

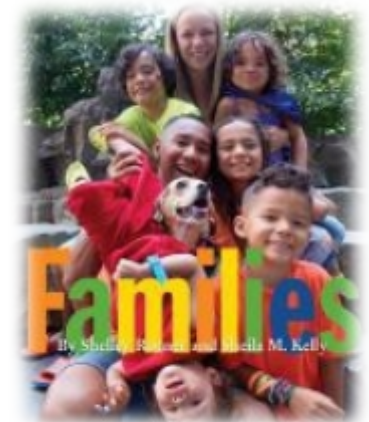


SWTXC Child Development Center

Powers & Kirchner Child Development Center
Texas Rising Star 4-Star | National Association
for the Education of Young Children Accredited

Program Purpose

- Campus-based child care supporting SWTXC students, faculty, and staff
- Supports retention and workforce stability
- Priority given to SWTXC families
- A waiting list is maintained for all Faculty, staff & Students of SWTXC



Believe Statement

We believe the home is the foundation of a child's development, and we partner with families to support the healthy growth of children through a loving, trusting, and respectful environment that fosters positive relationships and a strong sense of self. Each child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs are thoughtfully supported, with programs that adapt as children grow and reflect best practices and current research in human development. Children deserve a nurturing, safe, and joyful environment led by capable, caring educators who serve as positive role models and inspire a lifelong love of learning.



Introduction to Staff

- Christine Chapoy- Director- 12yrs
- Denise Martinez- Assistant / Teacher- 4yrs
- Rosa Rodriguez- Infant 1 Teacher- 18yrs
- Sylvia Quintero- Infant 2 Teacher- 14yrs
- Clarissa Hernandez- Infant 2 Teacher- 5mths
- Danielle Velasquez- Toddler 1 Teacher- 3yrs
- Carrie Perez- Toddler 2 Teacher- 2yrs
- Delia Aviles- Toddler 3 Teacher- 8yrs
- Rubi Casarez- Preschool/ Afterschool- 10yrs
- Angel Cruz- Toddler 1 & 2 Teacher- 1yr
- Martha Lopez- Cook- 5yrs

Enrollment Snapshot

- Total children served: 68
- Reserved SWTXC spots: 10
- Currently serving SWTXC families: 12



Child Care Assistance & Grants

- Middle Rio Grande Child Care Services (CCS) is based on family size & income, any one working 25 hrs./ attending 12 hours or more of college hours.
- Example: rate of pay\$0 up to \$ 400
- Carl Perkins funding through SWTXC is for college students only, this grant pays \$25 a day, based on age group. Weekly fees run \$25 to \$50
- Reduces barriers for all parents





Accreditation & Quality

- Texas Rising Star – 4-Star (highest level)
- NAEYC accredited
- Exceeds minimum licensing standards
- Director needs to maintain 36 hours of professional development annually
- Staff needs to maintain 30 hours of professional development annually
- Must have a current Food Handlers card
- Current First Aid & CPR
- Must have Clear Background Check & Fingerprints





Benefits of Accreditation

- We receive the highest reimbursement rates through Texas Rising Star being at a 4-Star status.
- We can attend TRS and NAEYC conferences that provide continuous professional development.
- Ongoing staff growth through training, coaching, and best practices.
- Ensures high-quality, consistent care for every child.
- We can Apply for different Grants available and have a better chance of receiving them because of our accreditation.
- We receive stipends from MRG to help with teacher retention.

Insight of our Daily Routine

- Throughout the year, we plan fun and meaningful activities such as Fall Fest, Halloween on the campus, a visit from Santa in December, Easter celebrations, and a family picnic with parents. We also encourage family involvement through monthly engagement activities, with QR codes available for parents to complete surveys and share their input.



Toddler 2 Class Schedule

- 7:30-9:00- Arrival/Health Checks/Handwashing/ Free Play
- 8:00-9:00- Breakfast/Handwashing/Brush Teeth/diaper change/free play
- 9:00-9:50- Outside Play
- 10:00-10:45- Group Activity/ Learning Centers
- 10:45-11:00- Wash Hands/Table Toys/Set cots out/ change diapers/story time
- 11:00-12:00- Lunch
- 11:30-11:45- Wash Hands/Transition to Nap
- 11:30-2:00- Nap/Quite Time
- 2:00-3:00- Snack/Wash Hands
- 2:30- 3:15- Outside Play
- 3:15-3:30- wash hands/ diaper changes
- 3:30-4:30- Learning Centers/ diaper changes/ Comb hair
- 4:30-4:45- Group Activity/ Review lesson plan
- 4:45-5:15- Table toys, blocks, read books, puzzles
- 5:15-5:30- Departure/ Floor toys



Partnering With Families for Child Development

- We conduct two family conferences per year to discuss each child's growth and development. These conferences are based on formal assessments completed in September and March and continue for the duration of the child's enrollment. ASQ assessments are completed collaboratively by teachers and parents to monitor developmental progress and identify any areas where accommodations or additional support may be needed. If professional assistance is required, families are referred to appropriate specialists or community resources.



Ages & Stages Questionnaires



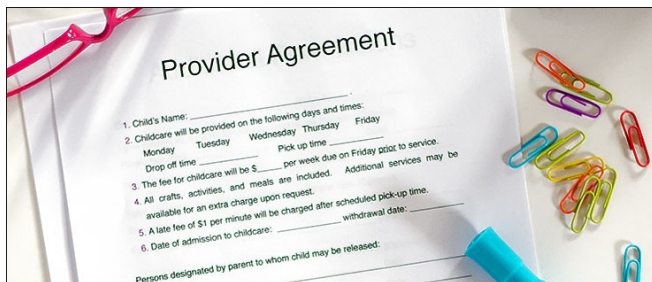
Outdoor Play

- Our preschool playground includes two covered play areas to provide shade and weather protection. In addition, a safe fall zone has been installed using a pour-in-play surface, designed to enhance safety and reduce the risk of injury. This surface is similar to turf and supports safe, active outdoor play.



Operational Policy

- Our operational policies are reviewed and updated annually. Policy changes may also be made throughout the year in response to parent feedback or incidents that occur. Examples of policies addressed include challenging behavior and custodial documentation. In cases of challenging behavior, if a child is physically harming themselves or others, and after multiple intervention attempts, the child may be sent home for the day. For custodial matters, when parents are experiencing custody-related issues, the center follows all current court-ordered documentation on file to ensure the safety and well-being of the child and children.
- Our program provides healthy, well-balanced meals that comply with USDA meal pattern requirements and are reimbursable under the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)."



Powers & Kirchner:

- Serves 68 children while prioritizing SWTXC families
- Supports student success (students can come in to do observation hours) and workforce stability (students can work here through the work-study program after a background check is cleared).
- We are Committed to compliance and continuous improvement.

What Makes Us Different

- We are a Highly qualified, professional early childhood educators.
- Higher standards that exceed basic child care requirements
- Texas Rising Star 4-Star – focused on early learning excellence.
- Intentional teaching that prepares children for school readiness.
- We are an early learning program, not just child care center.

