



Virginia Gallian
Child Development Center
Program Update August 2019



18-19 Theme PEACE

Passionately Encouraging Acceptance & Compassion Everyday

Using my strong feelings and beliefs I should give support of confidence to others accepting them for who they are, showing sympathy and concern for their wellbeing everyday

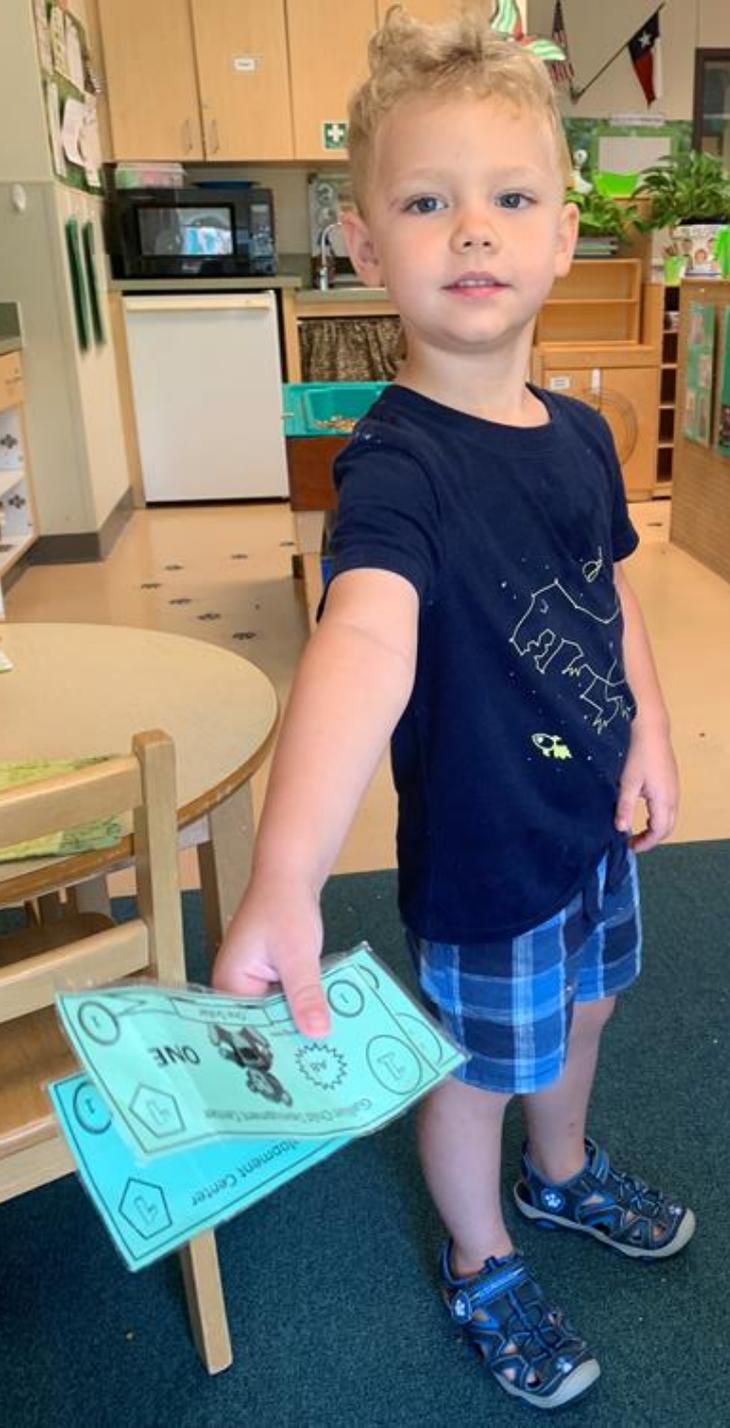


18-19

Highlights

- Our former Assistant Coordinator resigned effective the beginning of September.
- Ms. Canada began with us the end of October.
- For those two months I opened, closed and skipped lunch to ensure we were maintaining the expectations established at VG CDC.
 - The VG CDC team all stepped up to support the program. Three standouts are Ms. Halie, Ms. Karen and Ms. Heather.





