



# FOCUSING ON CHILDREN'S CARE AND LEARNING

**Mizzou's HDFFS Bachelor's Degree in Child Development and Education** prepares students to understand early childhood development and create culturally responsive, inclusive, and equitable learning environments for children and families



## **UNDERSTAND YOUNG CHILDREN'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Learn to recognize the dynamics that influence children's development while creating partnerships with families and community professionals



## **PROMOTE INDIVIDUALIZED DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING**

Apply observation, assessment, and documentation techniques to positively influence the unique development of each child



## **CREATE AND EVALUATE CHILDREN'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Design, implement, and assess learning activities and teaching practices that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for each child

### **DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Graduates work in a variety of early childhood education roles and settings**

- Infant/toddler specialists
- Early childhood education centers
- Family child care educators
- Head Start and Pre-K programs
- Childcare resource and referral agencies
- Early childhood program management
- Before and after-school care programs

#### **More Career Information**

<https://www.naeyc.org/get-involved/advance-your-career>

### **HANDS-ON PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS YOUR GOALS**

#### **Bachelor of Science**

In the CD&E program, you will:

- Apply child development and learning principles
- Develop skills for program administration and collaboration
- Gain skills in multiple practica at the MU Child Development Lab in infant/toddler and preschool classrooms
- Complete HDFFS and MU general education requirements and electives

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“My time student teaching at the CDL and in other practicum settings helped me better understand topics we studied in class about child development. I was confident going into my first job that I could create an engaging and responsive environment for young children.”

**KATY KORTE | KIRKSVILLE, MO**  
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION (BS) '97**

Katy has been the Director of the Kirksville Child Development Center, a parent cooperative preschool that values hands-on learning and parent participation, since 2006.



“My experiences in the Mizzou CD&E Program have instilled me with knowledge through education, experience through hands-on learning, and passion through professors and mentors who strive to help me succeed.”

**KRISTA BEARD | KENNETT, MO**  
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (BS) '20**

After graduation, Krista plans to open her own Waldorf-inspired early childhood education program, Spirited Child, a program she designed for a CD&E course project.

## CD&E IN HDFS - A SMART CHOICE

### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

- Gain experience at MU's Child Development Lab, a full-day, full-year teacher-training lab school on campus
- Collaborate in research labs and be mentored by faculty specializing in early childhood

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- MU scholarships for first-time, transfer, and continuing undergraduate students
- Federal financial aid eligible
- HES and HDFS scholarship opportunities available

### ENGAGING COURSEWORK

- Courses in development from birth to age 5
- Multicultural study of children and families
- Partnering with parents and families
- Courses in advocacy and program administration



MU's Child Development Lab

## ABOUT HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SCIENCE

As human beings, we learn and develop throughout the lifespan, and we do so through interactions with family members, teachers, schools, peers, social media, and romantic partners. The recognition of this lifetime of growth embedded in social interactions is what defines Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) as a field, and what drives our faculty and students to better understand human development and family functioning.

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