

## **STUDENT SURVEY**

### **Child Development Center/ECE Laboratory Viability Study**

Cañada College Early Childhood Education Department is in the process of developing a business plan for the implementation of a new Child Development Center/Early Childhood Education Laboratory (CDC/ECE Lab) to be housed in building 22, the new building at the north end of campus. The building was originally designed and built as a CDC/ECE Lab, however due to uncertain fiscal times over the past few years we have chosen to delay opening. At this time we need updated information from you to help us evaluate the need for a CDC/ECE Lab. Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire and return it to your instructor. We appreciate your assistance in gathering the necessary data to make a sound plan for the college.

There are three sections to the survey; one for all students, one for students with children and one for ECE/CD students. **Please fill out all sections that apply to you.**

#### **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE NEXT 4 QUESTIONS:**

1. How old are you today?
2. Gender (circle one)
  - a. Female
  - b. Male
3. Why are you attending Cañada College? (circle the one that is most important)
  - a. Certificate
  - b. Degree
  - c. Transfer
  - d. Upgrade job skills
  - e. Personal enrichment
4. On a scale from 1-5, how important would it be to have a CDC/ECE Lab at Cañada College? (circle one)
  1. not important
  2. slightly important
  3. somewhat important
  4. important
  5. very important

#### **STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 SHOULD ALSO COMPLETE QUESTIONS 10 -30:**

5. How many children do you have 0 – 2years and 11months old? (give a specific number)
6. How many children do you have 3 years to 4 years and 11 months old? (give a specific number)
7. How many children do you have 5 years to 10 years old? (give a specific number)
8. If it were available, would you use an on-campus child development center to care for your children?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

- c. Don't know
9. Would you need care for: (circle one)
- a. 7am – 6pm for the full day session only
  - b. 7am – 12noon for morning session only
  - c. 12noon – 6pm for afternoon session only
10. On which days of the week would you need care during the day? (circle one)
- a. Monday – Friday
  - b. Monday-Wednesday-Friday
  - c. Tuesday-Thursday
  - d. Other (please specify)
11. Would you need care during the evenings: (circle one)
- a. 5 evenings per week
  - b. 3 evenings per week
  - c. 1 evening per week
  - d. Drop in
  - e. Not at all
12. On which days of the week would you need care during the evening? (circle one)
- a. Monday – Friday
  - b. Monday-Wednesday-Friday
  - c. Tuesday-Thursday
  - d. Other (please specify)
13. Would you need care on Saturdays? (circle one)
- a. Every Saturday
  - b. 1 Saturday per month
  - c. Drop in
  - d. Not at all
14. Have you faced any challenges using child care for your children while you attend college classes?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
15. If yes, what kinds of challenges did you face?
- a. Financial costs of child care?
  - b. Quality of child care?
  - c. Dependability of care arrangements?
  - d. Location of child care center?
  - e. Hours of child care center?
  - f. Other (please list)
16. Have you missed classes because your child care arrangement has fallen through?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
17. If yes, approximately how many classes have you missed due to child care problems?  
(give a specific number)

18. Do you schedule classes based on the child care that is available to you?
- Yes
  - No
19. Have you been unable to take a class because you did not have adequate child care?
- Yes
  - No
20. Would child care on campus help you achieve your educational plan more quickly by allowing you to take more classes?
- Yes
  - No
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21. Would you be willing/able to pay the “market rate” for care at a child development center?
- Yes
  - No
  - Don’t know
22. Do you qualify for financial aid?
- Yes
  - No
  - Don’t know
23. Do you currently receive a subsidy for child care services at another program?
- Yes
  - No
24. If yes, what kind of subsidy do you receive?  
(please specify)

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO COMPLETE QUESTIONS 5 - 9:**

25. How many ECE/CD courses that you have taken required you to do observations and/or interviews at child development centers? (give a specific number)
26. Would you use an on-campus CDC/ECE Lab to do your observations and interviews?
- yes
  - no
  - don’t know
27. On a scale of 1-5, how helpful would an on-campus CDC/ECE Lab be for you to complete your school assignments?
- not important
  - slightly important
  - somewhat important
  - important
  - very important

28. ECE 366 Practicum will soon be a required course for the ECE Certificate and AS degree. Would an ECE Lab on campus make it easier for you to complete your Practicum requirement? (circle one)

- d. yes
- e. no
- f. don't know

29. On a scale of 1-5, how helpful would an on-campus CEC/ECE Lab be for you to complete your Certificate/Degree? (circle one)

- 1. not important
- 2. slightly important
- 3. somewhat important
- 4. important
- 5. very important

30. Do you have any additional comments regarding Child Development Program and/or Child Development Services at Cañada College?

**Thank you again for your time,  
The ECE/CD Department of Cañada College and the San Mateo Community College District**