Dear ECC Family and Friends,

The Early Childhood Center has been in existence on the CSU campus since 1929. As a laboratory school, we serve a three-fold mission of teaching, research, and service. We are delighted to share with you the 2015 ECC Annual Report, with news about the many exciting happenings of the past year.

**Highlights of 2015 include:**
- Honoring former ECC Director Marie Macy
- Welcoming Assistant Director Elizabeth Fannon
- Participating in Colorado Shines, the new Quality Rating Improvement System in Colorado

The ECC continues to be a leader in the field of early childhood education and is making great strides in increasing opportunities for cutting-edge research related to children, families, and early childhood education. This year the ECC was approved by faculty council to be an official Center, Institute, or Other Special Unit. This means the ECC will be providing increased opportunities for cutting-edge research related to children, families, and early care and education. To support this aspect of our mission, we brought together faculty from across the university to serve on our research advisory board.

We invite you to read more about the ECC and our commitment to promoting research while providing high-quality training for future early childhood educators within our Reggio Emilia-inspired environment for young children.

As we look back at 2015, we invite you to look forward with us to 2016. Thank you for being a part of this exciting journey.

Warmly,
Karen Rattenborg, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Our Team

The ECC Administrative Team

KAREN RATTENBORG, PH.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Karen is responsible for the oversight of all aspects of the ECC operation, maintenance, and growth including: strategic planning of research infrastructure; fundraising and partnership development; supervision of ECC senior staff; oversight of budget and HR processes; and direction of Child Care Access Means Parents in School grant and program.

BARBARA BENN, M.A., DIRECTOR
Barb is responsible for the daily operations of the ECC, ensuring the appropriate implementation of our mission, policies, and procedures. She assures adherence to and implementation of all State of Colorado licensing requirements and National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation standards in the context of our Reggio Emilia-inspired approach.

ELIZABETH FANNON, M.A., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COORDINATOR OF STUDENT LEARNING
Elizabeth joined the ECC administrative team in 2015. She is responsible for placing, mentoring, and supervising student teachers, interns, and practicum students at the ECC. Elizabeth has more than 15 years of experience as an early childhood professional.

JAMIE ALEXANDER, M.B.A., OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
Jamie manages and implements the business operations of the ECC, including budget and financial operations, the enrollment process, and our business and marketing plan.

LEGACIES PROJECT
HONORS MARIE MACY
Former faculty and staff are valued members of the College of Health and Human Sciences family. The Legacies Project was envisioned in 2011 by a group of engaged faculty emeriti seeking to preserve history and bonds among their peers. The first honoree videos and web pages premiered in 2012. This year, the work of former ECC Director Marie Macy was acknowledged with a ceremony and reception in her honor at the ECC.

Macy earned her bachelor’s degree in child development from the School of Home Economics at Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1955. During her 18 years as director of the preschool, known today as the Early Childhood Center, she was a teacher and mentor to hundreds of children and college students, making many lifelong friendships. Macy also acted as an academic adviser to dozens of CSU students and often went above and beyond to help a student in need, including inviting struggling students to dinner in her home and anonymously donating to help them make ends meet. The Marie Macy Director’s Legacy fund was established in her honor and provides financial support for the needs of the Early Childhood Center.

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Our Research Mission

Our research mission is to promote diverse opportunities for research related to children, families, and early childhood education. In 2015, continuing research projects included RE-Mind, Pyramid, and Motivational School Readiness Assessment.

New in 2015

Children’s Executive Function, Eating Regulation, and Weight
Dr. Patricia Davies from CSU’s Department of Occupational Therapy and Dr. Laura Bellows from the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition utilized the ECC as a recruitment site for their research study examining the relationship between neural processing of executive functions, especially inhibition, and children’s ability to inhibit eating desirable snacks when they are full.

Prototyping for Social Problems
Researchers from Penn State and University of Colorado Boulder utilized the ECC as an observational site for their project titled Prototyping for Social Problems. The researchers were interested in collecting data on ways to design prototypes for social, complex problems. Specifically, at the ECC the researchers observed daily transitions, such as from inside time to outside time.

Training Opportunities for Doctoral Students
HDFS faculty members Dr. Debbie Fidler and Dr. Lisa Daunhauer received a federal grant to examine an intervention for goal-directed behavior in infants with Down syndrome. Their doctoral students needed hands-on experience administering the Bayley Scales of Infant Development to typically developing infants under the age of 12 months. The ECC was happy to collaborate with the team on this important training opportunity.
Our Teaching Mission

Our teaching mission is to provide hands-on learning opportunities for CSU students interested in working with children and families.

