State of the College – Child Development Center
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The Bakersfield College Child Development Center promotes, supports and enhances each child’s development through interactive learning experiences and developmentally appropriate practices that recognize individual family values and cultures to enable parents to achieve their educational goals. Providing free or low cost child care services to our student parents enables them to attend class, have study time, and reach their educational goals and to provide laboratory school services to BC students and the community.

Accomplishments
Since June 1, 2017 the center has served 184 children of Bakersfield College Students with high quality child development services.
We have provided laboratory school services to 30 students from CHDV B courses.

As a result of the college providing an administrator with extensive BC management experience to oversee budgeting, hiring staff, and special projects, the collaboration between that administrator, the Interim Program Manager, Site Supervisor, and Department Assistant the following has been accomplished:

- Hiring and training three new assistant teachers, three new teachers, and a new food service assistant to replace seven temporary staff members. We are in the process of hiring four new associate teachers.
- Initiating an orientation workshop for the 13 new lab students for fall 2017.
- Conducting our first semi-annual staff retreat in at least four years.
- Purchasing new two washing machines and /dryers, five new dishwashers and vacuum cleaners for classrooms.
- Obtaining design plans and prepared purchase orders for a new outdoor classroom toddler playground.

Plans
We have plans for several additional accomplishments during the 2017-18 academic year.

- Conduct an enrollment campaign to fully enroll all seven classrooms in the center
- Complete construction of the new outdoor classroom toddler playground.
- Obtain a design and complete the renovation of the existing toddler playground into an outdoor classroom.
- Hiring enough additional assistant teachers to fully staff the center.
- Initiate at least one parent volunteer day to repair toys and upgrade remaining playgrounds.

Objectives
1. We will have two completed outdoor classroom playgrounds with staff who are full trained in the usage of those playgrounds by June 30, 2018.
2. We will conduct two staff training retreats each year (In August and January) to ensure the quality of the services that we provide.
3. We will reach full enrollment capacity and full staffing by the fall 2018 semester.