

Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory

The Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Lab (CDL) fulfills a multifaceted mission.

-The CDL is designed to provide high quality childcare and inclusive early education experience for the young children of college students, staff, and faculty.

-The CDL serves as a rich resource for the scholarly and creative work of faculty and students who have an interest in child development, family life, and teaching/ learning processes.

-The CDL serves as a learning laboratory for college students involved in the programs within the Department of Child and Family Studies as well as other programs of study on campus such as nursing, psychology, and education studies.

-The CDL serves the Appalachian Region by demonstrating exemplary services and by being a resource to other childcare and early education programs.

Building information

Rodney and Sydney Wright,
design architects

Joe Turley and Scott
Flemming, construction
architects

Built by Messer Construction



CDL Background

The CDL has been a part of Berea's campus for 75 years.

The CDL is Administratively housed within the Department of Child and Family Studies.

The CDL is Licensed to serve 118 children from 6 weeks through 5 years of age.

Design for Children



The facility was designed to accommodate children's height. Colors were selected based on developmental research.

Unique Playground



Explain the design a little. Possibly use pic. of kid's riding bikes to school.

Day lighting



Large south-facing windows take advantage of natural light. This is beneficial for both energy conservation and health of the inhabitants.

Teaching Gardens



Teaching gardens along with educational programs are a part of the environmental education emphasis at the CDL.

Observation Deck



Features such as the observation deck and listening stations makes observing children less obtrusive.

Compost



Find pic. Of kids sorting their food scraps for compost.