



## Early Childhood Education Program FAQ's

### **What are the Early Childhood Education Program hours?**

Our center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **What program options are available?**

#### **6-HOUR AND FULL-DAY**

The 6-hour program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Our full-day option allows for arrivals and departures any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

#### **MIXED AGE AND TODDLER CLASSROOMS**

Our toddler room begins at age 16 months. Our preschool and pre-k rooms are mixed aged rooms (ages 3-5). If your child turns 3 on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, they are eligible to be in our mixed aged rooms for the Summer and/or School Year.

### **When should I apply?**

Current families must complete their Returning Child Applications, and any New Child Applications for siblings, by January 15, 2021 to have priority placement over incoming families. New families can access the application beginning February 1, 2021. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis with many factors going into enrollment decisions such as age, schedule, and dynamics of the room.

### **Will my child be provided with snack and lunch?**

St. David's Center will provide your child with a nutritious mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack. For 6-hour and Full Day programming, parents will need to provide a healthy lunch for their child. St. David's Center will provide milk with lunch.

### **What is Inclusion?**

Inclusion is one of St. David's Center's core values. We believe that truly inclusive environments, ones that embrace individual differences, promote optimal development of all people. In the context of our early childhood education classrooms, inclusion refers to children of all abilities learning together. Our early childhood education program reflects the diversity of children in the community. We believe programming for children with diverse abilities has a positive influence on every child. For that reason, we include children with typical needs and children with special needs in our early childhood education classrooms. Successful inclusion at St. David's Center means that all children can actively participate, make friends, learn and grow together, in a natural preschool setting.

### **How does inclusion work at St. David's Center?**

Our inclusion program is tailored to meet the needs of each child enrolled so that every student, regardless of need or ability, receives the best possible early childhood education experience. Parents are actively involved by sharing information such as assessments, Individualized Education Plans (IEP's), therapies, special education, etc. and working with staff to develop a program plan so additional support can be put in place as needed.

If your child has special needs, an alternate enrollment process may be required, which may result in additional tuition. Before filling out enrollment materials, please contact our CORE Office at 952-548-8700 for more information. Funding options may be available.