

Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

Reporting Period October 1, 2004- March 31, 2005 (6 months) Due April 15, 2005

Please indicate on this sheet if there are any corrections to the following:

Grantee Name: PENFIELD CHILDRENS CENTER

- II. Briefly list any classroom/center **physical quality improvements** you have implemented in the past 6 months (e.g. new learning materials, new equipment, and other physical improvements to your center).

Work was completed on the renovation of our play yard. The new log playhouse was installed. The final coating for the shock absorbent path will be done after the weather maintains 50* at night. In addition to the water table, swing set, art easels, and picnic tables, we have also added a tunnel, a frog water sprinkler, a sand box, and new toddler activity center.

Purchased new indoor water table for Green Room

Re-opened Pink room as a transition room between infant and toddler room.

Purchased cots, sheets, containers, toys, music, and baby gate for this room.

Added shelving unit to teacher supply closet in gross motor area. Unit includes storage bins for smaller items, ball bag, and storage area for bikes, hotwheels, etc.

Added sink to classroom used for speech/language playgroups

- III. Please identify any **outside consultants** (e.g. nurse, event speakers, musician, artist, curriculum consultant, etc.), paid or not, who came to your center in the past 6 months. Estimate their total number of hours at your center and the total number of children they reached.

Type of Outside Consultant	Was Consultant Paid ?	Estimated Number of Hours	Estimated Number of Children Reached
Health Department - Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	2	62
Health Department – SIDS training	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	1	152
Community Advocates	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	2	35

Landscape Architect - playground	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	20	152
Psychologist – <i>paid through another grant</i>	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	88	32
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- IV. Please summarize all **staff training events** sponsored by your center during the past 6 months, by category and total number of staff in attendance. Please include any other training not listed.

Staff Training Event	Total Number of Events	Total Number of Staff in Attendance	Comments
<i>Classroom Curriculum / Child Development</i> (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	6	68	Topics included: outdoor play, process art, classroom management, behavior guidance, curriculum
<i>Health & Safety</i> (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	14	70	CPR, first aid, child abuse, SIDS, seizures, g-tube feeding
<i>Staff Career & Personal Development</i> (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	1	12	Options for continuing education
<i>Other</i> (please specify)	2	24	Accreditation and licensing regulations

- V. Please summarize the total number of **family educational /social /participatory events** sponsored by your center in the past 6 months, and estimate the total number of participants.

Type of Family Event	Number of Events	Number of Total Participants
<i>Family Education</i> (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	3	99
<i>Health & Safety Education</i> (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)	2	17
<i>Social Events</i> (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)		
Fall Festival	1	132
Holiday Party	1	773
<i>Teacher Conferences</i> (open house 5/17/05) <i>Individual Family Service Plan meetings are held every six months with each family.</i>		
<i>Advisory Board Meetings</i>	1	3
<i>Other major ways in which families</i>		

are involved: Transition planning conferences for families whose children are entering the public school.	6	48
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VI. What was the most significant happening at your center in the past six months?

Penfield Children's Center held two major parent social events during this reporting period.

- The Fall Festival in collaboration with Congregation Shalom as part of Mitzvah Day celebration. The congregation provides volunteers, organizes fun activities for parents to do with their children and provides snacks. We had 50 adults and 82 children participate in the Fall Festival.
- The Holiday Party celebrates the various cultural celebrations including, Christmas, Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad and Kwanzaa. Each child receives a gift donated by Kohl's Department store. Families also participate in activities, enjoy a snack, and have family portraits taken. 324 adults and 449 children attended the Holiday Party

These programs give parents an opportunity to meet other families and participate in activities with their children. We work with community partners to help off-set costs and provide volunteers.

Penfield and the Marquette University School of Educational Psychology have joined forces to open a Behavior Clinic serving children with severe behavior or social/emotional problems. Although the clinic is funded by another grant, it has a direct impact on the children in our program. We hope to get additional funds in the future and open the services to other providers throughout Milwaukee County.

Penfield hosts dozens of college students each year from over 13 colleges, providing opportunities for student teaching placements, therapy affiliations, and internships. Through these efforts we can guide students toward careers in early childhood education. As a Center for Excellence we feel it is important to collaborate with our community to build a better future for our children.

Penfield staff members were asked to present at 5 different workshops, including the Whitewater Early Childhood and WECA conferences. Their presentations were on "*working with special needs children, g-tube feedings, speech/language development and the Birth to Three Program*".

Thank you for completing this Excellence Initiative program report. We look forward to finding out what is new with your center.