Thank you for your interest in the Riverside Community College, Moreno Valley Early Childhood Education Center. The program is open to children of students, staff, and community members. The children’s program offers a developmentally appropriate educational curriculum for children ages two to five years. We encourage you to come and tour our center M-F from 9:30am-12:00pm or 3:00pm-5:00pm.

"Teaching is the greatest act of optimism." -unknown

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OUR MISSION
The Early Childhood Education Center provides a laboratory setting for observation and study while offering a quality educational program for children and for college students pursuing a career in the field of Early Childhood Education. We understand that families provide the primary context for young children’s learning and development, and that it is important to provide a culturally rich, child-oriented environment where the cognitive, social, emotional, creative and physical development, as well as the health and safety of all children are nurtured and protected. We continually involve families and work to foster a trusting and supportive relationship with children, families and college students. We believe that by working together, we can make a positive difference in the care and education of young children.

Goals
- Provide a teacher training site for students of Early Childhood Education
- Provide an educational program for children ages 2 to 5 years and adults pursuing a career in Education
- Provide a safe and healthy environment for young children
- Foster the intellectual, social, emotional, creative and physical development of young children
- Provide college students with an observation school for the study of child development
- Help parents gain insight into the meaning of their child's behavior
- To enhance and enrich family relationships
- Provide a model of preschool and early primary education for parents, students and the community

Educational Goals in the Classroom Environment
Children are viewed as individual's with a unique pattern of growth and development. Activities are planned to meet their individual needs, interest, and abilities. The classroom environment, materials, activities, and interactions serve to:

1. Increase positive self-concept
2. Develop skills in positive social interactions
3. Foster independence by developing decision making and problem solving skills
4. Develop critical thinking skills through the use of divergent questions
5. Foster the development of large and small motor coordination skills
6. Demonstrate and encourage good health, safety and nutritional practices
7. To encourage creative self-expression and appreciation of the fine arts
8. Accept and appreciate ethnic, cultural and gender diversity