

HEART OF THE SHEPHERD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
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When the Head Teacher is Jesus, Your Child's Welfare  
ALWAYS Comes First!

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is  
the free expression of what is in a child's soul."

-Friedrich Froebel

"...each time one prematurely teaches a child something he could have discovered  
for himself, that child is kept from inventing it and, consequently, from  
understanding it completely."

-Jean Piaget



#### **PROGRAM OFFERING FROM JANUARY 2006-SEPTEMBER 1, 2006**

All of the programs at Heart of the Shepherd Child Development have similar educational goals, value, and philosophy. Children are provided many opportunities to manipulate a wide variety of materials as they work independently, in groups and with their teachers. Numerous open-ended activities and explorations invite children daily to observe, explore, investigate and experiment. Each classroom has direct access to a large, natural play yard that becomes an extension of the classroom and allows for more self-discovery and exploration.

Each day children are provided with time for free choices using a variety of materials and spaces. Some activities are teacher planned and guided, but each child chooses which activity, materials, or space he/she wishes to use. We strive to challenge and stimulate each child at his/her own developmental level and foster a positive self-image by accepting each child as an individual. The following elements are part of our regular program for the children:

- ♥ Prayer/Christian Songs/Bible Stories
- ♥ Large group/story time
- ♥ Gross/Large Motor Development
- ♥ Outdoor play as weather permits
- ♥ Easel Painting
- ♥ Self-help Art
- ♥ Teacher directed/planned art activity
- ♥ Small group/snack time with "family" group
- ♥ Rest time for full day children

#### PROGRAM GOALS:

- ♥ Provide a safe, healthy, nurturing, positive Christian environment.
- ♥ Respect each child's individuality and God-given talents.
- ♥ Promote the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development of all children.
- ♥ Build relationships with families and respond to their individual needs.
- ♥ Model Christ-like love and compassion

#### CURRICULUM GOALS:

- ♥ Children learn best through play, play is children's work.
- ♥ Planned work to emphasize the process rather than the product.
- ♥ Use of hands-on materials for exploration and discovery
- ♥ Christ-like love and Christian morals and values become true to life, they set the tone of the classroom.
- ♥ Encourage reasoning, questioning, experimenting to enable children to learn from their world through the use of basic, open-ended materials such as water, sand, paint, blocks and clay.
- ♥ Offer age appropriate schedules that balance free choice with structured time and active play time with quiet time.
- ♥ Offer Language opportunities for learning effective and independent communication.
- ♥ Offer daily opportunities that benefit the "whole" child's growth

Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center maintains a complex system of scheduling to meet the special child care needs of the community, while at the same time preserving a quality educational program for young children. Children's schedules vary from 7 to 57.5 hours per week, according to individual needs, Center openings, Center guidelines, and Center priorities. For the benefit of the children and the integrity of the educational program, certain "SESSIONS" have been established to which all schedule requests must conform. Parents may enroll their child for full morning or afternoon sessions. They may also enroll for full-day sessions or full-time (Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). MINIMUM enrollment is two sessions per week (a.m. or p.m.).

**SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS-PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

- ♥ 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.-Early Care Session
- ♥ 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.-Morning Session
- ♥ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. -Lunch/Rest Session
- ♥ 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.-Afternoon Session
- ♥ 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.-Late Care Session

\*Gradual Entry is the first half an hour of the Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

\*Gradual Departure is the last 15 minutes of the Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

**\*LUNCH/REST is available only to children who are enrolled for a full day or those enrolled in the morning session. Children may not be picked up or dropped off during this session except for emergency reasons.**

**SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

- ♥ 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. -Before School Care Session
- ♥ 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. -After School Care Session

**SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM**

- ♥ 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.-Early Care Session
- ♥ 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.-Morning Session
- ♥ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. -Lunch/Rest Session
- ♥ 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.-Afternoon Session
- ♥ 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.-Late Care Session

\*Children are enrolled for the same weekly schedule for the entire school year or entire Summer Program.

\* Adding hours or changing a child's schedule is contingent upon availability.