



# Kid's Campus

Center for Early Learning

# Kid's Campus Mission

- Our mission is to provide the children of Taos Community families with high quality, affordable early childhood education and care experience. We are committed to serve families at reasonable rates by working with all agencies that will subsidize their care. In addition, we are committed to serving the College of Education and the University community by providing a model program that exemplifies cutting-edge practice in early childhood education and that provides a setting for study, observation, research and training.



# UNM-Taos Kid's Campus located at our Klauer Campus



# First HSIAC Grant





# Under Construction...



# Finished Product...











# Phase I Building

- Includes:
  - Director's Office
  - Reception Area
  - Kitchen
  - Adult Restroom
  - Mechanical & Electrical Room
  - Janitor Closet
  - Telecom closet
  - Two Classrooms with appropriate sized restrooms
    - Infant/Toddler
    - Preschool
  - Two Playgrounds

# 2008-2011 HSIAC Grant



# Proposed Grant Activities

- Construction
  - Three new classrooms
- Education
  - Preschool
    - Pre-K Grant
- Training
  - Promote family literacy
  - Lab School for University ECME Program

# Statement of Need

- Critical need for childcare and preschool education in the community and its service areas.
  - Taos County population is 31,832 and 5.8% of our local population is estimated to be under the age of 5 (U.S Census, 2006 estimate)
- Lack of facilities to house quality early childhood and early education programs.
- Viability of rural Northern New Mexico's economic development is dependent on the accessibility, affordability and quality of childcare for working families, low income families and those who seek participation in higher education programs in order to improve the quality of their lives.



# Statement of Need Continued...

- Lack of centers continues to harm regional educational and economic development and puts rural children behind peers in pre-literacy and language, acquisition, socialization, and access to special services.
- Lack of services for children with special needs.
- Gap in providing training opportunities for parents (family literacy), area childcare providers (quality care), and teachers (professional development).

# Project Goal

- To expand the role and effectiveness of the University of New Mexico – Taos in addressing community development needs by expanding its Center for Early Learning to build capacity for serving the children of low- and moderate-income families through access to affordable, quality early education services.



# Project Objectives

- Project Objective 1: Design and preparation of Center for Early Learning consisting of three preschool classrooms.
- Project Objective 2: Complete construction, obtain approvals and certificate of occupancy.
- Project Objective 3: Opening of Center for Early Learning and provisions of services for 60 preschool children.
- Project Objective 4: Provide training opportunities for parents (family literacy), early education providers (quality care), and teachers (professional development activities), and hire additional preschool teachers.

# Project Outcomes

- Increase the capacity for housing preschool education programs in the community.
- Increased capacity will enable UNM-Taos to establish a preschool education program for 60 children primarily from low income families.
- The project will further benefit the 60 low-to-moderate income families by providing family literacy skills training and will benefit members of the community at large through the provision of training quality child care and preschool education activities for area providers and teachers of Early Childhood Education.



# Project Outcomes Continued...

- Will provide opportunities for many parents to pursue education and/or employment, increasing the quality of life for their families and economic development for the community.

# Challenges Encountered

- Currently we have not encountered any challenges, however, we are in the early stages of our project.

# Project Status

- We are currently in the architect selection process to be completed by December 9, 2008.



# OUP Taos Visit

