

NEW HORIZON Academy

Minnesota-based New Horizon Academy has extensive experience in providing a wide variety of child care services to communities across the country. Founded in 1971, the New Horizon companies, including New Horizon Academy, Building Block Child Development Centers, Kinderberry Hill Child Development Centers, and Kids Quest, has grown into one of the nation's largest child care providers and the nation's largest hourly child care provider. The company is anchored by a strong corporate staff of professionals with expertise in the development and operation of child care centers. This includes analysis of demographics, site selection, design and construction, licensing and regulatory affairs, educational programming, personnel training and management, marketing, and advertising.

Timeline



1971

New Horizon Academy was founded by Susan and William Dunkley.



Oct. 1971

First center was located at 1200 69th Avenue N., Brooklyn Center, MN and opened with eight children. It was called New Horizon Nursery School.



Nov. 1977

Purchased the church located at 15100 County Road 6 in Plymouth, MN. The first center New Horizon owned!



1980

Operated seven centers.



July 1982

New Horizon agrees to manage Building Block Child Development Centers as a separate 501 (c)(3) organization.



Sept. 1986

Opened the first center that was designed and built specifically for New Horizon at 15300 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN.



May 1990

Roseville and Edina Kinderberry Hill Child Development Centers joined the New Horizon Academy family. Kinderberry Hill was originally owned by Health East.



1990

Operated 42 centers.



1992

Opened first Kids Quest at Grand Casino in Hinkley, MN.



May 1993

Added the Maplewood Kinderberry Hill center to the New Horizon companies.



First center at Brooklyn Center church.



County Road 6 center in Plymouth.



Minnetonka Blvd. center.

Where love and learning grow

Timeline

continued

- Aug. 1995 Acquired the first group of Idaho centers.
- 1995 Operated 47 centers in Minnesota.
- March 1996 Acquired the second group of Idaho centers.
- Sept. 1996 Kinderberry Hill Carlson, located at 185 Cheshire Lane, Plymouth MN. Our first designed and built Kinderberry Hill center.
- Oct. 1999 Launched New Horizon website.
- 2000 Operated 56 centers.
- May 2001 Richfield New Horizon Child Care was the first NAEYC accredited center.
- 2005 Operated 57 centers.
- 2006 New Horizon Child Care was re-branded to New Horizon Academy.
- 2008 Operates 65 centers.
- 2009 Operates 66 centers.



Kinderberry Hill Carlson

Accredited Centers

- Total = 51

Areas of Achievement

- Sue Dunkley
 - July 1986—Minnesota Woman of the Month
 - April 1991—Developed the Child Care Specialist program in partnership with Rasmussen College
 - 1995—Boys & Girls Club of Minneapolis—Outstanding Board Service Award
 - 1999—ELITE WHO'S WHO—Outstanding Female Executive
- Chad Dunkley
 - May 2006—*The Mpls-St. Paul Business Journal*—40 Under 40
- Nola Kreml
 - February 2008—Lifetime Achievement Award
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation
- 49 New Horizon Academy centers have been awarded the highest four star rating for quality by Parent Aware
- 40 centers have received zero (0) licensing citations since 2005
- Four New Horizon Academy corporate staff members are NAEYC validators
- Longevity of staff
- Several current staff were New Horizon Academy students