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### About the Center

The *Early Learning and Development Center* is a private, not for profit preschool and childcare center established in 1981 to provide high quality care and education for young children in a warm and nurturing environment.

The *Early Learning and Development Center* exists for the following purposes:

- \* To share with families the responsibility for promoting sound learning and growth in a period when a child's development is rapid and significant.
- \* To encourage each child's self-esteem, curiosity, spontaneous energy, and inventiveness from which a lifestyle of learning habits can develop.
- \* To provide a developmentally based program that will meet the child's emotional, intellectual, and health needs, as well as providing for their physical care.
- \* To recognize the individuality of each child and to foster the child's growth to their full potential and understanding that they are also part of a larger community.

### Mission Statement:

Our mission at The Early Learning and Development Center is to serve children and families by providing an inclusive, high quality early childhood education program; one that supports the social, emotional, and developmental growth of each individual child. Our goal is to be a leader in high quality childcare in the Seattle area.

### Program Philosophy:

We recognize the primacy of the family in each child's life and strive to respect and support each family in raising and educating their children.

We strive for open communication with families to help us understand the significant events in each child's home life, and to share with families the significant events that occur while children are in our care.

We strive for a diverse staff who care about young children and have the necessary tools to provide a developmentally appropriate environment in which children can learn and grow.

We strive to help the staff in their quest for excellence, with ongoing training and professional support.

The Center is not affiliated with any religious or other organization.

Dear Families and Community Supporters,

We are excited to share that our annual Silent Auction is happening on March 13, 2026! We are reaching out to invite you to be a part of something truly meaningful: enhancing the learning environments in our classrooms. Funds raised through this year's auction will go directly toward classroom environment improvements, including updated learning materials, hands-on educational resources, sensory tools, and furnishings that support curiosity, creativity, and developmentally appropriate play. These enhancements help create engaging spaces where our children can learn, explore, and thrive each day.

We kindly ask you to consider donating an item, service, or gift certificate for our auction. Contributions may include gift baskets, experiences, children's items, services, or business donations. Every contribution, large or small, plays an important role in supporting our program and directly benefits our students.

The Early Learning and Development Center is a nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our **TAX ID Number: 91-1159320**. A receipt acknowledging your contribution will be provided for your records.

If you can donate or would like more information, please contact us at [greenwood@eldc.org](mailto:greenwood@eldc.org) by February 27, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support of our school community.

Thank you for helping us create warm, inspiring classrooms for our children.

With appreciation,

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