The mission of The Ohio State University Nisonger Center is to work with communities to value and support the meaningful participation of people with disabilities of all ages through education, service and research. The Center provides assistance to people with disabilities, families, service providers and organizations to promote inclusion in education, health, employment and community settings.

Our Mission
We are a team of teachers & therapists who work with families to support and advance the development of children with and without development disabilities.

Our Philosophy
We believe all children are deserving of a fun and safe learning experience, which will allow him or her to grow in knowledge and skills.

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A great place to learn as we grow together...
EVIDENCE BASE

We use the AEPS Curriculum
The AEPS curriculum is a play-based assessment, intervention, and programming system for young children with and without disabilities.

Classroom Quality
All of our classrooms earned a rating of “good” or better when evaluated using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale.

Behavior Support
Our team is continuously trained in evidence-based methods on how to appropriately respond to challenging behaviors.

Autism
Our staff is continuously trained to meet the unique needs of children with autism.

Continuing Education
We provide our team members with continuing education opportunities regarding the most up-to-date intervention methods.

ELIGIBILITY

Children with Developmental Delays
- 12 months to 5 years of age
- Determined by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities or a Franklin County School District
- Children attend school ½ day either morning or afternoon (see schedule)
- No cost associated with services

Typically Developing Children
- 18 months to 5 years of age
- Participate as peer models in the full day childcare program
- Childcare hours, 7:00am – 6:00pm
- $270 per week, 18 months – 3 years
- $250 per week, preschool (3-5 years)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our program focuses on using fun and interactive play-based activities in the classroom to promote and aid in the development of young children with and without developmental disabilities.

SCHEDULE
Morning Session:
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Afternoon Session:
1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

A TYPICAL DAY

Play time
Learn how to engage in more complex play

Work time
Learn pre-academic skills, such as writing, science, and math

Circle
Play fun games, listen to a story, and/or sing as a class

Motor time
Play outdoors or in our indoor gymnasium

Free Reading
Develop vocabulary and reading skills

Snack
Enjoy a healthy snack with their friends