

El Camino College COMPTON CENTER



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Abel B. Sykes, Jr. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

*A learning environment for children and adults that
promotes the growth and development
of each child*





We believe that each child is an individual with unique needs, interests and abilities.

Growth and learning occur in a sequential manner and can be fostered by providing children with experiences that encourage interaction with peers, materials, and adults

Abel B. Sykes, Jr. Child Development Center

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The Abel B. Sykes, Jr. Child Development Center (CDC) operates on the campus of El Camino College Compton Center and is specifically designed to create the best possible environment for the growth and development of infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children.

The CDC is located on the northwest section of Compton Center's campus, housed in two modern and spacious buildings. The program offers a variety of age appropriate activities and experiences that promote optimal child growth and development.



■ **The Child Development Center features:**

- State certified teachers
- Breakfast, hot lunch and snacks daily
- Parent participation opportunities
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum

What We Offer

All programs are open to the community as well as to students, staff, faculty and their families.

The CDC is licensed by the State Department of Social Services as a combination site to serve infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers and to provide after-school programs for school-age children. All teaching staff hold associate or bachelor's degrees and possess required child development permits issued through the State Department of Education Commission of Teacher Preparation and Licensing.

■ **The CDC serves as a vital support system which enables students/parents with young children to:**

- Develop effective parenting skills
- Enroll in training programs or courses for job development
- Earn certificates and degrees in specific disciplines
- Earn transfer credit to a four-year college/university
- Study and pursue all of the above with assurance of child care needs being met

■ **The CDC also serves as a laboratory site for students enrolled in child development practicum courses, psychology, nursing, photography and family studies.**

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Philosophy

The Abel B. Sykes, Jr. Child Development Center is grounded in the belief that:

- Each child is a unique individual of great value.
- Positive learning experiences and a healthy self-concept are critical in a child's life.
- Services and support to children and families are essential for their success and well being.
- The responsibility of educating children belongs to all of us.

The program endeavors to meet children at the level of their needs and to help them develop their intellectual, social, emotional, physical and creative potential. It is the whole child we encounter and the whole child we help to grow.

Parent Participation

Parents of all children enrolled in any of the programs are encouraged to participate in a variety of parent education programs to enhance parenting skills, discuss child development needs with staff and interact with other parents in a supportive setting.

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Operating Hours

The CDC is open throughout the year.

- Monday through Thursday
7:45 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday
7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (as available)



Enrollment Procedures

We invite and encourage families to visit the CDC, meet the staff, and observe the children's educational program. Applications are available and need to be completed and returned with required documents of eligibility and/or up-to-date immunization records.

When all necessary forms are completed and returned, your enrollment priority will be determined. You will be placed on the waiting list and notified when space becomes available.

Admission

The State Department of Education establishes admission and eligibility criteria. Families whose children are receiving child protective services or families whose children are at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited will have first priority. All other children and families shall be admitted according to the family size and income. Families with the lowest income shall be admitted first. For purposes of determining the order of admission, grants of public assistance shall be counted as income. Verification of income is required from all enrolled parents.

When the Abel B. Sykes, Jr. Child Development Center is unable to accommodate the child care needs of students, a referral is made to resource and referral agencies for assistance in finding child care placement and payment of child care fees.

Fees

Families receiving CalWORKs subsidy are eligible for free child care services. Services are also available to families not receiving CalWORKs, but who have incomes which fall within established guidelines as set forth by the State Department of Education. Such families may or may not be required to pay a fee.





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