

Who We Are

The Arapahoe Community College Child Development Center is a nonprofit childcare center. We are licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services for 55 children between the ages of 2½ to 12 years old.

Our Center participates in the Colorado Department of Health Adult and Child Food Program. We serve a morning snack, a nutritious lunch, and an afternoon snack, all of which is according to the Colorado Department of Health guidelines.

The Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Center also holds a four-star Qualistar rating – the highest quality rating given by Qualistar. (www.qualistar.org)

Our Vision

It is our vision to serve as an institution of excellence linking the provision of Early Childcare Services and Early Childhood Instruction.

Our Mission

The ACC Child Development Center provides high quality, flexible, convenient, moderately priced childcare services for ACC students, staff, faculty and the community on a space available basis.

Philosophy

We believe children learn by using their senses to explore their environment. We

also believe children learn through play with hands on experiences.

The Center's curriculum encourages child initiated, hands-on learning activities that stress problem solving, experimentation and positive interactions. Daily opportunities are provided for the children to gain concrete experiences leading to self-knowledge, self-respect, and a sense of independence.

Art media is provided in a variety of ways to express and promote the child's creativity. We use The Story Book Journey curriculum to promote early literacy and modified High Scope curriculum to develop individual skills and goals.

Registration

Pre-registration is held in coordination with College semester registration. Pre-registration allows current Center clients to register for the following semester first. New family registration goes to students, staff, and faculty. Community registration is on a space available basis.

Hours and Rates

Children are accepted in the following formats:

- Full-day (8am – 5pm),
- Half-day (8am – 12pm),
- Preschool (9am – 12am),
- Afternoon hourly slots combined with a.m. half-day/preschool schedule.

For specific hours and rates, refer to the included insert. For more information or to

arrange a visit, contact the ACC Child Development Center at 303-797-5678.

School Closures

The Center follows the ACC semester calendar. The facility will be closed due to major holidays, weather, in-service, semester breaks, or other emergencies.

The Facility

The facility is located in the North Building at Arapahoe Community College's Main Campus. It is operated in accordance with the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Department of Health which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability or political beliefs.



Staff

The Center is staffed with Early Childhood Educators who are knowledgeable and committed to maintaining "Best Practices" as defined by the Colorado Department of Education Quality Standards, the National

Association for Education of Young Children, and Qualistar.

Head Teachers and Group Leaders are responsible for developing weekly lesson plans, daily instruction, individual assessments, and providing guidance and support to both children and parents.

Parent Involvement

Parents are invited to observe at any time and are encouraged to attend Parent Workshops, Family Programs and join the Center Advisory Board. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled with your child's teacher at the end of each semester where children assessments are shared.



The Resource Center

The Resource Center is located in the North Building at ACC's Main Campus in room N1030.

- Parenting Workshops
- Resource Library
- Sharing Closet

The Airplane Room



The Airplane Room is licensed for 16 children between the ages of 2½ to 4 years old. We believe all children are unique individuals. We provide a safe and loving atmosphere where your child will be able to explore and learn at their own pace.

Play is an important part of our day as it allows the children to practice a skill until mastered. Children learn through play using their senses. We provide daily hands-on activities. This encourages language, cooperation, independence and respect for others.

We follow The Story Book Journey program to expose the children to the world of books. We also use a modified High Scope Curriculum where we meet with the children daily in small groups to access individual needs and provide growth opportunities, while making learning fun.

The Sunshine Room



The Sunshine Room is licensed for 39 children ages 2½ through 12. Our core program is designed for children ages 3½ to 6. The Sunshine room is a diverse environment where all children learn through play.

The foundation of our program is The Story Book Journey, which is a literacy based curriculum. Children enjoy a variety of learning centers within our modified High Scope Curriculum environment. Children experience active, quiet and small group times.

During small groups we emphasize individual goals and skill development. The children are involved in a variety of activities that give them the opportunity to develop social skills and to interact with their peers as well as loving adults.

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