

IMPACT & OUTLOOK 2018 - 2019

UNM Children's Campus

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Who We Are

The UNM Children's Campus (UNMCC) is a nationally recognized program that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children's, Early Childhood Program Accreditation; is a current participant in the State of New Mexico's FOCUS program; and is a five star licensed child care facility with the state of New Mexico. The UNMCC is the only provider of child care services for UNM, providing a high quality, early childhood experience for children of students, staff and faculty of the University, ages six weeks through fourteen years of age with a variety of traditional, drop-in, evening and summer camp programming options. The UNMCC is supported by student fees, various state and federal grants and is under the umbrella of Student Affairs. The Campus is a site for UNM student and faculty research, observation, and practicum.



Mission

Our mission is to support student recruitment, retention and graduation rates by providing the UNM community with a high quality early childhood program that supports their educational goals and experiences and thus preparing Lobos for Lifelong Success. The UNM Children's Campus is committed to providing educational experiences and developmentally appropriate, affordable, high quality care for young children in a safe, nurturing and enriching environment that supports the critical interrelationships of social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth while enhancing the quality of life for children, families, and students associated with the University of New Mexico.

Vision

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Impact on Students



In addition to providing direct care services for student parents, the Children's Campus also serves as a location for academic connections for UNM students, faculty and the community. Due to our role in supporting faculty and student's professional and educational goals, the UNMCC is committed to participating in a high level of approved research, observations, projects and field experiences. Activities may include, but are not limited to, assessments, screenings, practicum assignments, observations and projects, internships, student teaching placements, informal research, practice developmental and/or linguistic testing, mental/physical wellness experiences and the like. The level of involvement may include, but is not limited to, passive observations, active interactions, facilitating group activities/discussions and conducting practice tests. This may include photographing, audio taping, videotaping, collecting samples of children's work, and taking dictation of children's words. If any of the research protocols should fall under the jurisdiction of the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research we will ensure the necessary steps have been taken by the researchers.



*"Child care is one of the biggest obstacles student parents face and is crucial in their ability to successfully complete a postsecondary education."
(Institute for Women's Policy and Research)*

Programs, Services, Sub-units and Initiatives

PROGRAM	Academic Affairs Engagement*	UNM 5 **
The Traditional Program offers part and full time care with an enrollment of approximately 200 children each semester.	Minimal	Professionalism; Research & Assessment; Communication; Critical Thinking; Collaboration
The Pre-K Program is a grant funded program that is available for four year olds. Priority funding is given to children enrolled at the UNMCC in order to support our Continuity of Care Model and then to those children residing in a Title I District. The Pre-K program can support an enrollment of up to 60 children.	Minimal	Professionalism; Research & Assessment; Communication; Critical Thinking; Collaboration
The Early Pre-K Program is a grant funded program that is available for three year olds. Priority funding is given to children enrolled at the UNMCC in order to support our Continuity of Care Model and then to those children residing in a Title I District. The Pre-K program can support an enrollment of up to 48 children.	Minimal	Professionalism; Research & Assessment; Communication; Critical Thinking; Collaboration
The CCAMPIS program is a grant funded drop-in and evening care program that is available on a first come, first served basis for eligible student families. Priority is given to pell-eligible, low income students. The CCAMPIS program supports an enrollment of approximately 70 children per semester with a waiting list for services. The goal of the program is to assist student parents with a low cost or free child care service.	Minimal	Professionalism; Research & Assessment; Communication; Critical Thinking; Collaboration

"It is becoming increasingly clear that campus child care is essential to institutions of higher education. It helps student parents go to college, graduate, find jobs, and earn more in their lifetime. It helps colleges attract the best faculty and staff. It helps children succeed in school, require fewer costly services, and earn more over a lifetime. Ultimately, these successes strengthen our nation through lasting economic and social benefits." (Tools for Student Parent Success, Todd Boressoff)

