

PIERCE COLLEGE

Child Development Center

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A famous proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) takes that proverb to heart, knowing that by supplying a sound educational foundation, you not only improve the quality of life of children and their families, but also build a stronger, more robust economy for the community as a whole. Pierce College is excited to break ground on its new integrated, state-of-the-art, environmentally-friendly child care and educational facility. Here, future scholars will have the ability to discover and explore while educators and child care workers study and train in the careers of their dreams. The new child development center will also offer student-parents – who need affordable childcare in order to stay in school – access to an education by providing them with reliable, safe and convenient child care for their children.

The college's \$6.8 million, 19,205 sq. ft. Child Development Center (CDC) will feature:

- A structural design consistent with college's architectural mission-style
- 13,771 sq. ft. of enclosed space and 5,434 sq. ft. of space under canopies
- A courtyard configuration that includes demonstration areas, staff areas, parent-staff room, observation rooms and a kitchen

The new building has been developed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) standards, a national rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. These include:

- close access to public transportation
- low-water use plumbing fixtures
- energy efficient light fixtures
- interior carbon dioxide monitoring
- low-emitting adhesives, sealants, paints and carpet
- daylight views in several areas of the building

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In keeping with the District's sustainability policy, 75 percent of construction waste will be diverted away from landfills for recycling and a significant amount of building materials will be from recycled sources. Construction materials will also be locally harvested and manufactured.

To learn more about other projects at Pierce College or for more information on the Los Angeles Community College District's \$2.2 billion Bond Construction Program, visit www.LACCDBuildsGreen.org.