St. Charles Children’s Learning Center

THE CSM ADVANTAGE

The St. Charles Children’s Learning Center is located on the beautiful grounds of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM), La Plata Campus. CSM offers a safe, welcoming environment to CLC families and also provides privileged access to the institution’s resources through the generosity of the CSM Foundation. Because of its collegiate environment, children attending the CLC enjoy world-class learning opportunities available through CSM activities including cultural events, on-campus field trips, and other programs.

The Center Features:

• Programs that serve children ages 8 weeks through 12 years of age
• 10,000 total square feet; 9 children’s rooms and a gymnasium
• Secure, fenced-in, landscaped play area
• Year-round programs
• Highly trained, certified staff with background clearance
• Licensure by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care

• Hands-on projects taught by professors and field experts, including cooking and archeology
• Performances at the college’s Fine Arts Center
• Visits to the Tony Hungerford Memorial Gallery to view regional and national art
• Readings from local celebrities, including county commissioners, special guests, and others

More than $500,000 of the center’s original construction costs were donated by community members, business leaders, students, and members of the college’s faculty and staff. The support of the college and the community is still integral to the success of the center, its employees, and the children who learn here. Whether it is a county commissioner reading storybooks to a class, a college staff member who provides hands-on career presentations, or a parent volunteer willing to help with a class project, developing and maintaining the bonds of community and family are at the heart of the center’s daily activities.

Contact us for more information, rates, or to tour our facility:

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• Infants and Toddlers Program
• Two-Year-Old Program
• Preschool Program
• School-Age Program

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Our Programs

INFANTS - TODDLERS
Ages 8 Weeks to 24 Months
Weekly enrollments only
Your baby needs specialized loving care to feel warm and safe as he or she begins to explore the world.

Activities:
▪ Stroller Walks around the College Campus
▪ Finger-plays and Other Games
▪ Reading, Singing, Sign Language
▪ Free Play – playtime with other children and caregiver
▪ Art – fat crayons, paper, hand, and foot painting

TWO-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM
Ages 24 to 36 Months
Weekly; daily; or half-day enrollments
Two-year olds have a great desire to learn! We value their individuality, energy, and spirit, and will help them explore in a safe, caring environment.

Activities:
▪ Preschool Preparation
▪ Circle Time – reading books, sign language, singing, flash cards
▪ Creating and Displaying Artwork
▪ Toilet Training

PRESCHOOL
Ages 3 to 5 Years
Weekly; daily; or half-day enrollments
Your preschool child is learning how to be independent and adventurous. We will help your child continue to grow and develop new skills while encouraging friendships.

Activities:
▪ Computer Introduction
▪ Writing Journal
▪ Science Projects
▪ Creating and Displaying Artwork
▪ Show and Share Presentations

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM
Ages 5 to 12 Years
Weekly enrollments
Your school-aged child will thrive in an environment with group and self-directed activities with peers to prepare for school and unwind after school. Bus transportation is provided for students of Dr. James Craik Elementary School, Milton M. Somers Middle School, and Archbishop Neale School.

Activities:
▪ Homework Assistance
▪ Arts and Crafts
▪ Games
▪ Indoor and Outdoor Activities

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday through Friday; 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (The center is open year-round and follows the CSM academic calendar and emergency weather closing policy.)

HOW TO APPLY: Applications are accepted throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis. The center maintains a waiting list for enrollment in our limited capacity programs.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:
- Completed application form
- $100 non-refundable enrollment fee, one-week deposit (CSM students excluded), proof of student status (if applicable), completed enrollment paperwork.

ENROLLMENT PRIORITY: Twenty-five percent of CLC enrollment slots are reserved for CSM students. CSM students must be enrolled in no less than six (6) credit hours per semester.

For rates and complete details, visit www.csmd.edu/CLC.