

## 1.0 Children's Center (Ed. Code 79120)

- 1.1 Pursuant to Education Code Section 79120, the Board authorizes the establishment of children's center facilities at each college in the District.

## 2.0 Purpose of Children's Center (Ed. Code 8200, et seq.)

- 2.1 To provide a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system of child care and development services for children and their parents, including a full range of supervision, health and support services through full- and part-time programs.
- 2.2 To encourage community-level coordination in support of child care and development services.
- 2.3 To provide an environment that is healthy and nurturing for all children in child care and development programs.
- 2.4 To provide the opportunity for positive parenting to take place through understanding of human growth and development.
- 2.5 To reduce strain between parent and child in order to prevent abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- 2.6 To enhance the cognitive development of children, with particular emphasis upon those children who require special assistance, including bilingual capabilities to attain their full potential.
- 2.7 To establish a framework for the expansion of child care and development services.

## 3.0 Board Intent

- 3.1 It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that in providing child development programs priority will be given to children of families who qualify under applicable federal statutes or regulations as recipients of public assistance and other low-income and disadvantaged families, and as delineated in Education Code Section 79123. (Ed. Code 79123; Ed. Code 8205; Ed. Code 8225)
- 3.2 It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that maximum Federal and State reimbursement be generated wherever possible and to provide alternate local resources for eligible children. (Ed. Code 8205; Ed. Code 8207)
- 3.3 It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that children's center programs be conducted in facilities located on or near the college campus.

## 4.0 Authorization

- 4.1 The Chancellor/Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop administrative rules and regulations implementing the purposes and Board intent relative to the

operation of campus children's centers.

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