



# Anna Bing Arnold Children's Center History Board

## 1968-1977



*Center is established through funding provided by the Cal State LA Associated Students and Ms. Anna Bing Arnold.*

**March 1968** \$1,500 is allotted to support the first day care center established at a state college.

**September 1968** Center opens utilizing a house close to campus with 22 children ages 2.9 to 5 yrs. attending daily.

**1977** The Center is relocated from 5361 Berridge Road as a result of a master construction plan to make way for a parking lot.

## 1978-1983



**1978** The Center moves into the basement of King Hall temporarily.

**1979** Center moves to a new location at 2314 Highbury Avenue adjacent to campus.

**1981** Associated Students votes to allocate \$350,000 for new child care center.

**1982** Center plans an evening program for parents enrolled in night classes.

**1983** Groundbreaking for new Anna Bing Arnold Child Care Center.

## 1984-1989



**1984** Construction begins at new Center location at 2301 Levanda Ave.

**1985** Center opens its doors at a cost of \$546,000 through the contributions of philanthropist Anna Bing Arnold and the university's Associated Students.

**1988** A.S. Referendum Passes: (Executive Order No. 437) to Provide stable support for the Children's Center.

**1989** Pam Kisor supersedes Marie Harvey as Center Director (1989-2009).

## 1992-2000



**1992** Center achieves NAEYC Accreditation.

**1996** A.S. Referendum: (Executive Order No. 654) was passed to support the expansion and general operation of the Children's Center.

**1996** Center receives CACFP grant for food program.

**1999** California State Preschool Grant (CSPP) awarded to subsidize eligible families.

**2000** Pedagogical shift to Reggio Emilia inspired approach to education.

## 2001-2010



**2001** Center is awarded General Childcare Grant (CCTR) funds for subsidizing children zero -three years of age.

**2002** Center is awarded Childcare Access Means Parents in School Grant (CCAMPIS).

**2003** Infant/toddler and developmental kindergarten programs open through fundraising, support from ASI and a donation from the W. M. Keck Foundation.

**2010** The Center was Eco-Healthy endorsed by the Eco-Healthy Child Care (EHCC) program.

## 2018-2024



**2018** Center celebrates 50 years of service.

**2022** Center maintains its 30th year of NAEYC Accreditation.

**2023** Center begins Early Head Start Collaboration and opens new infant/toddler play yard.

**2024** ABACC partners with Boulder Journey School in Colorado for ongoing Reggio Emilia inspired pedagogical development.

**2024** Center achieves 5-Star Rating from Quality Starts Los Angeles (QSLA) through LACOE.