

College of Marin, Children's Center
On Campus Care for Children age 2.9- 5 years old

**WE PROVIDE A QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ATTENDING COLLEGE OF MARIN**

As A Lab School for Early Childhood Education Instruction

Low cost childcare based on state guidelines of family income

Nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks

Highly skilled, caring, state certified teachers

A curriculum focused on support for pre-academic readiness and meaningful play experiences

An environment where cultural diversity is honored and celebrated

Children's Center Locations

Kentfield Campus Center
835 College Ave, Administrative Services
Kentfield, CA 94904
(415) 457-8811 x 8170

Indian Valley Campus Center
1800 Ignacio Blvd., Building 12
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 457-8811 x 7468

Main Office
1800 Ignacio Blvd., Ohlone Building
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 457-8811
Director x 8222
Program Assistant x8221

Program Goals

- To provide a high quality early education experience for all children and families
- To create an environment where children feel safe, respected, and cared for
- To offer a rich learning environment that encourages children's natural curiosity and supports them to take risks that lead to new skill development
- To support children and families while parents achieve their educational and vocational goals
- To be a model program where college students learn effective teaching strategies, observation skills and reflective practices
- The Children's Center refrains from any religious instruction or worship. All families are welcome regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, or political belief.

Admission Priorities

The College of Marin Children's Centers are funded primarily through the California Department of Education, Child Development Division. The state mandates that children be admitted to the program according to the following guidelines:

1st Priority—College of Marin students enrolled in 6 or more units or a certificate program

2nd Priority —children receiving child protective services; at risk of abuse or neglect homelessness

3rd Priority —lowest income family

4th Priority—Full cost families are welcome as space allows

Meals

Fees include breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. All meals are cooked on site and include healthy choices for children. Meals are served family style with teachers joining children at the table, which promotes conversation and community. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m.

The Children's Center participates in the USDA Food Program which is available without charge to eligible participants.

Age of Children

Children 2.9 years and 9 months and up to pre-K are eligible for the preschool program at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses. It is preferable that preschool children be toilet trained prior to the beginning of school, as the Children's Centers were not designed to have a diaper changing space.

Days and Hours of Operation

The Children's Centers are open during fall and spring semesters. There is a 4-5 week semester break in the winter; a 1 week break in the spring; and the Centers are closed in the summer. The Centers are open as follows:

Monday through Thursday: 7:45-5:00

Friday: 7:45-3:00

Admission Policy

Preliminary applications are available at the Children's Centers, the Admissions Office, and the Children's Centers office.

Preliminary applications should be submitted well in advance of the semester for which you are applying. If necessary, families will be placed on a waiting list in order of the date that the application was received.

Dates of registration and a packet of registration materials will be mailed to applicants 1-2 weeks prior to registration. All families must complete the packet and register in person.

Fees

The Children's Center fees vary according to family size, income and hours of attendance. Fees are set yearly by the State Department of Education, according to the State Median Income (SMI) level. A family fee is assessed whenever an eligible family's gross monthly income is 50% or higher of the SMI. Subsidized families must have a documented need for childcare. Families are required to sign a contractual agreement and pay fees based on the contracted hours.

Families who are not subsidized pay the full cost fees, which are subject to change.

College of Marin students and employees receive a 15% discount off full-cost rates.

Rates are subject to change

Full-Cost Weekly Rate / Student Rate

Full Day Program M-F

\$230.00 = 5 days a week	-	\$200.00
\$140.00 = 3 days a week	-	\$120.00
\$95.00 = 2 days a week	-	\$80.00

Half-day Morning 7:45 – 12:50 M-F

\$175.00 = 5 days a week	-	\$150.00
105.00 = 3 days a week	-	\$90.00
\$70.00 = 2 days a week	-	\$60.00

Half-day Afternoon 1:00– 5:00 M-Th

\$150.00 = 5 days a week	-	\$125.00
\$90.00 = 3 Days a week	-	\$75.00
\$60.00 = 2 days a week	-	\$50.00

