



Los Angeles City College Center for Child & Family Studies

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Project Budget: \$13 million

Funding: LACCD Sustainable Building Program

Size: 26,000 sq. ft.

The Los Angeles City College Center for Child & Family Students is a 26,000-square-foot, \$13-million facility, which has the Campus Child Development Center on the first floor and a Child & Family Studies department on the second level. It provides additional classroom space for LACC's 1,400 Child Development students and expands the preschool capacity from 66 to 90 children. The Child Development Center offers an early-childhood education program approved by the State Department of Education, Child Development Division, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, an independent, accreditation and advocacy group.

The "green" facility provides a modern environment for early childhood education and a state-of-the-art teacher training site for child development students. The Center fulfills three needs: providing children with a quality early learning environment; preparing students to teach or administer programs for young children; and giving LACC student-parents a campus facility where their children are cared for while they take classes.

The Child Development Center:

- Serves as a laboratory where students are taught and can practice core principles of child development and education. Parent education and parent involvement also are offered.
- Offers high-quality education and child care.
- Features five preschool classrooms equipped with a kitchen that has sinks in child-level cabinets. It also has an after-school area for K-3 children, ages 5 to 10, and an observation room for children ages 2 to 4.
- Includes two outdoor play areas with age-appropriate playground equipment, a sand lot and a shade structure.



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- Outdoor areas have special kid-friendly paths for bike riding.

The Child & Family Studies Department:

- Increases classroom capacity from two to five rooms so that students may reach their educational goals more quickly.
- Contains two, state-of-the-art laboratory-classrooms where child development students can practice teaching and build job skills.
- Has a literacy lab that is used by college students, student-parents and children of the Child Development Center.

Eco Friendly Design

The Center for Child & Family Studies will meet LEED certification standards. It will use outside air for cooling and direct, natural sunlight to reduce the need for indoor lighting. Native plants will be used in the landscaping to limit water consumption and irrigation.

For more information, visit www.laccdbuildsgreen.org/lacc.php.