

Western Washington University
Child Development Center [Advisory Committee](#)

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MISSION

The CDC (Child Development Center) Advisory Committee was formed in response to a need for updated and improved childcare resources for students and employees of Western. The CDC Advisory Committee aims to create short-term and long-term goals to expand the services of the CDC with sustainability and equity as founding principles. With representation from students, student parents, CDC staff, and Enrollment and Student Services staff, the committee will find innovative ways to increase representation and expansion at Western Washington University's Child Development Center.

This committee aligns with the Western Strategic Plan:

Goal #2: Western will advance a deeper understanding of and engagement with place.

Giving student parents the resources to attend school knowing their children are also receiving their own age-appropriate education and excellent care, Western allows student parents the ability to engage with place (Western) in deeper and more meaningful ways. Without care, student parents are less available to increase engagement with place.

Goal #3: Western will foster a caring and supportive environment where all members are respected and treated fairly.

Expanding services at the CDC will give student parents and employee parents support in the work(education)/life balance fostering improved mental health, [and academic and professional success](#). Providing a space for both students and employees will allow for expanded networks between students, staff, faculty, and alumni/ae - the CDC community already benefits from these connections and growing the program will allow for more benefits. Additionally, student caregivers will experience enhance student services to build their educational, personal, and professional success.

Goal #4: Western will pursue justice and equity in its policies, practices, and impacts.

Students who are parents or caregivers are non-traditional students. Western is typically a traditional student environment with many programs focusing on that population. Giving more support to student caregivers, Western will create a more diverse environment and recruit, retain, and support underrepresented students. Western needs an equitable childcare service focusing on students while also serving employees, expanding and prioritizing childcare will build these foundations.

GOALS

- Identify current limits of the CDC
- Identify current needs of the student and employee caregiver populations
- Develop short term goals for the 2021-2022 academic year

- Develop long term goals for the next 5 – 10 years in terms of expanding the CDC
- Develop official procedures for prioritizing students at the CDC

MEMBERS

The Committee shall consist of five members:

~~Co-Chair~~

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AS VP for Student Services

AS VP for Sustainability?

Secretary

Representative from ??

Representative from Caregivers and Parents

Representative from Counseling, Health, and Wellness

MEETING TIMES

The Committee shall convene at its own initiative.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee members are expected to serve as advocates for the committee's charge by participating in the following roles:

- Attend meetings.
- Share ideas, resources and best practices with committee members.
- Collaborate with other members to build resources within the campus community.
- Assist in projects to move action plans forward.
- Ensure CDC website is updated

REPORTAGE

The Committee shall report to the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services.