

Campus Children's Center

Quality care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers between three months and five years of age is available on the Santa Maria campus and eighteen months to five years at the Lompoc Valley Center. The centers serve as the lab school for early childhood studies students who assist the credentialed staff in providing an enriched learning environment designed to foster social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth for young children.

The philosophy of the program is to provide each child with the tools and the opportunity to be actively involved in the learning process, to experience a variety of developmentally-appropriate activities and materials, and to pursue their own interests.

As an integral part of the early childhood studies program, the center provides a multicultural, anti-bias inclusion approach where children have the opportunity to experience differences in gender, race/ethnicity, abilities, learning styles, and individual needs.

The Children's Center is available to student parents enrolled in summer, fall, and spring semesters. The center follows the academic calendar and is open Monday–Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The Santa Maria campus offers a preschool-aged twilight program that operates Monday–Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Hours and days of operation may vary at each location throughout the year.

For further information, contact the center office at 805-922-6966 ext. 3567 or stop by bldg. I. Please do not contact the center classrooms directly.