EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER
A place to grow, wonder and discover

In 1972, Associated Students Inc. (ASI), the Student Government at San Francisco State University, began providing students with on-campus childcare for their children ages 6 months to 5 years. Our current state-of-the-art high-quality facility was inaugurated in January 1998.

OUR IMAGE OF THE CHILD

WE believe that children are natural researchers who are innately curious and intrinsically motivated to search for meaning by wondering, exploring and interacting with the world around them and engaging in relationships with others. We view children as authentic and competent beings full of unique gifts and potential. They are capable of constructing and representing their own understandings by questioning and problem-solving, and through creative expression.

WE believe children learn best as part of a collaborative learning community of families, peers and educators. We recognize that when given the gifts of time to play, appropriate support and challenges, and a provocative environment rich in materials and possibilities, children can reach their full potential.

2008-2009 School Year

2 INFANT CLASSROOMS
- Rooms 1 and 4
- Age range: 6-14 months
- Adult-child ratio: 1:3
- Room capacity: 6 infants
- Room enrollment: 12 families

2 TODDLER CLASSROOMS
- Rooms 2 and 3
- Age range: 15-24 months
- Adult-child ratio: 1:4
- Room capacity: 8 toddlers
- Room enrollment: 15 families

2 TRANSITION CLASSROOMS
- Rooms 5 and 6
- Age range: 2-3 years old
- Adult-child ratio: 1:4
- Room capacity: 12
- Room enrollment: 20 families

3 PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- Rooms 7, 8 and 9
- Age range: 3-5 years old
- Adult-child ratio: 1:8
- Room capacity: 16
- Room enrollment: 22 families

ADMINISTRATION
- Director
- Infant-Toddler Program Coordinator
- Preschool Coordinator
- Office Manager
- 2 BA and 2 MA degrees

TEACHING STAFF
- 9 Head Teachers
- 1 Studio Teacher
- 5 BA and 5 MA degrees
- 50 part-time student TAs
- 30 CAD Interns/Observers
**CURRENT STATISTICS 2008-2009**

**Family Income Level**
- 18% Student 32,760-39,000
- 6% Student 40,000-46,999
- 20% Student 47,000+
- 5% Non-Student <50,000
- 51% Non-Student >50,000

**Family Unit**
- 100 I/T
- 75 75
- 50 50
- 25 25
- 0 0

**Center Expenditures**

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**Funding Sources**
- ASI Subsidy ($359,589)
- HAAS Fund ($3,000)
- SF Wages Plus ($85,000)
- SF Sustaining Grant ($45,000)
- CA State Preschool ($90,000)
- CCAMPIS Grant ($166,000)
- Tuition & Other ($649,646)

**Project Atelier and the Studio**

In the summer of 2007, the Head Teachers and Administrators at the ASI ECEC embarked on a two-year journey to explore ideas from the Reggio Approach and other innovative teaching practices.

Among the staff’s goals were:
- To engage in more reflective and intentional teaching practices.
- To continue our work as mentors and teacher trainers.
- To infuse our Center with a sense of wonder and beauty.
- To provide a special work space for children, teachers and families.
- To use the Studio as the nucleus of a new way of thinking and working with children.
- To cultivate a space from which materials, ideas and experiences can both emanate and be absorbed.
- To identify and support “project-based” learning.

In its first year, Project Atelier was coordinated on a part-time basis by preschool Head Teacher Mia Cavalca, who also worked as Studio Teacher. Beginning in the fall semester of 2008, local funding made it possible for the Studio Teacher position to become full-time.

The present Studio was inaugurated in the spring of 2009. It was created from an outdoor patio space enclosed with Plexiglass walls and a clear corrugated plastic roof to maximize natural light and allow for “transparency.” The construction project was undertaken by a Center parent as part of his family involvement contribution.