



FGCU REGULATION 3.004

Educational Research Center for Child Development

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Regulation*

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- A. Educational Research Centers for Child Development are child day care centers established to provide quality care for children of students (both graduate and undergraduate), faculty, and other staff and employees of the University. These Centers for Child Development also provide an opportunity for interested schools or departments of the University to conduct educational research programs and establish internship programs within such centers. The purpose of these Centers for Child Development is to provide research and training activities which are representative of a comprehensive scope of child development needs throughout the community.
- B. This Regulation applies to the operations of the Educational Research Center for Child Development at Florida Gulf Coast University (“FGCU” or “University”), known as the Little Eagles Learning Center (the Center). Whenever possible, such Center shall be located on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University.
- C. There shall be an Advisory Board for the Center.
- D. The Advisory Board shall consist of the President of the University, or designee; the Dean of the College of Education, or designee; the Student Government President, or designee; the Dean of Students, or designee; one (1) parent for each fifty (50) children, or portion thereof, enrolled (elected by the parents of children enrolled in the Center); one (1) campus-wide or community person; and the Chair, or designee, of each department participating in the Center.
- E. The Center shall be managed by a Director, who shall be hired by the Provost, or designee, through the FGCU employment process, and approved by the Advisory Board. The Center Director shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Advisory Board.
- F. The Advisory Board shall establish local policies and shall perform local oversight and operational guidance for the Center.
- G. The Center may furnish internships and clinical experiences for students of the University. Students shall be supervised by the Center staff and function under guidelines of the Center and the respective participating departments.
- H. Any research, involving human subjects, proposed at the Center shall be submitted to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval prior to commencement.
- I. The Center shall give the highest priority to serving the children of University students, followed by a secondary priority to the children of University staff and faculty and shall

develop a policy to guide implementation of the established priority. After such priority has been allocated, any remaining vacancies may be allocated on a space available basis to children of non-University students, faculty, and staff.

- J. Service shall be provided to all children without regard to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, and mental and physical ability.
- K. In accordance with Florida Board of Governors (BOG) regulations, the FGCU Board of Trustees is authorized to assess, and must approve, fees for child care and services provided by the Center. Such fees should be set at the level required to support the cost of providing the service. Exceptions should be made for the children of University students and may be made for low-income University faculty and staff. These fees must be approved by the BOG.
- L. The Center shall be funded by a portion of the Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) fee established by the Board of Governors pursuant to section 1009.24(8), Florida Statutes, with the University receiving a portion of such fees collected from FGCU students and usable only at FGCU.
- M. The CITF fee portion shall equal twenty-two and one-half cents (\$0.225) per student credit hour taken per term, based on summer, fall, and spring semesters. Such allocation may be made only after all bond obligations required to be paid from such fees have been met.
- N. Funds appropriated for the Educational and General activities of the State University System shall not be used to staff and operate the Center. Operations may be financed either through the capital improvement trust fund fee, activity and service fee allocations, user charges, grants and donations, or any combination of these sources.

Authority

*Sections 1009.24 and 1011.48, Florida Statutes
BOG Regulation 7.003, Fees, Fines and Penalties
BOG Regulation 10.004, Educational Research Centers for Child Development*

History of Regulation

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