

Former Ramsey Elementary School To House Students Once Again

By Pocono Services for Families and Children (PSFC)

STROUDSBURG, Pa. — The former Ramsey Elementary School on Thomas Street in Stroudsburg empty since 2014 will have students once again thanks to Pocono Services for Families and Children in Monroe County who are planning the future of the school to help bring more childcare services to the Poconos.

There's a waitlist for childcare for 1,300 children in the community so it just makes sense to utilize this existing building in the heart of Stroudsburg.

Pocono Services for Families and Children will lease the building from the Stroudsburg Area School District.

This fall, the agency will welcome students once again to provide pre-K Head Start programs, as well as before and after school child care and other programs.

With over 23,000 square feet of new space, PSFC will soon be able to serve more than 500 families annually, including 134 additional children—doubling our impact in early learning, afterschool care, and youth career readiness.

From infant and toddler care to Head Start and Pre-K, and even programs for older youth, this transformation means:

- Expanded access to quality early education
- Enhanced health and nutrition services
- Greater support for working families
- Career-building programs for youth

They will be serving from 0 all the way up to 24 years old. They will not only have pre-school programs, but will have infant and toddler care as well as youth empowerment program, which is a career leadership program for youth ages 12 – 24.

The building needs about \$800,000 worth of renovations, and they are looking for community support to rehab the building.

They are looking to open up September 3rd so they are going to have a volunteer week that will be June 16th - 20th. They are calling on the community, handy or not, to lend a hand in some way.

To learn about enrollment or to volunteer, click here <https://www.psfc.org/ramsey/>.



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