSA sites have capacity to serve more than 150 infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The new early care and education program is now accepting applications for a limited number of spots.

"There is a vast shortage of early childhood development programs in San Francisco so we are pleased to be filling this gap with GSA," said Ben Wong, executive director at Wah Mei School. "Additionally, we think it's critical that all families, regardless of income, can access quality child care services. This partnership is an important step in accomplishing that in a high-need area."

Individuals interested in applying for the program should contact <u>Wah Mei School</u> at 415-665-4212 or preschool@wahmei.org.

Wah Mei School is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to providing high quality Chinese-English bilingual education and early education programs for infants through 8th graders in San Francisco for over 45 years.

GSA's mission is to deliver value and savings in real estate, acquisition, technology, and other mission support services across the Government. For more information about GSA's Child Care Services, click here.