



CAMPUS CHILD CENTER

Annual Report

2023-2024

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## Educational Philosophy

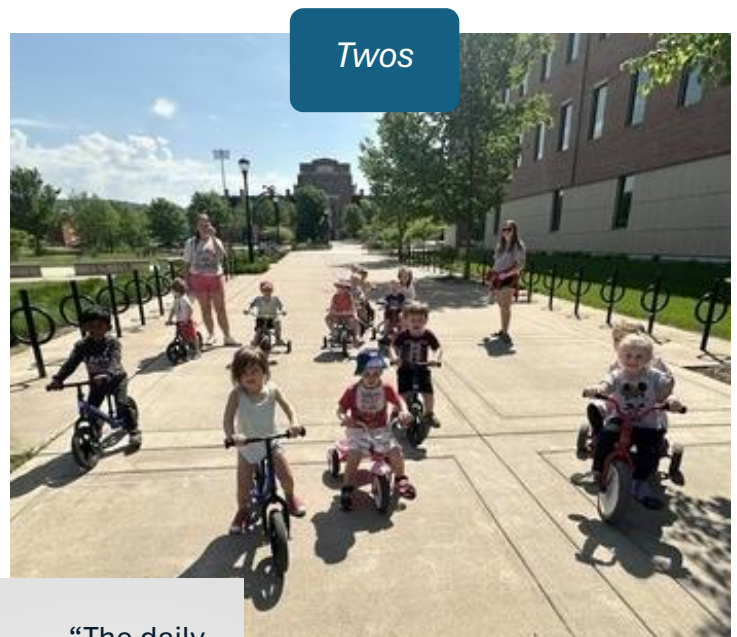
The Campus Child Center provides quality care and education to the youngest learners on the UWL campus. At our center, all are valued for their unique abilities and ideas. Appreciation and respect for individuals, relationships, and the community are at the foundation of our practice.

Our goal is to maintain a safe, healthy, and enriching environment where children grow to their full potential. We do this through our partnerships with parents, professional teachers' commitment to meaningful high-quality care, and our partnerships within the community.

In our program children are encouraged to explore, think critically, have a voice in conflict resolution, gain confidence and build friendships. We do this through carefully thought-out lesson plans, arranging the environment, appropriate materials, and an abundance of patience.

What our families say about the program:

“The collaborative approach to this. The fun activities the teachers have planned and the involvement and learning about the student workers.”



“The daily photos and updates of what’s happening at school helps to foster connection with our child on what he did during the day. Love that!”



## 2023-2024 Goals

1. By March 29, 2024, provide student staff members with professional development in an area of interest. Campus Child Center will implement training related to best practices in classroom management, as measured by an increase in student staff member's perceived level of comfort in providing classroom management.
2. By November 14, 2023, gain re-accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children and re-establish guidance through YoungStar, now known as Shine Early Learning.

## Points of Pride

### Re-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 had their site visit November 2023 and is currently accredited through March 1, 2029. We are the only childcare program in the immediate La Crosse area to have earned and maintained this status through NAEYC.

### Re-vamping Student Staff Space

Our student staff spend time in our space outside of 'work hours' if they have time between shifts or if they are studying until their next class. We worked closely with the facilities department to have a custom 16 hook coat rack built and installed as well as purchased shelving so that our student staff could have a proper space to store their items while they are here. We also acquired a small couch and table and chairs for them to utilize.





## University Collaboration

The Campus Child Center is here to serve the families of UWL whether you are a student, employee, or alumni. We are pleased to be your high quality, convenient choice for care. We also employ approximately 60 students each semester, host student teachers from UWL and Western Technical College, and are an observation site for many programs such as, Nutrition, Psychology, Anthropology, Biology, Occupational Therapy, and the Physician Assistant Program.

We invite many into our space as well. The Campus Police read children books during our community helpers' week, The Screaming Eagles joined us for our Oktoberfest parade, students from the University of Teacher Education Fukuoka Japan taught the children origami and calligraphy and our dietitian from Chartwell's demonstrated a cooking activity to name a few.

Making fruit pizza



Making Origami Hats



CCC Oktoberfest Parade



### **2023-2024 Challenges**

The Campus Child Center is fortunate to have Department of Children and Families grant funds. Our primary challenge this year has been being able to coordinate all the pieces to properly update our playground using these funds. We have a solid scope and sequence for these projects to be completed within the next year.

### **2024-2025 Goals**

1. By January 1, 2025, portfolios for each child enrolled will be created and will include alignment to our screening tool (Ages and Stages Questionnaire), assessments (Birth-Five Developmental Checklist and state standards (Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards)).
2. By March 3, 2025, the Child Center will have developed a concise mission statement that is inclusive and accurate to the care provided.

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