

# Facts Sheet! 2021

## Atlanta Technical College Early Education Center

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**Learning ever after, starts  
with learning early!**



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The Atlanta Technical College Early Education Center in concert with the mission of the college is committed to providing world-class early learning experiences and comprehensive family support services. We are positioned to play a role as a leader in the field, through innovative teaching practices.

- ✦ Responsiveness to the needs of the students and families that we serve
- ✦ Implementing current educational trends and evidence based research, regarding the phenomena of early education birth to five.
- ✦ Emphasizing school readiness and student success through college.

In our ongoing quest for excellence, Atlanta Technical College Early Education Center partners with community stake holders who have recognized the importance and impact of embracing learning early.

Partnerships:

- ✦ The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- ✦ Georgia Lottery Funded Pre- K
- ✦ The United Way of Greater Atlanta
- ✦ The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership
- ✦ Quality Care for Children
- ✦ Georgia Quality Rating and Improvement System
- ✦ The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAYEC)
- ✦ The Child and Adult Care Food Program through the United States Department of Agriculture
- ✦ The United States Department of Education

## **Who We Serve**

The Early education center is licensed by the State of Georgia to serve 87 children and their families. Our student population range in age from 6 weeks to five years old. We serve both typically developing children as well as children that have been diagnosed with either cognitive or physical developmental delays. 90 % of our families live at or below the federal poverty guideline and qualify for a range of economic support services to include subsidized child care and housing assistance. The center is situated in a “red zone” as designated by the United Way of Greater Atlanta which signifies that a disproportionate number of residents and children in the zip code fall significantly below the widely held expectations of achievement in all areas.

## **The Work**

The Early Education Center uses the Creative Curriculum which is research-based and supports the development of the whole child. High-quality, comprehensive resources empower educators to intentionally teach and care for our youngest learners during the most critical and formative years of development.

## **The Impact**

Investing in early childhood education is a solution that creates upward mobility through opportunity instead of costly and marginally successful programs later in life. Research indicates that quality early childhood education helps prevent the achievement gap by building cognitive and social skills necessary for school readiness and student success.

## **Parent Engagement**

We view parents as their child’s first and most important teacher. Our belief is that parents are essential to the success of the education process. We invite and encourage full parental involvement through innovative and responsive engagement opportunities that are targeted and intentional. Our goal is to create a healthy and viable home to school connection the fosters the love of lifelong learning and advocacy. We have created a Fatherhood initiative that invites fathers or father figures to participate in their child’s early learning without barriers. There are opportunities for fathers to connect and experience innovative peer to peer connections

## Family Support

The Early Education Center provides Comprehensive Family Support Services that promote healthy self-reliance and provide an opportunity for parents to partner with a dedicated Family Support Specialist who coaches and guides families through goal setting, financial planning, mental health referrals, parenting skills, education /employment resources and overall family well-being.

## The Staff

Our staff actively participates in extensive on-going professional development opportunities facilitated by content area specialist and experts in the field. Staff are required to maintain active registration with the Georgia Professional Development System and the Professional Standards Commission. At a minimum teachers hold an Associates in Early Childhood Education.



*If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate young children.*

*Chinese Proverb*