

Lindgren Child Care Center

July 2008 Departmental Annual Report

Executive Summary

Fourteen to 18 years from now the children of the Lindgren Child Care Center will be the Higher Education consumers of tomorrow. They will train with technologies not yet conceived of for employment positions in fields as yet unknown to us. The work of Lindgren Child Care Center involves instilling in each child enrolled the infrastructure ensuring their success in that Higher Ed system and world of work. As such, the work we have engaged in this past – and every – year is in investments.

In this community of caring children learn fundamental trust in their environments and caregivers, that their world is predictable and safe; they experience their world through various capacities or intelligences; they grow in their social and emotional abilities so they can interact effectively with one another. Lindgren Child Care Center helps children develop so that they have intellectual curiosity, critical thinking skills, and positive abilities to interact socially and emotionally with others. Finally and perhaps most importantly we connect our children to their natural environment so they can experience nature in inquisitive ways, coming to love and cherish their world.

This annual report again outlines our goal of completing our national accreditation, our on-going efforts to improve our current environment, and our creation of credit-bearing staff training for our student employees.

In quantitative ways the report calculates number of hours of child care delivered, number of hours of student practicum provided, number of hours of student staff training, and financial summaries. In qualitative ways we continue our annual traditions of hosting a Fall Potluck and Spring Barbeque for our families. We invite families, staff, and General maintenance workers and trades people for a Valentine's Breakfast. We honored our student employees with a December staff appreciation day and a spring final appreciation. These efforts help us to maintain focus on our high-quality community of caring throughout the year. And the fact of the matter is this is accomplished in every classroom with every child every day, in the loving interactions among caregivers and children, delivered in a safe environment, where learning occurs.