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ECDC is a non-profit, parent corporation providing child care for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) employees. The members of the Board of Directors are composed of community members and parents/guardians of the children enrolled in the child care program. The center has been open and operating since 1975. ECDC is licensed by both the Maryland Office of Child Care and has a Certificate of Approval from the Maryland Department of Education for the Preschool and Kindergarten programs. The center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Children

ECDC serves approximately 260 children of diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds ages six weeks through twelve years. School-age children attend Garrett Park, Luxmanor, Wyngate, and Farmland elementary schools, and Tilden middle school. Montgomery County Public Schools provides morning and afternoon busing for school-age children.

Staff

ECDC is known for its highly qualified personnel. Our policy is to employ teachers of mixed ethnic backgrounds, and to provide children with a balance of both male and female teachers. Teachers at ECDC take an active role in their education. With the support of ECDC many of our teachers are furthering their education, attending trainings, seminars and conferences. ECDC believes that well-educated and informed teachers directly correlates to the quality of care.

Hours of Operation

ECDC is open **Monday** through **Friday** from **7:30 AM** to **6:00PM**. ECDC strives to be open when parents need us. We are only closed for Federal Holidays and three professional days, announced annually.

Nutrition

ECDC provides Breakfast and PM snack that are both kid-friendly and nutritious. Fresh fruit and low-fat milk are provided at EVERY meal. ECDC accommodates food sensitivities and allergies. Lunches are brought from home.

Curriculum

ECDC's Curricular Philosophy:

- Learning is a social endeavor, an exchange of ideas which results in deeper conceptual understanding
- Foundational skills and achievable challenges create the stepping stones to future learning.

- Learning strategies must be developmentally appropriate, individualized, and personally meaningful.
- A positive and secure environment opens the door to active exploration which is essential to foundational learning.

ECDC has chosen to utilize six nationally-recognized curricula which present balance, diverse teaching methods and strategies, family involvement, and foundational skills.

- **High Reach**, Carson-Dellosa Publishing
- **Little Treasures**, Macmillan McGraw-Hill
- **Handwriting Without Tears**
- **Zoophonics**
- **Opening the World of Learning**, Pearson Publishing
- **Creative Curriculum**, Teaching Strategies

Teachers use components of each of these curricula to provide experiences promoting physical wellbeing and motor development, social/emotional development, motivation to learn, language acquisition, cognition, and general knowledge. ECDC's curricula and program is designed to prepare your

child for future success in school both academically and socially.

Extra-Curricular Programs

Parents may enroll their children in numerous extra-curricular programs available for nominal fees. These programs include but are not limited to:

- Ballet
- Jump Bunch
- Karate
- Mandarin Chinese
- Piano
- Soccer
- Spanish
- S.T.A.R.S. Fitness
- Tennis

Tuition

ECDC is committed to affordable and quality childcare for all families. ECDC tuition is on a sliding scale based on income and family size. The following chart shows ECDC's bi weekly tuition scale per child. ECDC accepts all external tuition subsidies.

	Family Size			Infant Tuition	Twos Tuition	Preschool Kindergarten Tuition
	2	3	4+			
Gross Annual Income	<32,000	<48,000	<64000	\$574.00	\$450.00	\$368.00
	32,000-43,667	48000-65,500	64,000-87,333	\$655.00	\$516.00	\$420.00
	>43,667	>65,500	>87,333	\$736.00	\$580.00	\$473.00