

# Center for Child Development

The Center for Child Development (CCD) at Providence is a non profit employer-sponsored early childhood education program and contractor for Credit Union 1, Little One's. Established by the Sisters of Providence the center provides child and family developmental services to employees, physicians, and community partners of Providence Health & Services Alaska. This is accomplished through the partnership of our teachers and families in their commitment to serving our mission and delivering compassionate service.

More learning and growth will take place during the first three years of a child's life. Every interaction and experience is "wiring" your child's brain for learning and loving. Our curriculum identifies goals in all areas of development: Social, Emotional, Cognitive and Physical. The activities we plan for children, the way we organize the environment, select toys and materials, plan the daily schedule, and talk with children are all designed to accomplish these goals and give your child a successful start in school.

As an Alaskan Early Childhood leader, Providence Center for Child Development networks with and supports other community agencies, facilities and organizations in order to meet the State's early childhood needs in the most caring and respectful manner.

## Accreditation

CCD programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC Accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefit to children and families. Early childhood experiences - from birth to age eight- have an enormous impact on children's life long learning and positively contribute to their health and development. Early childhood education programs with the mark of quality benefit children with greater readiness for and success in school.

## Professional Staff

Our teachers are selected on their education and experience. Lead teachers are required to have a Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate, an Associate of Arts Degree or a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Development. A thorough check of the applicant's background and references is made. Teachers participate in professional preparation for early childhood programs at the university. CCD is designated to facilitate on site CDA & CPR training. CCD provides educational trainings and workshops for teachers and parents in the Anchorage community and throughout Alaska.

## Early Learning Lab

The Early Learning Lab (ELL) is a collaboration of the Center for Child Development and the University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Teaching and Learning Early Childhood Program. Under the supervision and guidance of UAA professors, pre-service teachers, majoring in Early Childhood will attend class on site at CCD and will observe, plan and implement activities with our young children.

The mission of the ELL is two fold: to prepare/educate/train pre-service teachers in a high quality environment; and to co-construct knowledge and refine best practices that improve the field of early education in our communities throughout the State of Alaska. The ELL is committed to engaging in meaningful, interdisciplinary research that makes a difference in the lives of children and families, preparing high quality childhood teachers and providing exemplary early education programs.

## License

The Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health and Human Services Child/Adult Care Office is the agency responsible for licensing child development centers. This agency supervises, monitors and investigates complaints involving child development centers.

## The Value of Corporate Sponsored Child Care Programs

Essential to a business or a corporation is continued success in the retention and continued motivation of a talented team of employees. Attention to the issue of helping employees better manage work and family balance will enable Providence to retain the best employees and attract new talent to our organization. Providence recognizes that investing in their employees, through work life programs, is essential to our overall commitment in doing the right thing!

