
HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday
7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday
7:30 am to 2:00 pm

The CDC follows the calendar of Merced College and is closed for holidays and summer session.

Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided.

WAITING LIST

The CDC has an active waiting list. To place your child on our waiting list, simply stop by the Center to complete an application. You will then be placed on the waiting list according to your family ranking determined by family income and family size. You will be contacted as soon as an opening occurs (providing you are next on the list.)



The CDC is open to all families, regardless of race, color, national origin, disability, sex or age.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The CDC serves those families who meet our eligibility criteria. The main criteria to be used in determining a child's admission will be the parent's income, family size and need for services. Enrollment will be based on eligibility and lowest income being served first as set by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division.

FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM

Services Provided:

- Prevention/Intervention Services
- Dental Screenings
- Hearing Screenings
- Social/Emotional Screenings
- Speech & Language Program
- Parent Education Program
- Lending Library
- Resource & Referral

Merced College Child Development Center



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The Merced College Child Development Center (CDC) is a center-based child care facility that serves children from three months to five years of age. The CDC has been serving the community for over twenty years and reaches a wide number of families throughout Merced County.

Our Focus:

Our curriculum is based on current early childhood educational theory. We believe that children learn first about themselves and then the world around them. Through self exploration of their environments, teachers are able to guide children based upon their individual interest, learning styles and cultures. We encourage positive growth and development. We focus on the individual need of every child, recognizing that each child is unique and learns at their own pace. We provide a developmental program which:

- Nurtures and facilitates growth
- Fosters each child's sense of self
- Fosters diversity amongst all
- Encourages critical thinking
- Fosters each child's positive self esteem



PURPOSE AND GOALS

- A developmental program which assists children to grow by recognizing each stage of development
- A comprehensive, eclectic curriculum designed to reflect the needs of the individual child.
- An environment that is welcoming and sensitive to the backgrounds of all children, families, and students we serve.
- Appropriate, interesting and stimulating play experiences that challenge the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of the child.
- Training opportunities for Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Liberal Studies, and Psychology students to work with young children while pursuing their educational goals.
- Opportunities for young children to develop their social relationships with their peers with a curriculum individualized, developmentally appropriate, play based, incorporating all domains, based in best-practice research and providing a balance between child and adult-directed activities.

Training Facility

The CDC is a laboratory childcare facility. This means that college students come to work with the children as part of their course work. This includes observing children, developing activity and lesson plans, learning to supervise children and discussing observations and experiences with the children in a college classroom setting. All of the classrooms are used as an adult learning facility and adult training is an ongoing component to the programs.

