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NEW CHILD CARE PROGRAM OPENING IN JENNERSTOWN

Johnstown, PA (JUNE 14, 2010) –The Learning Lamp is proud to announce the most recent addition to our family of child care and preschool programs! Enrollment is now open for our new child care center in Jennerstown—**The Learning Lamp Center for Children @ Boswell Pharmacy Services**. The Center, located in the former Jennerstown Elementary School, will open **Monday, July 19**.

The center will accept children between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years and offer a variety of age-appropriate services including child care, part-day and full-day preschool, before and after-school programs and a top-notch summer camp for preschool and school-age children.

“With only a handful of small child care centers in the area, the families of Jennerstown and Boswell are in need of a full service child care facility that offers quality early learning and school-age programs,” said Erica Ponczek, Director of Child Development and Early Learning at The Learning Lamp. “Our partnership with Boswell Pharmacy Services provides their growing company an excellent opportunity to offer convenient child care services on-site to their employees as well as to all families living in the area.”

Child care at The Learning Lamp Center for Children @ Boswell Pharmacy Services will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. A preschool program for ages 3 and 4 is included with the daily rate for care and is taught by a certified teacher using a research-based early literacy curriculum called “Building Language for Literacy (BLL).”

With the help of high-quality children’s literature, songs, poems, rich vocabulary, and appealing, language-loving characters, children will build the skills they need to learn to read. This two-phase curriculum allows teachers to tailor instruction to the needs of each child. A math curriculum supplements BLL and helps young children develop the early numeracy skills needed for kindergarten.

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Because school hours don't always coincide with parents' work schedules, before and after school care is available for school-aged children with bus transportation provided by North Star School District. The center also offers full-day care on snow days and other days when school is not in session.

Flexible scheduling meets individual families' needs. The school-age program offers affordable hourly rates and allows parents to use the program as much or as little as needed and be billed only for the time they use. The after school program is a structured program that includes daily scheduled homework time, games, crafts and a healthy snack.

Summer programs offered at the center will incorporate engaging educational activities for preschool and school-age children. They are based on the same exciting curriculum that draws nearly 1,000 children each summer to The Learning Lamp's locations in Westmont and Richland.

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 15. The ceremony will be followed by an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. The center is located in the former Jennerstown Elementary School at 131 Schoolhouse Road, Jennerstown, just off of Route 30.

Child care subsidy is available for families who qualify based on income. For details, parents should call Somerset County Child Care Information Services at 1-800-428-8920.

The Learning Lamp is accepting pre-enrollments now. To schedule a tour or for more information, call The Learning Lamp at (814) 262-0732.

The Learning Lamp is a nonprofit agency focused on providing children with the support they need to succeed in school. The Learning Lamp offers preschool, child care, before and after school programs, tutoring, SAT prep and summer camps for children in grades PreK to 12.