18-19 Highlights

- Our Program expenses this year were \$461,839.32 and our income was \$500,591.31. Some years we need some money from the General Fund this year we were able to contribute almost \$43,000 to the General Fund.
- We held our annual “Family Feast” at AWSYC which was sponsored by the VG CDC PTA.

18-19 Highlights

- We “graduated” 15 children from our PK class.





18-19 Highlights

We held our annual food drive benefiting Vision Ministries through Denton Bible Church which is run by a former parent of VG CDC.



18-19 Highlights

We held our Annual Pumpkin Patch sponsored by the PTA.





We took and sold
Bluebonnet photos
benefiting the PTA

18-19 Highlights



Thank you to our photographer, and 3
year old Lead Caregiver Karen Smith for
donating her photography talents.



18-19 Highlights

- Chili Cook-off in November
- Cookie Competition/fundraiser in December
 - Thank you Dr. Wilson, Dr. Valenta, Dr. Lopez and Austen for judging
- Baking Competition/fundraiser in February

18-19 Highlights

- We participated in the UNT Homecoming Parade sponsored by the PTA.





Our PK classroom added a rabbit
to their classroom

18-19 Highlights



19-20 Theme



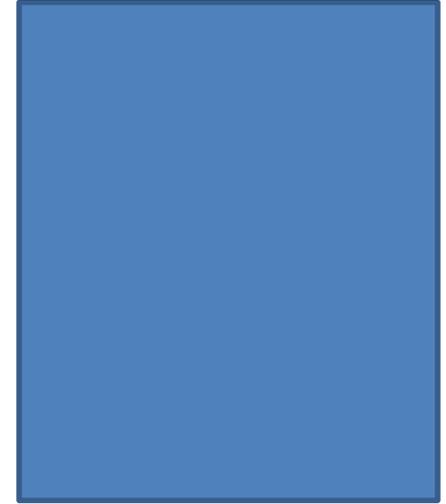
2020 VISION

- Valuing
- Individual
- Successes
- Ideas
- Originality
- Needs



Personnel

- We have 6 classrooms offering care to children as young as 6 weeks up to going to kindergarten next year. In each of these classrooms we have:
 - Lead Caregiver - Auxiliary Pay Grade 3
 - Two of whom have been with us in excess of 5 years
 - Assistant Caregiver - Auxiliary Pay Grade 2
 - In the rooms which require a smaller ratio such as the Infant and Toddlers rooms we also have Caregiver Aide's Auxiliary Pay Grade 2
- The administration and support staff includes
 - Coordinator Admin Pay Grade 2
 - Assistant Coordinator Admin Pay Grade 1



Staffing Qualifications

- We still need to fill 2 full time positions
- On our team we have
 - 3 Bachelors
 - 4 with work toward a Bachelors
 - 4 Associates
 - 5 CDA (4 of which were earned while employed at VG CDC)
 - On our team we have





Staffing Experience

- Our Leads have more than 66 combine years of experience working with young children.
- Our Assistants have 19 combine years of experience working with young children.
- Our Aides have 1 combine year of experience working with young children. (One of whom worked with us through her High school last year.)
- Our Admin have 45 combine years of experience working with young children.
- In total our team has more than 131 years experience working with young children.



In 2019-2020 Looking forward to:

- Entering into a pilot program with Clover Kids.
- Supporting the Early Childhood Conference
- Special events such as:
 - Family Feast
 - Pumpkin Patch
 - Chili/Cookie/Baking competitions
 - Bluebonnet pictures



- In 18-19 we had 23 PTA Members
- So far this year we have 23 Members and the year is just starting.

