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There are new staff developments at Chileda

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La Crosse, Wis (WXOW) – On Saturday, Chileda staff, along with their family members, were invited to tour Chileda’s new Training Development Learning Center. There was also food, a bouncy house, and face painting for kids at the event.

Chileda is a facility that helps support children and young adults with cognitive and behavioral challenges who come from local communities, as well as across the country.

Derek Cortez, the C.E.O. of Chileda, said the reasoning behind the new Training Development Learning Center, is to prepare Chileda’s 230 staff members better. The existing building on 1825 Victory St. did not have enough adequate space to provide the necessary training for staff.

“I look at Saturday as a re-introduction of Chileda into the community; this is a great day to symbolically to say to the La Crosse community, ‘hey! Chileda is here’, we have been a La Crosse institution for 45 years.” Cortez said.

The new center will also provide training for in-home work with students and school districts.

“We’re excited to have people here on Saturday, checking out our services, looking at what we have here to offer, and see us being involved in the community,” said Terri Gowey, the chief operating officer of Chileda.

Gowey said, at Chileda, their staff’s goal is for students to become more independent.



“I’ve seen so many kids move on, and have better lives because of what we do.” Gowey said.

Chileda provides residential services for individuals from age 7 to 21 years old. To date, Chileda has about 60 students, and that number is set to increase because of its future collaboration with school districts and in-home services.

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