

# Welcome to Child Development

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## *DEPARTMENT of CHILD DEVELOPMENT* **California State University, Chico**

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Congratulations on your decision to declare Child Development as your Minor. As you get started, here are a few things you should know.

### **1. Advising**

- Child Development minor advising is not required. All information is available in printed form in the CHLD office located in Modoc 216. However, advising is available if you need course substitutions or assistance as you plan your coursework to align with your career goals.
- Students minoring in Child Development are encouraged to declare their minor as soon as they begin their minor coursework. This will allow tracking of the minor coursework on the Degree Progress Report (DPR). Declared minors will also receive regular emails about events and activities in the Department of Child Development.
- Chico State utilizes a multiple advising model. This office provides advising for your child development minor. The office of your declared major provides major advising while the Academic Advising office offers advising for both lower and upper division General Education requirements. Academic Advising provides both scheduled appointments and drop in hours. More information can be found at <http://www.csuchico.edu/aap> . This office is located in the Student Services Center, Room 220, or at 530 898-5712.
- For issues related to the Upper Division Pathway courses, contact the Upper Division Pathway Coordinator for your selected Pathway. That information can be found at <http://www.csuchico.edu/ge/contact-us.shtml>

### **2. Articulating courses from Chico State or previous colleges to the Child Development minor**

- There are several ways to articulate previous coursework into your Child Development minor. Below is a summary:
  - [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) is a powerful resource that lists community college courses that will be automatically articulated to Chico State.
  - Any course can be considered for articulation for a Child Development course if there are matches regarding topic and design. Make an advising appointment to discuss the specifics of this process.

### **3. Child Development Student Association (CDSA)**

- CDSA is a student led organization for all students who have interest in children's education and welfare. The primary functions of this student organization are to:
  - provide career and professional development information to students interested in the field of child development,
  - facilitate opportunities for students to engage in community activities with children and families in order to participate in civic engagement, and
  - provide leadership opportunities for students who are pursuing graduate or employment opportunities where these skills are desirable. CDSA officers are elected each semester -- consider incorporating this opportunity.
- Meetings are usually held twice a month. Current information is posted on the CDSA bulletin board in the downstairs Modoc hallway. Get involved, it will make a positive difference in your undergraduate experience!

### **4. CHLD Minor Clearance forms**

- Submitting Minor clearance forms should be completed early in the semester one year before your planned graduation semester. Completion of this task allows for notification of any pending issues that must be addressed to graduate at the planned time with a minor in Child Development minor.
- Minor clearance forms are available in the Child Development office. These are to be completed and returned to the Child Development office.