

# THE CHILDREN'S CENTER AT SUNY BROOKLYN

The Children's Center provides the highest quality, developmentally appropriate care and education for children and their families. It supports the family's ability to successfully nurture and educate their children enabling them to build self-esteem, explore their world, and to reach their fullest potential.

As a model child development facility, we provide the highest quality early childhood education with a degree of family involvement and support while meeting the individual developmental needs of each child.

## CENTER VALUES

### Trust

We operate based respectfully of others fostering open, honest, and supportive communications among the staff, administration, and families of our children.

### Teamwork

Staff, administration, and families provide mutual support working as a team to empower each other and to maintain positive results.

### Professionalism

Our staff relate to children in a nurturing manner, establish mutual respect among staff, administration, and families, as well as advocate for them. We are committed to the highest quality education, care, and safety of all children enrolled in the Center. Administration and staff are committed to professional and personal development and growth.

### Diversity

We respect and value ethnic differences, individual uniqueness, and remain deeply committed to maintaining social equity.

### Recognition and Celebration

We proudly recognize and celebrate the achievements of our children, staff, and administration.

## SAFETY MEASURES FOR COVID-19

We are sensitive to the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has left behind. We are committed to following the guidelines put forth by public health officials including the NYS Department of Health, the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, as well as the CDC and other public health officials involving social distancing, frequent handwashing, face coverings, and frequent cleaning and disinfecting.

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## ABOUT US

The Children's Center at SUNY Brooklyn, located on the campus of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University at 440 Lenox Road, provides year-round childcare in a safe, secure environment where children can benefit from the expertise of specially selected educators.

## OUR CENTER

The Children's Center opened in 1989 and is licensed by the New York Department of Health, Bureau of Day Care. The Center is a private not-for-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors whose primary goal is to provide high-quality, affordable childcare services to the children of Downstate faculty, staff, students, as well as New York State employees.

## CHILDREN SERVED

The Children's Center serves children from eight weeks to five years old. Children of New York State employees receive priority placement in the Center. Children from the community will be placed as space allows.

## OUR FEES

Fees are based on a sliding scale according to a family's income for which they must provide appropriate verification. A seven percent sibling discount is available for families with more than one child enrolled at the Center.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

The Children's Center operates Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is closed on weekends. The Center is also closed on 10 State holidays; appropriate notice of holiday closures will be provided in advance.

## STAFF

Our educators include professionals dedicated to providing the highest quality of childcare. Staff is cleared through the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment and must complete 15 hours of mandatory training each year covering a wide variety of childcare issues, including CPR and First Aid.



## INFANTS

We provide individualized care for our infants to enhance consistency between home and the Center. Our staff focus on each infant's unique qualities and development to provide stimulating learning experiences.

## TODDLERS

Daily activities for toddlers include individual and limited group time, free choice, and structured activity, as well as quiet and active periods. To develop milestones, the program offers creative arts activities, dramatic play, books, cognitive games, fine and gross motor skill activities, and outdoor play, weather permitting.

## PRESCHOOLERS

Daily activities include both individual and group time, free choice, and structured activity as well as quiet and active periods. The environment offers a variety of activities including social skills, science, math, pre-language and writing skills, arts activities, dramatic play, books, cognitive games, fine and gross motor skill activities, and outdoor play, weather permitting.

## MEALS

We serve nutritious child-friendly breakfasts, lunches, and snacks daily.

