

## How are Children Enrolled in the Child Development Center?

**Enrollment.** The center is open to children of any race, color, religion, or national origin on a first-come, first-served basis. A parent must arrange for an interview and submit the appropriate forms before a child may enroll in the center.

**Fees.** Fees are paid in advance on a weekly basis. A 10% discount is granted to families with more than one child in the center. For current tuition rates, call the center.

## Are Visits Welcome at the Child Development Center?

Parents of both enrolled and non-enrolled children are welcome to stop by the center at any time for observation or to ask questions. An appointment is recommended for interviews with the program director.

## What Type of Institution is Michigan Christian College?

Michigan Christian College is a liberal arts college, accredited by the North Central Association. The college offers a variety of two and four-year degrees, including two-year majors in child care and early childhood. Students enjoy a personal, Christ-centered setting, which allows them to participate and learn in a caring community of friends. For more information about the college, call the Admissions Office at 651-5800.



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**“loving care  
in a learning environment”**

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**a service  
offered by**

**Michigan Christian College**

## What is Unique about the Child Development Center

**Background.** Michigan Christian College opened the Child Development Center in 1990. The center was designed to offer child care services to the Rochester community, and to provide opportunities for class observation and internships for students enrolled in the college's early childhood program.

**Philosophy.** Caregivers in the Child Development Center of Michigan Christian College believe that all children are created in the image of God. Consequently, they respect the individuality and needs of each child. They seek to maintain an environment that allows each child to develop positive relationships and to accomplish important developmental tasks.

**Goals.** Focusing on *loving care in a learning environment*, the Child Development Center of Michigan Christian College seeks to achieve a number of important goals.

1. To encourage the development of a unique individuality within each child.
2. To increase each child's awareness of God's love.
3. To provide social experiences with both peers and adults, that allow each child to develop an appropriate awareness and respect for themselves and for others.
4. To provide each child with a variety of experiences which are essential to the development of cognitive skills.
5. To provide opportunities for each child to develop fine and large motor skills through play.
6. To help each child develop constructive and satisfying ways of expressing feelings to both peers and adults.
7. To provide stimulating and creative experiences that increase each child's desire to learn.
8. To allow each child to make choices that develop independence and teach responsibility for those choices, within the limits of safety.

## What is Offered by the Child Development Center?

**Programs.** In addition to both half and full-time child care, the Child Development Center offers pre-school and pre-kindergarten programs.

**Activities.** The center maintains a full schedule of learning activities for each child. Special learning centers stress music, reading readiness, dramatic play, fine and large motor skills, science, language, and social skills.

**Ages.** The center is designed to serve children from age 2 1/2 to kindergarten.

**Hours.** The center is open throughout the year from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday, with the exception of stated holidays and days with severe weather conditions.

**Facilities.** The center is housed in the facilities of the Rochester Church of Christ. In addition to a spacious room with lots of natural light, the center uses an adjoining playground, office, storage area, kitchenette, and restrooms designed for children.

**Meals.** The center provides three snacks and one meal per day. During the academic year, lunch is prepared by the college food service and brought to the center during meal times.

**Staff.** The program director of the center holds a master's degree in human development and the head teacher a bachelor's degree in education. Both individuals are trained in CPR methods.

Since the center serves as a lab school for students enrolled in early childhood education at MCC, a number of college students assist in the center as workers or interns. Therefore, the child-caregiver ratio generally exceeds state requirements. Student workers are supervised by professional staff members at all times and have received excellent reviews from the state consultant.