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Veggie garden sprouts at Millhill

STAFF REPORT

TRENTON — Getting their hands dirty, the students and staff at the Millhill Child and Family Development center broke ground on a new vegetable garden at the child care facility on Oakland Street yesterday.

With the help of Kaysha McKim, a Food Corps service member working with Trenton-based Isles, Inc, the students filled the raised beds with lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and kale. Isles is a community support and redevelopment nonprofit.

The school is one of eight early-childhood centers in the state that won a $1,500 grant through the state Department of Agriculture to fund the garden project.

Staff members at the childcare center have said they will use the garden as an opportunity to teach about the importance of healthy eating. The garden will also help the students, who live in an urban center, to learn where their food comes from and how it is grown.

The state received the funding for the Millhill garden and 10 other locations around the state through a $324,151 Team Nutrition Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Teacher Susan Cannon helps a child plant a seedling in the new garden at Millhill Child and Family Development in Trenton yesterday. Buy photos at TimesofTrenton.Zenfolio.com.