

The Child Development Center is administered by a collaborative partnership including the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office, Placer Community Action Council—KidzKount, Inc. Early Head Start/Head Start, Sierra College, and the California State Preschool Program.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

We believe all children are
competent learners.



"Sometimes very small children in a
proper environment develop a skill and
exactness in their work that can only
surprise us."
Jean Piaget

The mission of the Child Development Center is to provide an exemplary learning environment for the children of students, staff, and community members; and to provide a demonstration laboratory setting for enrolled Sierra College students and to collaborate with community agencies and resources to provide an exemplary early childhood education model.



The teachers are experienced in early childhood education and hold Child Development Permits issued by the State of California. The administrative staff includes a Child Development Center Director, a Site Supervisor, and a college faculty member who serves as a liaison between the Child Development Department and the center.

The program is designed to provide a happy, safe, supportive environment that reflects a recognition and consideration of the unique backgrounds and developmental pattern of each child. Parents are viewed as a central part of the center's learning community and are included in creating, planning, and evaluation of the programs.

Learning is viewed as an interactive process by which children learn best and gain self confidence in small groups. Teachers guide this active learning process by arranging a rich environment, sharing and researching information, planning activities, and asking questions. Teachers promote independence, autonomy, self-esteem, and caring toward others to develop positive social relationships.

Developmental assessments are an ongoing process implemented by teachers as they observe and record each child's growth and development in order to plan a rich environment for individuals and small groups. A learning portfolio is developed for each child including examples of her art work, photos, dictated stories, and teacher observations.

The Toddler Program enrolls children ages 18-36 months. Hours are 8:00-5:00, year round. The teacher child ratio is 1:4. Enrollment is free to income eligible families.

The Preschool program enrolls children ages 3-5 years. Hours are 8:45-3:45, from August to June. The teacher child ratio is 1:8. Enrollment is free to income eligible families.

Interested families can visit the center and obtain application information at the front desk.

