



### **Our Mission:**

*Dilworth Child Development Center is a ministry of Dilworth United Methodist Church. Our mission is to provide the highest quality early education experience for children of all income levels in the local community and surrounding area, and to do so in an environment that blends child initiated learning experiences with character based, teacher led objectives focusing on the children and family as integral parts of our Center.*

### **Our Curriculum and Program Goals:**

DCDC uses the *Creative Curriculum* as a framework for creating a stimulating learning environment.

#### **Goals of our program include:**

- Meet individual needs based on the child's own learning style and rate of development
  - Help children develop a love of learning by using children's individual interests and backgrounds as the basis for learning activities
  - Provide opportunities for children to make discoveries and be creative
  - Provide support and encouragement to parents and assist them in dealing with child development problems
- Make DCDC a place your child enjoy

### **Center Operations:**

The Center serves children ages two months through five years needing full-time care and operates from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

DCDC offers an after school and summer camp program that serves children ages 5 through 12. Both are activity rich programs that provide a safe secure environment for your child.

### **Meals:**

DCDC serves breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Meals are prepared at the Center and served family style in the classrooms. Menus are posted weekly and meet the Department of Agriculture standards for content, quality and quantity served.

### **Field Trips:**

DCDC offers a variety of field trips to children from ages 3 (40" and 40 lbs) through 12 years old to enhance their curriculum. Children are transported by DCDC van or bus or CATZ bus.

**Walking trips** are primarily to Latta Park or in the Dilworth Community. Strollers and wagons are used for infants and toddlers.

## **Special Offerings:**

Our children attend **Chapel** in Terry Chapel Mondays from September to May each year. Chapel sessions are led by our pastoral staff and involve Bible stories, Christian-based songs. Classroom prop boxes are available and related to the story of the week.

**Music:** Music with Miss Holly is a part of the classroom weekly schedule from September through May. Miss Holly works in all classrooms from infants through the TK.

## **Enrollment:**

Parents who wish to enroll their child are asked to set up an appointment with the Director to:

- Tour the Center
- Meet the staff
- Review Center operations and policies
- Secure placement on a waiting list with payment of a non-refundable fee

Parents will be called about openings in the program as their child becomes eligible. Once registered, we encourage families to visit the Center and talk with the child's teachers before full-time care begins.

The waiting list is updated annually in June to ensure the most current information on space and timelines is available. Parents can update their information by contacting Anita at [dcdc@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dcdc@carolina.rr.com).

### **Current fees are as follows as of fall 2010:**

Rainbows (Infants)	\$ 1,060 per month
Blue Jays (Pre-Toddlers)	\$ 1,060 per month
Yellow Butterflies (Toddlers)	\$ 1025 per month
Yellow Ducks (2 yr olds)	\$ 975 per month
Red Bugs (3 yr olds)	\$ 905 per month
Blue Hornets (4 and 5 yr olds)	\$ 885 per month
Green Gators (T-K)	\$ 885 per month
Afterschool program	\$ 350 per month
School age Summer Camp	\$ 210 per week plus reg. fee

## **Parent Involvement:**

DCDC encourages parental participation in the program. Suggestions for involvement include:

- Accompanying children on field trips
- Coming to the Center for lunch
- Being available as a resource person or volunteer for the classroom
- Becoming an active member of the parents association, serving as a room rep.

Thank you for your interest in Dilworth Child Development Center (DCDC). We are pleased to share this brief overview of our Center's operations and philosophy with you. For more detailed information please see our web page on the Dilworth United Methodist church web site at [www.dilworthumc.org](http://www.dilworthumc.org) or call for the next available tour date Center telephone 704-333-7225.