

YMCA opens new early childhood center in Ishpeming



Phelps Square in Ishpeming.

The [YMCA of Marquette County](#) announced it'll be welcoming the public to its new early childhood development center for the western part of the county, located in Ishpeming.

Patterned after the existing and popular ECDC in Marquette, the new Ishpeming center will be located in the newly-renovated Phelps Square, formerly the Phelps Middle School, at 700 E. North Street.

The center will serve children from ages six weeks to five years old, and is slated to open April 4. Waitlist registrations are currently being accepted, and an open house is being held March 17 from 5-7 p.m. for interested families.

It's an endeavor that was delayed once before, as the original opening date had been announced for August 2015, but despite that, it's a long-awaited resource for West End parents and families. It'll be open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We really hope to form deep ties within the community of Ishpeming in ways that we best

serve the children and families of this wonderful historic community," says Cinday Basse, YMCA early childhood education leader.

The Phelps Square building has been recently remodeled into a mixed-use development including LEED-certified apartments along with spaces for the YMCA early childhood development center and for Ishpeming Public Schools programs. The developer is G.A. Haan Development of Harbor Springs.

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