Family Handbook
Information You Should Know
Dear Partners in Education,

Thank you for entrusting the education of your child with us. The Children’s Learning Center (CLC) at Prairie State College has met the educational and care needs for Prairie State College students since 1973. We are licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and provide quality education for children ages 2 to 9 years old. Full day and regularly scheduled part-time education is offered to accommodate the needs of students, faculty, staff and the community. Providing the best in education and care for children, the CLC also offers preschool, parent workshops, and a toy-lending library.

We use developmentally appropriate goals for young children as a framework for planning our educational program and assessing children’s progress. We plan for all areas of children’s development, cognitive, social, emotional and physical. Success in early childhood education provides a strong foundation for life-long learning. We emphasize cultural diversity throughout our program, and our individualized, developmental approach lends itself to meeting the unique needs of children.

We invite each CLC family to become actively involved in all aspects of our center. As enrolled families, you gain familiarity with our philosophy, staff, programs for children, and approach to meeting learning goals.

Providing this organized source of detailed information is the purpose of this family handbook. We list ways families can partner with the center to ensure a high quality experience for all learners at the CLC. Please have all of your children’s primary caregivers (e.g., extended family, babysitter, etc.) review the handbook regularly.

As your interests and schedule permit, please respond to our varied offers to become involved in learning at the CLC. We look forward to collaborating with you.