Observation Opportunities

Each of the ECC’s seven classrooms is equipped with state-of-the-art observation technology that provides meaningful applications for CSU students and researchers.

CSU Students at the ECC in 2015:

- Human Development and Family Studies: 42 Students
- Food Science and Human Nutrition: 27 Practicum Students, 10 Interns, 3 Honors Students
- Center for Educator Preparation: 1 Student Teacher, 12 Practicum Students
- Occupational Therapy: 5 Graduate Interns
- Languages, Literatures and Cultures: 7 Foreign Language Students

Observations Completed at the ECC:

CSU Student Observers: 488
CSU Student Observations: 172

Kagawa University

This past fall, the ECC continued its ongoing relationship with Kagawa University in Japan. Professor Yumiko Takagi, the head of the International Exchange Committee of the Faculty of Education brought a colleague and three undergraduate students to the ECC to gain first-hand experience in an early childhood education setting in the U.S. We are pleased to extend our relationship with Kagawa University as host to Mai Moriyama, an exchange student who is spending the 2015-2016 school year at CSU. Mai is completing her internship at the ECC in one of the older preschool classrooms.

CIOSU

In September 2015, the ECC was unanimously approved by Faculty Council as a Center Institute or Other Special Unit (CIOSU). CIOSUs exist to promote scholarship in teaching, training and/or research, provide academic support services, and/or perform service or outreach functions consistent with the mission of the University.
Our Service Mission

Our service mission is to provide high quality, developmentally appropriate programming for children in partnership with families.

Colorado Shines

Colorado Shines, the new Quality Rating Improvement System in Colorado, assigns a quality rating to licensed early care and education programs. All licensed child care programs caring for children prior to kindergarten are required to participate in the Colorado Shines system that rates the quality of care they provide.

★★★★★

The ECC received an impressive COLORADO SHINES PROGRAM quality rating of FOUR OUT OF FIVE

Who we served in 2015

180 CHILDREN SERVED
14 Infants
30 Toddlers
136 Preschoolers

146 FAMILIES SERVED
69 CSU faculty/staff
20 CSU student
57 Community

Our waiting list was 156 applicants for FALL 2015
Colorado Preschool Program
The ECC received a grant to support a collaboration between the ECC and the Poudre School District. This grant provides slots at the ECC for PSD children participating in the Colorado Preschool Program, a state-funded early childhood education program run by the Colorado Department of Education.

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
CSU student parents with children enrolled at the ECC benefit from the generous support of the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation.

CCAMPIS
The ECC supports student parents through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Child Care Access Means Parents in School provides financial support for campus-based child care services to income-eligible CSU student parents.

Grants

BETWEEN 2014 and 2018
$871,447
in CCAMPIS funding will support CSU student parents and their children at both the EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER and the SUNSHINE HOUSE AT CSU.

NAEYC
The ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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STUDENT PARENTS

19
CHILDREN

Supported by TEMPLE HOYNE BUELL and CCAMPIS in 2015
Giving Grows Up

Sowing the seeds for a love of learning during early childhood can reap huge rewards in the future. Likewise, planting seeds of generosity by investing in the ECC can bear fruits beyond expectations. For example, we are pleased to share that for Colorado taxpayers, your next gift to the ECC may qualify for the CCCCCC, which may provide a 50 percent tax credit on state income taxes when your donations promote our child care offerings. This credit is in addition to federal income tax deductions for charitable contributions. Please consult your tax counsel regarding your unique situation.

Support the ECC Today

In 2015, the ECC was supported by 102 donors, who gave more than $105,000 in contributions, allowing us to provide additional services and support to our 140-plus children and families. Particularly touching this year was the support we received from our very own ECC team. On April 16, I Love CSU Day, 100 percent of our ECC teachers and staff made gifts that were personally matched by HDFS Department Head Lise Younghandle. This generosity brought us a sluice water table (pictured inside on page 2) where children experience cause and effect in the context of water play.

Find out how you can help us enhance our offerings for our youngest Rams! Contact Karen Rattenborg at Karen.Rattenborg@colostate.edu.

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Financials

Revenue for FY15 was $1,184,671 which was funded 100 percent through child care tuition, grants, and fees.

EXPENSES

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