PTA



Curriculum



- The Curriculum for the Virginia Gallian Child Development Center is based around a Portfolio which is developed for each child. This Portfolio is created when the child begins in our program and is passed to each classroom as they move up.
- The Portfolio consists of:
 - Assessments of the individual children done within the first 2 weeks the child is enrolled to develop a baseline, November/December timeframes and April/May timeframes to assist with the Parent Teacher conferences.
 - We use Texas PK end of year guidelines and little texans BIG Futures
 - Learning Prescriptions developed monthly which the parents sign off on.
 - Areas of Strength and Confidence
 - Next Areas to Develop
 - Activities to Help
 - Anecdotal records
 - Two per skill is required to indicate the skill has been developed
 - Steps in the Journey
 - Anecdotal record on steroids
 - Works
 - Examples of the child's art, writing and other work

Innovative Programs

- We have been actively involved with Early Childhood Coalition serving the North Texas Area
 - Since the development of the workgroups in ECC I have been the chair for the Educating Educators workgroup sub committee where we developed learning opportunity's through trainings which are offered monthly at a nominal fee for individuals working with young children.



Innovative Programs The New Team

- In early June Gary Henderson and Alicia McElroy from United Way approached me about how they were looking at restructuring the Coalition and ask me to entertain the idea of moving the Educating Educators Workgroup renamed Childcare Workgroup to the Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team (DCWSLT) and for me to continue as the Chair.
- After I agreed they approached Dr. Wilson for approval on my status as an appointee to the DCWSLT to which he approved.
- July 19th I attended my first DCWSLT meeting and shared with them what we had accomplished in the ECC and what was in the works after which they voted me into the Team.
- I am thrilled beyond measure to represent Virginia Gallian Child Development Center, Denton ISD, and the child care field on this Team.





Innovative Programs

- “Leaving a Legacy Early” Childhood Conference
 - For more than 7 years I have been advocating for and working toward an Early Childhood/Child Care Conference here in Denton.
 - July 27th this dream became a reality!!! We held a conference for Early Childhood Providers here in Denton at TWU.
 - The concept being:
 - Individuals working in childcare are required to receive 24 hours of training in specified areas annually
 - New to the field employees must receive an additional 24 hours of training in the first 90 days
 - The closest place to go for quality training/conference is Fort Worth, Arlington or Dallas!

Innovative Programs

- Leaving a Legacy Early Childhood Conference
 - Sponsors



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of Denton County, Inc



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Innovative Programs

- Leaving a Legacy Early Childhood Conference
 - I sent emails to all licensed child care centers and family day homes in Denton, Cooke and Wise counties every two weeks for three months preceding the conference.
 - We had nearly 150 paid registrants, over 130 in attendance representing approximately 40 different programs.
 - We were able to provide participants with a conference tote, a Kaplan tote, an academic planner, travel band aids, buy one get one Bundtlet and a colorful pen.
 - Door prizes included items from Lakeshore, Kaplan, two \$25 gift cards to Recycled Books Records CD's, soft foam blocks, set of Board Books, and two Dinner for Two at Texas Roadhouse.



Innovative Programs

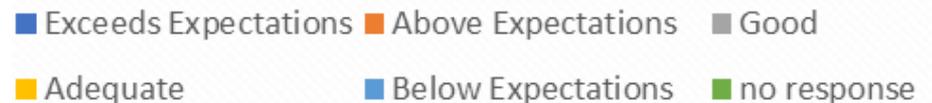
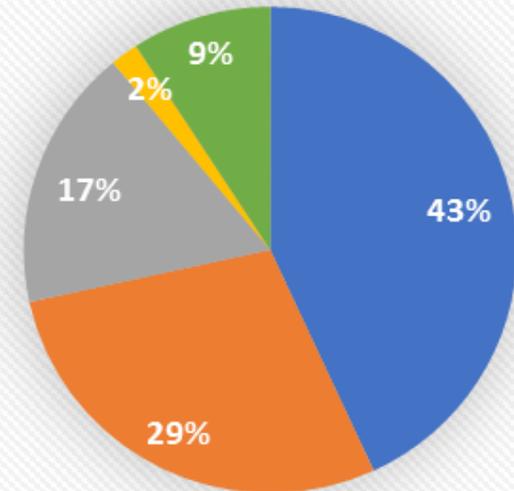
- Leaving a Legacy Early Childhood Conference
 - Thank you to the ECC Childcare Workgroup
 - Including Angela Hellman, Felicia Sprayberry, Dixie Crossland and Sally Brown
 - Dr. Lisenbee and Dr. Huey at TWU
 - Alicia at United Way
 - Cyndi Canada at VG CDC who was my right hand through all of this!
 - The team at VG CDC who promotes early childhood and is willing to go above and beyond their job description to support the efforts in providing quality programing in our area.

