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ESTABLISH THE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Establishment of the Child and Family Development Center, College of Education, Chicago

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Education recommends the establishment of the Child and Family Development Center (CFDC).

The Chicago campus CFDC is an interdisciplinary public service and research center with a focus on improving developmental outcomes for very young children with identified disabilities. Drawing upon the vast intellectual resources of the Chicago campus and partner organizations in the community, CFDC generates, translates, and applies evidence-based knowledge to ameliorate developmental and performance disparities of very young children with disabilities, and addresses the gap between research and practice. The Center has identified and is committed to the following objectives:

Delivering high quality early intervention services to young children with disabilities and their families;

Building an interdisciplinary science of child health, learning, and behavior;

Advancing the understanding of how to effectively address learning and performance disparities;

Applying research findings to the development of innovative, evidence-based models and practices; and

Preparing aspiring and practicing professionals to make evidence-based decisions that improve services and support to young children with disabilities and their families.

The CFDC fills a critical niche in the Chicago early intervention arena by incorporating evidence-based intervention practices into the services provided to children and families, and specializing in intervention practices for children and families who evidence medically complex or challenging issues.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.