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Campus Child Center Annual Report

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CAMPUS CHILD CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

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Campus Child Center Mission:

The Campus Child Center provides quality care and education in an environment where all are valued for their unique abilities and ideas. Appreciation and respect for individuals, relationships, and the community are at the foundation of our practice.

Our Philosophy:

Campus Child Center, a place

...where children are valued for their sense of wonder, their genuine curiosity and need to explore, and their natural desire to learn.

...where staff are valued for their ability to work together for the benefit of the children, for their commitment to continual program evaluation and improvement, for their energy and enthusiasm, for their ability to design and implement well-planned curriculum, and for their capacity to build relationships with and make use of resources within the community.

...where families are valued for the support they provide their children, for the partnerships they build with our staff, for their eagerness to help and for their willingness to entrust their children into our care.

...where all are valued for their unique abilities and ideas, for their ability to play, for their lover of laughter, for the respect they give one another, and for their capacity to trust, lean on and learn from one another.

Our Goals:

...establish and maintain...

- a safe and healthy environment for the children
- partnerships with parents and links to community resources



...encourage children to...

- explore, manipulate and use the tools and toys around them
- think critically
- solve problems
- gain confidence
- build friendships



...support children's need for...

- creative expression
- increased independence
- closeness, warmth and compassion

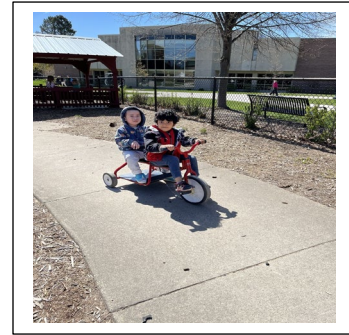
...extend children's knowledge through...

- books
- field trips

classroom visitors
meaningful conversations and discussions
a variety of activities and experiences

...weave into the program...

a sense of respect for others and the world around us
opportunities to express kindness and cooperation
an appreciation for nature and the arts



Goals for 2022-2023

1. By May 1, 2023, Campus Child Center professional staff will complete the Wisconsin Model Pyramid Training to build a team of individuals who are trained to implement a culturally responsive, equitable system of support to enhance social and emotional competence of young children.
2. By March 31, 2023, to provide student staff with professional development in an area of interest, Campus Child Center will implement a training related to best practices in classroom management, as measured by an increase in student staff members' perceived level of comfort in providing classroom management.
3. By October 1, 2022, Campus Child Center professional staff members will implement the 7 principles of culturally responsive practices that help identify implicit bias.

Points of Pride:

Our Staff:

Dawn Hays, Director
Jodi Strong, Four-Year-Old Teacher
Elena Mueller - Three-Year-Old Teacher
Angela Dingel, Two-Year-Old Teacher
Molly Mason, Two-Year-Old Teacher

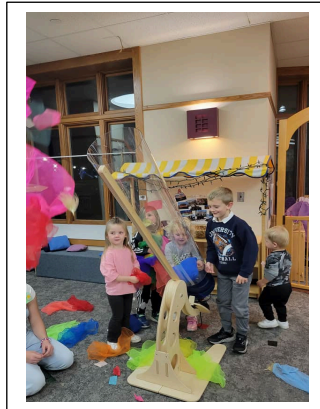
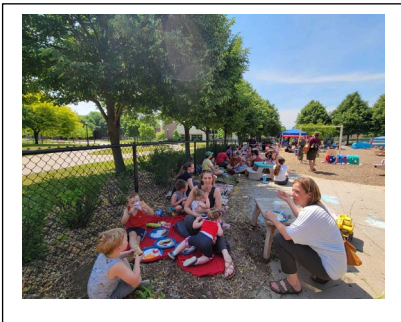
Kim Amundson, One-Year-Old Teacher
Melissa Walbrun, Float Teacher

Our professional teaching staff has a combined total of 101 years of service to UW-La Crosse in the field of Early Care and Education.

Our teaching assistant staff was comprised of 77 different UWL students during the academic year, mostly from Education and Psychology programs. What students are saying:

My work at the Child Center “is preparing me to be a lead teacher in my own classroom. All the lead teachers at the center are different in their teaching styles and allow me to see strategies I might want to use. I also love it because I get to work with kids every day. Since I want to be a teacher, it is a great environment to gain experience for my future career.” – Grace R.

During the 2022-23 school year, Campus Child Center was able to bring back several events for families to enjoy with their children after a three-year hiatus. These events included a Pizza Party on the playground, the return of the beloved Oktoberfest Parade – complete with Oktoberfest Royalty and the Screaming Eagles Marching Band and led by Officer Dave Pehl in his police car, a Science Night, and Art Night, and the Annual Picnic.



Accreditation:

Campus Child Center has been nationally accredited since 1994 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the world’s largest organization working on behalf of young children. Campus Child Center participates in an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process followed by an on-site visit by an NAEYC Assessor every five years to maintain its accreditation status. Campus Child Center is currently accredited through March 1,2024 and is the only childcare program in the immediate La Crosse area to have earned and maintained this status through NAEYC.

University Collaboration:

Campus Child Center continues to provide quality care and education to the children of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse students, staff, and faculty, and as of the fall of 2019, children of UWL alumni. During 2022-2023, 63 families with a total of 73 children were enrolled. From a parent: “We love the extra efforts the teachers make to connect home and school life. Sending home books, art bags, and the All About Me week were fantastic ways to help our son settle in to attending full time childcare. We also really appreciate the effort put in to providing us with feedback during the parent/teacher conference. It is very insightful to see how our child is presenting at school and how that may differ from home – or reinforce things we see at home.”

During the 2022-23 school year, Campus Child Center returned to a higher level of engagement with the campus community. Students from the Early Childhood Education program completed 1236 field hours, while student from Education, Nutrition, Psychology, Anthropology, Biology, Occupational Therapy, and the Physician Assistant Program participated in over 300 course related observations, child assessments, and volunteer hours. Campus Child Center was thrilled to have the Screaming Eagles Marching Band join in the return of the Annual Oktoberfest Parade. The Campus Dietitian joined the center’s children several times for “Books with Cooks”, including reading a book to children and preparing food that related to the book.



Challenges during 2022-2023

The primary challenge for Campus Child Center during the 2022-23 year continued to be staffing the program to meet licensing ratios. Staffing shortages presented challenges in meeting the goals for the year.

Goals for 2023-2024

- 1. By December 1, 2023, Campus Child Center will complete all portfolios and site visit requirements to meet standards for renewal of National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation.**
- 2. By February 15, 2024, Campus Child Center professional and student staff will complete Ally Training in conjunction with the UWL Pride Center staff.**