

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS FOR INFANTS TO 5 YRS

### A CREATIVE, CARING CURRICULUM

At Peacock Family Center, children have days that are rich with cognitive, social, and physical experiences—full of the comforts of good friends, loving caregivers, and familiar routines and busy with child-centered, developmentally appropriate activities.

### INFANT and TODDLER CARE

Age 6 weeks to 2.5 years experience nurturing classrooms filled with care and wonder. Links with family and culture are valued and integrated. Three areas of “educating”, designed for a child’s optimal development, occur ■ In daily tasks, such as meals and diapering, the caregiver interacts in an attuned way; respectfully encouraging a child’s participation, development of skills and autonomy. ■ The rooms are designed so that each child can explore, experiment, and develop gross and fine motor skills safely within our play based curriculum. ■ Caregivers observe and record activities and development, and lay a basis for objective, responsive caregiving.

### PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE

Four areas of “educating” occur: ■ Caregivers facilitate children’s exploration of ideas, guide work on projects, lead skill-building activities and provide occasions for discovery and problem solving. ■ The preschool room design and extensive use of the outdoors encourage exploration, communication and relationships. ■ Caregivers document emotional, social, physical and cognitive development of each child. ■ Caregivers and parents regularly share observations to further their understanding of the child and his/her world.



### OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to promote the healthy social and emotional development of children by providing nurturing and enriching care and family support.

We support this mission through our deeply nurturing and engaged child care programs, community support classes and workshops, referrals, a clothing exchange and special events.

### COME VISIT US!

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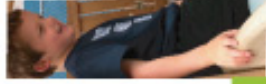
PLAY

LAUGH

SHARE

GROW

DEVELOP







Welcome to the C. Keith Birkenfeld Early Childhood Center at Peacock Family Center, where we strive to be a leader in building healthy communities through play-based care. Responsive guidance in discovery and play are the foundations of Peacock's Child Care programs. PFC's caregivers read an individual child's cues and respond in nurturing and supportive ways.



## A NURTURING AND CREATIVE WORLD



## EARLY DEVELOPMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GROWTH OF YOUR CHILD

Access to a consistent caregiver who is sensitive and responsive promotes secure attachment. Secure attachment in childhood provides a critical foundation for learning and creativity, enabling a child to develop meaningful interpersonal relationships.

Children explore, construct and deepen understandings of their world as they engage in the visual, language, musical, and dramatic arts, math and sensory experience.

Caregivers support self-directed learning and competence by providing individually appropriate experiences and uninterrupted time for exploring and interacting with others, materials and nature. PFC childcare programs are consistent with the current policy recommendations of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) based on current scientific knowledge of child development from birth to

## A COMMUNITY OF CARE UNDER ONE ROOF



"Our two kids are happy, loved and engaged at Peacock. In both the toddler and preschool rooms they find a world of wonder, exploration and deep support every day" *Amy N., Parent*

## SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES

- Creative Curriculum
- Learning Play Stations
- Nature Walks
- Dance & Movement
- Music Together
- Observation and Assessment
- Part and Full-Time Care
- Drop-In & Respite Care\*

\*enrollment required

## FAMILY SUPPORT

Peacock Family Center provides support and referrals to families beginning in pregnancy through early elementary school. Research tells us that supportive care for parents promotes positive connections between children and their caregivers. The co-location of child care and family support is recommended by current social policy initiatives and is an integral component of Peacock Family Center.

- Resource Library & Referrals
- Parent Evenings
- Birthing Classes
- Pregnancy & Post-Partum Support
- Developmental Screening
- Play Groups
- In-Home Lactation Consulting

Financial assistance is available for some offerings.

We are endorsed by Eco-Healthy Child Care, a national certifying organization for non-toxic, healthy and safe child care facilities. As one of the first Eco-Healthy Child Care pilot programs, both nationally and within Washington State, PFC has drastically reduced children's on-site exposure to toxins and other health hazards.