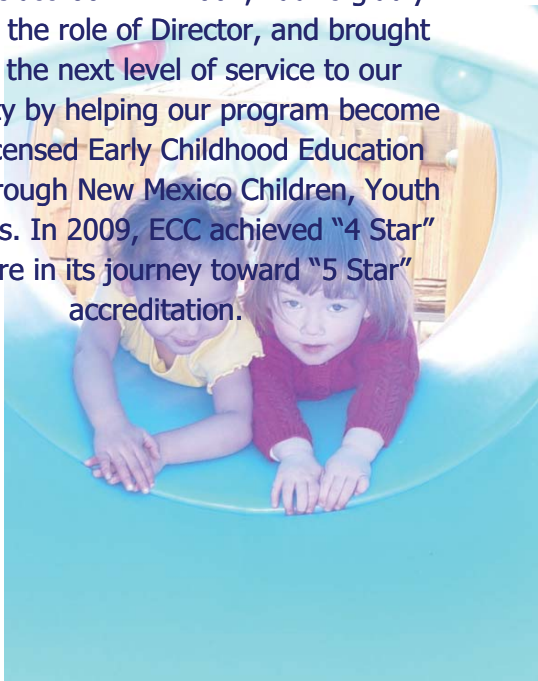


## Our History and Staff

ECC began as a Parent's Day Out Ministry in 2002. The overwhelming appeal of this small, loving, faith-based environment for toddlers caused the program to flourish. In 2003, Laurie Allocca enrolled her two year old daughter, and began teaching in our Toddler Classroom. In 2004, Laurie gladly accepted the role of Director, and brought ECC to the next level of service to our community by helping our program become a fully licensed Early Childhood Education Center through New Mexico Children, Youth & Families. In 2009, ECC achieved "4 Star" Licensure in its journey toward "5 Star" accreditation.



The staff of ECC works as a team to provide consistent high quality care & age-appropriate experiences for your child based upon a foundation of Christian principles, making our mission & philosophy present in our classrooms each day. ECC has built loving relationships with over 200 children & their families since 2004. We look forward to having your family become a part of our ECC Community!

Welcoming  
each and every child,  
ages 17 months  
through 4 years,  
to flourish through  
quality relationships of  
love and learning

## Hours Of Loving Care

Monday through Friday

7:30am to 5:30pm...

*with several enrollment*

*options available~*

full-time and part time,

with earlier pick-ups & later drop-offs

with later drop-offs and earlier pick-ups!



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The Holy Faith  
**Early Childhood  
Community**  
"ECC"

*Providing the indicators of quality Early Childhood Education:*

*Small Group Sizes*

*Low Teacher/Child Ratios*

*A Family-Centered Program*

*Play-based Individualized Curriculum*

*Developmentally Appropriate Practice*



A “4 Star” Environment  
of  
Love and Learning  
**Where Toddlers  
are our Specialty!**

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# Welcome to Our Early Childhood Community!

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."  
Proverbs 22:6*

90% of a child's brain development happens before the age of 5.

Sensory & language neural synapse connections form before age 1.

Higher cognitive connections form rapidly by age 3.



"High quality child care can have a lasting impact on a child's development, behavior and cognitive abilities. A May 2010 study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development found that children who received high quality care in the first few years of life scored higher on measures of academic and cognitive achievement 10 years after participating, and were less likely to misbehave than those who received lower-quality care."

## Mission, Philosophy & Curriculum

*Our Mission: The Holy Faith Early Childhood Community is committed to providing exceptional, inclusive, play-based early childhood education & care, supporting the unique needs of each child, their family, and our local community. We spend our days building rich relationships with each other and our world around us that encourage exploration, discovery and a love of learning.*

*The ECC philosophy is based on the premise that a child's growth, development, & behavior are determined by both biological and environmental factors, and are supported best by the child's first and most continual teacher ~ their family. Our role at ECC is to support each child within the context of his/her family, through their unique process of growth & development ~ learning at their own pace, and in their own way.*

*Our Curriculum: Children are actively encouraged to explore, discover, and develop individual interests by making choices within a structured environment. Our curriculum is designed to meet the individual developmental needs of each child. Activities change weekly based upon formal teacher observations of the development & learning process of each child. Our teachers facilitate learning by asking open-ended questions, initiating imaginative play and demonstrating options. Our classroom materials are age-appropriate, and address the interests, learning styles & developmental needs of each child in our care. Each child receives an annual developmental portfolio.*

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)*

***Our Teachers*** are engaged in formal Early Childhood Education, and/or hold degrees and certificates in the field. They are active participants and positive role models in our safe classroom community. We empower children by providing age-appropriate, instructions, guidance and encouragement. We also know when to "step back", encouraging children to take the lead and allowing creativity to flourish.

Our teachers address all areas of development, paying particular attention to the social & emotional development of the ages we serve. All classroom experiences are considered opportunities for social & emotional growth and learning. All guidance is positive and educational. We focus upon redirecting children toward making positive choices.



## Other Programs

### REDIRECTING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR - "RCB"

The loving, empowering, respectful guidance strategies of the Redirecting Children's Behavior philosophy are implemented in our classrooms to create respectful, harmonious relationships and teach positive conflict resolution skills to even our youngest community members. Your Director offers RCB workshops and individual parenting coaching to all ECC families!