

INTRODUCTION

The Child & Family Center at Shippensburg University focuses on helping children learn about their world and prepare for the future.

Located in the Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School, the Center is -- first and foremost -- a safe, enriching, supportive environment. The Center is part of a university campus community that values excellence and encourages service.

The staff and faculty of the Child & Family Center believe that the value of early childhood education cannot be overstated. They believe that children learn about their world by playing, getting messy, and interacting with others. By planning activities for and with children that are based on their developmental ages and individual needs, the caring professionals at the Child & Family Center are helping to lay a solid foundation for future learning.



At the same time, we believe in the value of teaching inner self control. To that end, staff and faculty take special care to model caring behaviors, to establish and enforce logical rules, and to emphasize peace and tolerance.

ACCREDITATION

The Child & Family Center at Shippensburg University has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals, for reaching the highest levels of professional standards.



The Child & Family Center has also earned a four-star rating by Pennsylvania Keystone Stars, a statewide rating system that identifies quality programs.

PROGRAMS

The Child & Family Center programs are divided into the following age groups:

Young Toddler Program	Ages 13 to 24 months
Older Toddler Program	Ages 24 to 36 months
Preschool Program	Ages 3 to 6 years (including Kindergarten)
After-School Program	Grades 1 through 5

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

The **Younger Toddler**, **Older Toddler**, and **Preschool** Programs at the Child & Family Center stress the safe use of toys and materials. Teachers and staff work diligently to establish an enriched, stimulating environment where children can develop close relationships with caregivers and peers.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The **After-School** Program provides children with time to rest and refresh after an active day. Activities are planned that help children complete their homework and complement their classroom studies.

STAFF AND FACULTY

Effective interaction between children and teachers is at the heart of every program at the Child & Family Center. Each of our full-time teachers and the Program Director holds at least a four-year degree in early childhood education, elementary education or a related discipline. In addition, graduate and undergraduate students from Shippensburg University enrich the program by working in the classrooms with our enrolled students.

Enrollment at the Child & Family Center is limited. We believe that the most effective learning and teaching is done in small groups, where each child receives the full attention of the staff and faculty. In the Young Toddler Program, the teacher-to-children ratio is 1:5. In the Older Toddler Program the ratio is 1:6. In the Preschool/Kindergarten Program the ratio is 1:10, and in the School-Age Program the ratio is 1:12.

We also believe that there is a critical link between school and home. We welcome families into our programs and value their input.

For more information, contact:

Program Director

Child and Family Center at Shippensburg University

Phone: (717) 477-1792

Visit us on the web at www.sufoundation.org



HOURS OF OPERATION

The Child & Family Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Full-time and part-time positions are available for children ages 13 months to 12 years.

Full-time positions are 5 or more hours per day, 4 or more days per week.

Part-time positions are less than 5 hours per day (in either mornings or afternoons), 3 days or less per week. Days and hours of attendance are chosen at the time of admission.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees reflect the comprehensive quality of the programs offered at the Child & Family Center, and vary according to the age of the child and the number of hours in attendance. As part of the tuition, the Center provides snacks, with milk and juice. Parents provide lunch.

Information on tuition and fees for the various programs is available by contacting The Child & Family Center at Shippensburg University.

REGISTRATION

The registration process begins with completing the *Child Care Interest Form* (available online) and submitting a non-refundable \$45 registration fee. (Payment of this fee does not guarantee enrollment in the program.)



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