Innovative Programs

Leaving a Legacy Early Childhood Conference feedback

- Great information/ presenters.
AFFORDABLE for whole staff.
Will come back in 2020
- One of the best trainings I
have attended all presenters
kept everyone engaged.
- Exceptionally well run &
informative conference &
Affordable! Great speakers!
- Everything was great!!
- Had so much fun

Conference Overall



Innovative Programs

- The future of the Early Childhood Conference
 - We have participants that were excited and have indicated they will come back.
 - We have seed money for next year
 - Embassy Suites Denton Convention Center has reached out to us and is courting us to host our conference next year
 - I have some exciting ideas for growth





Innovative Programs



- We have established a partnership with TWU  where they will send their Child Development Students to observe in our program.
- I am excited to announce that we are expanding our Practicum partnership. This year we may include students from Denton High with our Ryan and Guyer High School students.
- This last year I had the opportunity to speak with a couple of classes at Ryan High regarding child development.



Special Regional, State Recognitions/Program Success

- We have maintained our 4 Star Validation, the highest award possible through Texas Rising Star.
 - Of 66 licensed child care centers in the city of Denton currently there are only three other 4 Star programs:
 - Fred Moore Day Nursery School
 - Fred Moore Day Nursery School at Gonzales
 - New Generations Child Care Center
 - Corinth also has 1 program:
 - Tree House Academy.



Texas Rising Star Support

- 2 individuals have received a 100% scholarship and earned their CDA (we now have 4 that have earned a CDA through this program)
- 2 individuals attended the Texas Early Childhood Learning Summit in Houston
- 1 individual attended the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children in Galveston
- Received Equipment Grants
 - \$1800 grant that will include materials and equipment for Infants, Toddlers and Two-year-olds
 - Infant Toddler 2's library





July 1st 2018 I celebrated 10 years
of service to Denton ISD

10 years





10 years

In January the Virginia Gallian Child Development Center celebrated our 10 year anniversary.



Staff Development



- Texas Rising Star requires 30 hours of training per year for teaching staff and 35 hours for directors.
- Between July 22th and July 30th we conducted in-house staff development training and the returning staff received 18 hours of training and the new staff received more than 20 hours of training in addition to the 5.5 hours gained in the conference.
- We are developing a Training Plan for each of our employees determining where they need to acquire training so that we can support them and achieving the required hours in topics in which they feel they need additional training.

Ratios

Age	VGDC	Texas Licensing	Texas Rising Star (4 Star)	NAC	NAEYC
Infants	1-4/8	1-4/8-10	1-4/8	1-4/8	1-4/8
Toddlers	1-5/10	<18=1-5/13 >18=1-9/18	<18=1-4/12 >18=1-5/15	1-5/10	12-28=1-4/12 21-36=1-6/12
2 yr. olds	1-11/11	1-11/22	1-6/18	1-6/12	21-36=1-6/12 30-48=1-9/18
3 yr. olds	1-15/15	1-15/30	1-8/24	1-9/18	1-10/20
4 yr. olds	1-16/16	1-18/35	1-9/27	1-12/22	1-10/20



Tuition/Enrollment

Room #	Age as of September 1 st	Weekly Rate	Maximum Enrollment	Currently Enrolled	Direct Care staff
1	Younger than 12 months	\$225	8	8	2.5
2	12-24 months	\$205	10	10	2.5
3	2 years	\$190	11	10	2
4	3-4 years	\$175	15	13	2
5	3-4 years	\$175	15	15	2
6	3-4 years	\$175	16	13	2
Total			75	68	

Currently we are serving 60 families.

Testimonials



- Cyndi Canada– Assistant Coordinator

- 15 years of experience including:

- Classroom caregiver
- Trainer
- Assistant
- Director

- She began with us at the end of October.

- Dixie Crossland – Parent of Bo Crossland and DISD PK Coach

- Bo began with us in the 2017-2018 academic year.

