

Child Care Summary

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The Helen R Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center (HRG/UCLCC) was opened in January of 1973. The philosophy of our program, at its inception was to provide high quality, affordable, accessible child care services to UWSP students, faculty, and staff. Student parents have priority registration. Limited alumni may enroll if the center is not full. HRG/UCLCC currently offers flexible scheduling, a convenient campus site, and year-round care for working parents. National Accreditation (since 1988) and State Licensing is maintained to assure quality. The program provides services for children ages 6 months to 10 years; an Infant Toddler Group, a 2 year group, a 3 year pre-school; and a Stevens Point Area District 4-K program. In summer, a school program up to 10 years is available. The child care environment is child-centered and developmentally and age appropriate where children thrive and are nurtured emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually while enjoying themselves. Below predictions for Sem. II:

72 Child enrolled Semester II 08-09 (Parents: 29 students; 43 Fac/staff; 12 Alumni; 49-married to Stu/Staff/AL)

133 Parents receiving services

66 Student Employees

25 Practicum students

14 Semester weekly observers

65 individual student-projects for UWSP Classes

3 Student teachers

202 Students directly served Semester II 08-09 (378 Total individuals served)

UCLCC provides parent education programs and materials/resources/referrals to all HRG/UCLCC families, students working at the center, and to the Stevens Point community.

The center staff includes one director, four lead teachers and 3 assistant teachers. The current average service of lead staff is currently 22 years. 66 student aides assist the teachers. Continuing education and annual training is required for all staff.

The program's plan/strategy for ensuring quality curriculum and learning is:

*The Curriculum uses the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) as a guide to set Curriculum. The curriculum for the program is to include Physical Health & Well Being; Motor Development; Social & Emotional Well being; Cognitive & Creative Development; and Literacy, & Language Development. The curriculum is to be age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate for the entire group of child as a whole group as well as appropriate for each child as an individual. The "WMELS" are the center's Guiding Principles:

- ✓ All children are capable
- ✓ A child's early learning and development is multidimensional
- ✓ Expectations for children must be guided by knowledge of child growth & Development
- ✓ Children are individuals who develop at various rates
- ✓ Children are members of cultural groups and share developmental patterns
- ✓ Children exhibit a range of skills and competencies within any domain of development
- ✓ Children learn through play in their environment
- ✓ Parents are the primary educators of their children

HRG/UCLCC, being part of UWSP, strives to be a model program for other programs to follow.