Anna Bing Arnold Children's Center History Board

1968-1977





Center is established through funding provided by the Cal State LA Associated Students and Ms. Anna Bing Arnold.

March 1968 $1,500 is allotted to support the first day care center established at a state college.

September 1968 Center opens utilizing a house close to campus with 22 children ages 2.9 to 5 yrs. attending daily.

1977 The Center is relocated from 5361 Berridge Road as a result of a master construction plan to make way for a parking lot.

1978-1983





1978 The Center moves into the basement of King Hall temporarily.

1979 Center moves to a new location at 2314 Highbury Avenue adjacent to campus.

1981 Associated Students votes to allocate $350,000 for new child care center.

1982 Center plans an evening program for parents enrolled in night classes.

1983 Groundbreaking for new Anna Bing Arnold Child Care Center.

1984-1989





1984 Construction begins at new Center location at 2301 Levanda Ave.

1985 Center opens its doors at a cost of $546,000 through the contributions of philanthropist Anna Bing Arnold and the university's Associated Students.

1988 A.S. Referendum Passes: (Executive Order No. 437) to Provide stable support for the Children's Center.

1989 Pam Kisor supersedes Marie Harvey as Center Director (1989-2009).

1992-2000





1992 Center achieves NAEYC Accreditation.

1996 A.S. Referendum: (Executive Order No. 654) was passed to support the expansion and general operation of the Children's Center.

1996 Center receives CACFP grant for food program.

1999 California State Preschool Grant (CSPP) awarded to subsidize eligible families.

2000 Pedagogical shift to Reggio Emilia inspired approach to education.

2001-2010





2001 Center is awarded General Childcare Grant (CCTR) funds for subsidizing children zero -three years of age.

2002 Center is awarded Childcare Access Means Parents in School Grant (CCAMPIS).

2003 Infant/toddler and developmental kindergarten programs open through fundraising, support from ASI and a donation from the W. M. Keck Foundation.

2010 The Center was Eco-Healthy endorsed by the Eco-Healthy Child Care (EHCC) program.

2018-2024





2018 Center celebrates 50 years of service.

2022 Center maintains its 30th year of NAEYC Accreditation.

2023 Center begins Early Head Start Collaboration and opens new infant/toddler play yard.

2024 ABACC partners with Boulder Journey School in Colorado for ongoing Reggio Emilia inspired pedagogical development.

2024 Center achieves 5-Star Rating from Quality Starts Los Angeles (QSLA) through LACOE.