The Children's Campus conducted an IRB approved survey in an effort to assess Student Parent Needs on UNM's Main Campus. The data collected from this survey is helping to inform the future direction of the Children's Campus, including the addition of Program Manager to specifically support student parents as well as a student to support this outreach. This information has proven invaluable in supporting the need for an expansion of the Children's Campus that not only includes additional space for the children of student parents but also a dedicated space for a student parent resource center. Of the 803 survey respondents, 51% are currently student parents:

- The survey supports the National numbers and suggests student parents may actually represent a larger percentage of the student population at UNM
- 80% of respondents identifying as student parents were *not* currently enrolled at the Children's Campus
- 90% of respondents identifying as student parents were *not* currently on the waiting list at the Children's Campus, however, 80% were in need of child care
- 82% would consider placement at the Children's Campus if there was availability
- 86% said it was important to increase child care capacity at the Children's Campus
- 84% of said it was important to offer a Student Parent Resource Center

The Children's Campus has continued to focus this past year on advocating for an expansion of the Children's Campus in an effort to improve the student experience at UNM as well as to support the recruitment, retention and graduation efforts of the University. The Children's Campus has continued to move forward with increasing collaborations with UNM Departments to provide additional programming options for student parents and has continued to maintain a Student Parent Resource Component which includes a student parent study space and a toy and resource lending library. There are currently 1,580 children on the waiting list.

Fiscal Update, Revenues

Source	Amount
Parent Fees	\$1,478,520
Student Fees	\$ 361,319
Child Care Access Means Parents in School	\$ 456,187
State of New Mexico PreK	\$ 420,000
State of New Mexico Early PreK	\$ 420,000
Child and Adult Food Program	\$ 125,023
NM Income Support Division	\$ 389,500
Brindle Foundation – Early Childhood Seminar	\$ 15,000
Lumina Foundation – Family Friendly Campus Toolkit	\$ 1,000

Goals for 2019-20

1. Take a leadership role in the Statewide NM FOCUS initiative to improve quality early childhood services in the State of New Mexico through participation in the pilot phase of implementation. In collaboration with a NM FOCUS Consultant, pursue New Mexico FOCUS Five Star verification and provide on-going feedback to influence future program development and implementation.
2. In an effort to inform and advance future Children's Campus programming, conduct research to assess Student Parent Needs by distributing, collecting and analyzing data from students on UNM's Main Campus.
3. In an effort to improve the student experience at UNM as well as to support the recruitment, retention, and graduation efforts of the University, continue to develop the UNM Children's Campus Early Childhood Resource Center in order to expand the scope of services and support more student parents on campus.
4. Promote institutional citizenship by Identifying and initiating strategic partnerships throughout the UNM Main Campus, UNM Gallup, UNM Taos and the Early Childhood community in order to improve efficiencies as well as the quality of services provided.
5. In order to position the Children's Campus as a highly sought resource for student parents, continue to pursue other avenues of funding to allow for expansion of programs in an effort to reduce the existing waiting list and to better meet the needs of the UNM community.

Selected Impacts and Outcomes



Student Impact Hours: Fall 2018-Summer 2019				
	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019	Total
Student Parents – Traditional Program	61,600	54,400	26,600	142,600
Student Parents - CCAMPIS	5,636	5,036	981	11,653
Student Parent Family Events	544	576	256	1,376
Total Student Parent Impact Hours	67,780	60,012	27,837	155,629
Student Employees	9,934	9,242	7,162	26,338
UNM Academic Partnerships	299	697	349	1,345
Non-UNM Academic Partnerships	278	211	482	971
Total Student Contact Hours	78,291	70,162	35,830	184,283

Our Children become our *FUTURE LOBOS...*



UNM Children's Campus



UNM Freshman Class of 2015



UNM Graduate 2019

Quick Facts

- ☞ There are nearly **1,600** children on the Children Campus waiting list
- ☞ The Children's Campus currently has space for **271** full time equivalent children
- ☞ The Children's Campus has over **184,000** contact hours with student parents each year
- ☞ 1 in 4 students on college campuses nationwide are student parents or more than **7,000** students on UNM's Main Campus
- ☞ **42%** of single student parents say it is likely or very likely they may have to withdraw from school due to their dependent care responsibilities

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