



## Erwin Child & Family Center Fact Sheet

- Center design is one of a small neighborhood with three family groups linked by common indoor and outdoor spaces
- Design creates strong sense of family and community by allowing children to progress from their youngest years up through their last preschool year in the same small cluster of classrooms (Siblings can be in adjacent rooms to further reinforce the sense of family throughout the Center)
- Integration of inside and outside provides seamless continuity of experience from intimate and cozy indoor spaces through more expansive playground and outdoor spaces
- Protected porch area can serve as an outdoor room to support a range of outdoor activities in a more sheltered environment
- Natural ventilation and lighting exists through double-hung windows adding to visibility and penetration of light and air Each wing has a common area off the classrooms to enhance the sense of community
- Central space known as "the commons" links primary wings and encourages a greater sense of community for the entire complex. This area is also used for activities such as dramatic play and story telling, as well as a gathering space for family activities such as workshops and pot luck dinners.
- Building is safe and secure. All doors to the outside are locked and visitors are buzzed in. Only those with written parental permission are allowed to pick up children from our center.