

## ECDC 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Our program continues to serve a culturally and linguistically diverse population of children and staff that also welcomes children with special needs in an inclusive environment. We continue to have @ 350 children on our wait lists.
- Our NAEYC accreditation was renewed in January 2016 until 2021. The report was VERY positive – we scored 100% or better on 8/10 standards, including program administration & leadership, teacher/child interactions, assessment, health/safety, teachers & teaching, community, and families
- We continue as the only program in South Carolina with a *NatureExplore* certified outdoor space.
- We were selected as a highlight program for the School of Education's SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation report.
- By May 2016, we will complete conversion of our internal program assessment process to a university-wide template designed to meet SACS requirements.
- We continued our involvement in several important local community, regional, and national advocacy activities working on behalf of young children and families.
- We hosted more than 500 students, professors, and other visitors for internships, practicum activities, and research projects
- We had a parent volunteer visit one day a week for Spanish immersion with all the children.
- We distributed \$9000 in scholarship funds to ECDC families.
- We developed and implemented a new USDA compliant nutrition plan and revised the snack procedures.
- The Director and teachers attended and/or presented at several national conferences.
- We had a new garden designed/installed, courtesy of the Boeing Corporation prior to the beginning of the school year.