Delaware Technical Community College Child Development Center is an integral component of the Education Department. The Child Development Center focuses on the development of a child as a whole person from six weeks through age eight. Integrated within the preschool setting is our state funded Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP). Seventeen of our forty preschool slots are funded by the ECAP Grant. This grant follows Head Start Performance Standards and innovative practices recognized in the field of Early Childhood Education. Through the use of carefully guided activities, emphasis is placed upon developmentally appropriate skills. Culturally diverse learning experiences are provided each day in the areas of language arts, social-emotional awareness, music, art, science, math readiness, and reading readiness. Based on the theory that children learn through play and developmentally appropriate practices (DAP), daily routines encourage active involvement, meaningful experimentation and positive reinforcement. The Center serves children of Delaware Tech students, staff, and the community and is licensed through the state of Delaware to care for up to 121 children.

Program demographic information for 2010-2011:

- Funded Enrollment: 17
- Total Number of Children Served: 20
- Age of Children: 4 years of age by August 31, 2010.
- Number of children with an identified disability: 3
- Number of families, that English is not their primary language: 0
- Number of families over income eligibility: 2
- Number of father/father figures who participate in DTCC CDC ECAP activities: 12
- Number of homeless families served: Children: 0
- Average monthly enrollment: 17

Medical Services:
- Number of children up-to-date on physical examinations: 20
- Number of children up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for age: 20

Preventative Dental Services:
- Number of children having completed dental screening: 18 (2 dropped before screening dates)
- Number of children requiring follow-up dental care: 4
- Number of children having completed required follow-up dental care: 4

Primary Language:
- Number of families whose primary language is English: 20
Family Partnerships and Services:

- Families participated in the family goal setting process which resulted in individualized family partnership agreements.

- All families received family services during the program year.
  - Mental Health Referral or Assistance: 2
  - Adult Education: 6
  - Job Training: 9
  - Health Education: 20 (100%)
  - Parenting Education: 20 (100%)

- During the course of the year parents had an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as:
  - ECAP Parent Committee
  - ECAP Policy Council
  - Job Fair
  - Sussex Health Advisory Committee
  - Health and Fitness for Moms and Babies
  - Educational Field Trip
  - Cozy Book Day
  - Winter Wonderland Village
  - Mother Goose Visit, Teddy Bear Picnic
  - Dr. Seuss Read Aloud Day
  - Earth Day Planting

- During the course of the year many activities took place to prepare our children and families for the transition to kindergarten such as:
  - Parent Conferences
  - Home Visits
  - Transition Resources
  - Transition Planning
  - Kindergarten Registrations
  - Kindergarten Readiness Curriculum Components

DTCC CDC ECAP provided 160 days of service in our center based Early Childhood program.

Last triennial Program Review was conducted: April 20, 2009

Findings: None

DTCC ECAP was found to be in full compliance with the standards. Full compliance is a rare occurrence for federally funded programs. DTCC ECAP is recognized for being the only state program that has achieved this recognition since ECAP began. The review team indicated that the DTCC ECAP is to be recognized as a “Center of Excellence in Early Childhood”.

Our next triennial Program Review will be conducted spring 2012.
Funding Sources:
Delaware Department of Education - $112,200
Delaware Technical & Community College - $106,494

2010-2011 Budget Expenditures:
Personnel serve two preschool classrooms totaling 40 children of whom 17 are ECAP funded
$6,600/child x 17 children = $112,200 total

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TOTAL DIRECT COSTS 107,135

Indirect Costs at 8% 5,065
TOTAL BUDGET 112,200

*ECAP is included in over-all college budget audit and may be accessed though:


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