



(301) 480-5447 (Main office)

ECDC is a non-profit, parent corporation providing child care for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) employees. The members of the Board of Directors are composed of community members and parents/guardians of the children enrolled in the child care program. ECDC has been open and operating since 1975.

ECDC@NWCCC will be licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care. ECDC@NWCCC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Children

ECDC@NWCCC will serve up to 170 children of diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds ages six weeks through five years.

Staff

ECDC is known for its highly qualified personnel. Our policy is to employ teachers of mixed ethnic backgrounds, and to provide children with a balance of both male and female teachers.

Teachers at ECDC take an active role in their education. With the support of ECDC many of our teachers are furthering their education, attending trainings, seminars and conferences. ECDC believes that well-educated and informed teachers directly correlates to the quality of care.

Hours of Operation

ECDC@NWCCC will be open **Monday** through **Friday** from **7:30 AM** to **6:00PM**. ECDC strives to be open when parents need us. ECDC@NWCCC will be closed for Federal Holidays and three professional days, announced annually.

Nutrition

ECDC@NWCCC will provide Breakfast, Lunch and afternoon snack that are both kid-friendly and nutritious. Fresh fruit and low-fat milk are provided daily.

Curriculum

ECDC's Curricular Philosophy:

- Learning is a social endeavor, an exchange of ideas which results in deeper conceptual understanding.
- Foundational skills and achievable challenges create the stepping stones to future learning.
- Learning strategies must be developmentally appropriate, individualized, and personally meaningful.

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- A positive and secure environment opens the door to active exploration which is essential to foundational learning.

ECDC@NWCCC has chosen to utilize six nationally-recognized curricula which present balance, diverse teaching methods and strategies, family involvement, and foundational skills.

- **High Reach**, Carson-Dellosa Publishing
- **Little Treasures**, Macmillan McGraw-Hill
- **Handwriting Without Tears**
- **Zoophonics**
- **Opening the World of Learning**, Pearson Publishing
- **Creative Curriculum**, Teaching Strategies
- **Eureka Math**, Great Minds

Teachers use components of each of these curricula to provide experiences promoting physical wellbeing and motor development, social/emotional development, motivation to learn, language acquisition, cognition, and general knowledge.

ECDC@NWCCC's curricula and program is designed to prepare your child for future success in school both academically and socially.

Extra-Curricular Programs

Parents may enroll their children in numerous extra-curricular programs available for nominal fees. These programs may include but are not limited to:

- Karate
- Mandarin Chinese
- Gymnastics/Movement
- Soccer
- Music

Tuition

ECDC@NWCCC is committed to affordable and quality childcare for all families, and accepts most tuition subsidies.

ECDC@NWCCC will charge different biweekly tuition rates for Infant/Toddlers, Two's, and Preschool age children.

ECDC @NWCCC Bi-Weekly Tuition	
Infant/Toddler Rooms	\$944.00
Two's Rooms	\$764.00
Preschool Rooms	\$620.00