




**FALL STAFF ORIENTATION ~WELCOME~**

# **MISSION**

**St. Cloud State University's Lindgren Child Care Center provides infant, toddler, and pre-school-aged care to the children of SCSU students, staff, and faculty. As a place where theory is put into practice, Lindgren Child Care Center is a training and laboratory resource to the entire campus, and a model of excellence for the community of St. Cloud. Our hours of operation follow the academic calendar. Fall and Spring semesters we provide services Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. During summer sessions we are open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We are closed according to the University schedule of holidays and days that classes are not in session. Professional development days may also result in the Center being closed.**




# PHILOSOPHY

We believe children are entitled to receive loving care in a safe environment with an educational experience. At Lindgren Child Care Center children are challenged by age-appropriate environments and activities based on knowledge of child development and developmentally appropriate practices, implemented by professional staff. We are committed to ensuring children's health and safety, helping children establish trust in their environment, strengthening their self-identity, and igniting their curiosity through productive, satisfying activity. Through an excellent blend of professional staff and arranged environment, the curriculum helps children know their individuality, understand their special worth, develop self-discipline, and broaden their understanding of individuals different from themselves.

# **PURPOSE**

**Lindgren Child Care Center opened in September 1980 in response to a need expressed by the non-traditional student body for quality, on-campus child care services. It is one of the excellent student services administered by the Office of Student Life and Development at SCSU, serving as an adjunct to the child's family by providing quality care for children while parents participate within the University.**



# **GOALS FOR CHILDREN**

Our overall goal is to provide children with loving care in a safe environment with an educational experience. Specifically, our goals are to give the children the opportunity to:

Develop a healthy self-concept;

Develop both socially and emotionally;

Develop enjoyment of the creative experience;

Develop trust in adults and peers;

Develop independence and responsibility for self;

Develop security and a feeling of success;

Develop skills in the physical, cognitive and language areas.



# GOALS FOR PARENTS

Our goal is to help parents:

- Develop realistic, age appropriate expectations for their children;
  - Clarify values and explore methods of child guidance;
  - Explore parent involvement as a method of maintaining quality environments for children;
  - Strengthen family-school partnerships and communications.
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