



# The Child Development & Educational Studies Department (CDES)

Fullerton College

Host: Dr. Tom Chiaromonte

# Meet Our Faculty

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## Karin Pavelek

- Alumni Fullerton College
- BS in CHAD and Masters in Special Education at CSUF
- 25 years of teaching experience including: preschool teacher, mentor teacher and Lab Tech at the CDES Lab School
- Full-time Faculty & Department Coordinator
- CDTC Coordinator (Educational Grant Opportunity)
- Mother of Natasha



# Meet Our Faculty Continued...

## Tom Chiaromonte

- B.A., Communicative Disorders, Cal State Long Beach
- M.S., Child Development, Iowa State University
- Ph.D., Education, Claremont Graduate University
- Former Lab School Director and over 40 years in ECE
- Coordinator Center for Early Childhood Collaboration
- Father of Thomas and Claire



# Meet Our Faculty Continued...

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## Jennifer Kinkel

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine
- Master of Arts degree in Human Development at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena.
- Over 20 years of experience working with young children and families in the field
- Former Director of Early Childhood Education at the Huntington Beach School District
- Full-time Faculty
- Mother of Hope



# CDES Department

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- The CDES Department at Fullerton College has a rich tradition of providing quality instruction and active professional participation
- Our research driven pedagogy, the ever-changing demands of the profession, and the needs of our students *direct* the department's curriculum
- The program is designed to provide both transfer and career preparation opportunities for students pursuing careers in Child Development, Teacher Education, and Human Services.
- Opportunities provided: observations, curriculum planning, field work experiences, TEA positions (when available)






# Campus Community Events

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- Annual Chris Lamm Lecture
- Food Bank
- Dia De Los Muertos
- KinderCaminata
- Guest Speakers
- ACT Conference
- Field Trips
- Permit Event

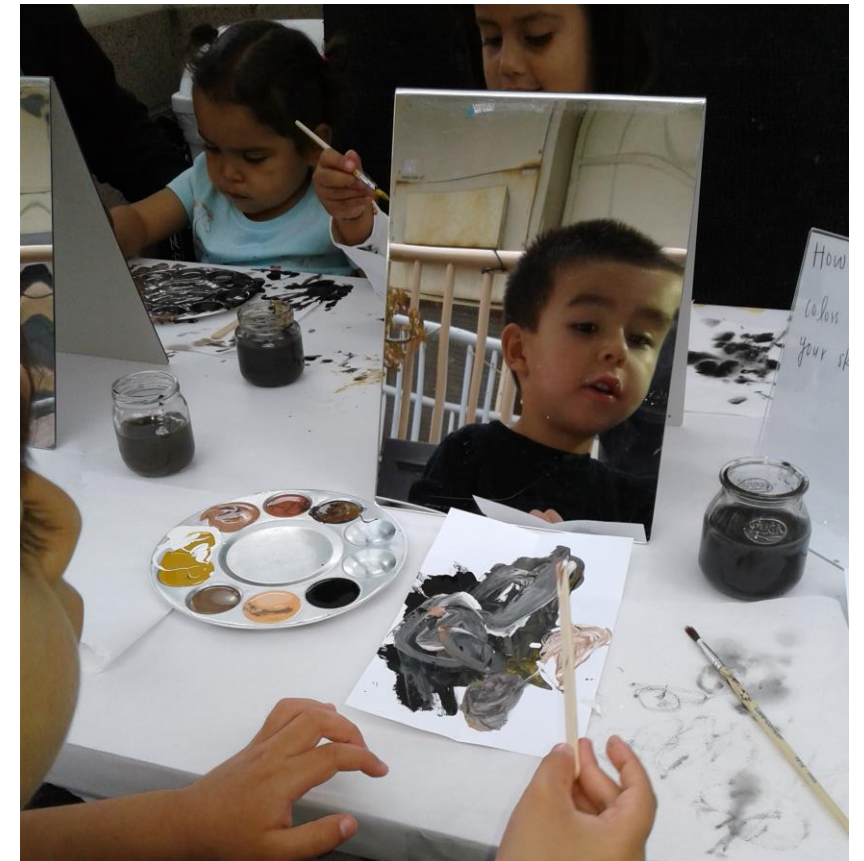
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Field Trip to the  
Environmental Nature  
Center

# Degrees & Certificates

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- **Child Development & Educational Studies (CDES) Associate in Arts Degree**
  - *Prepares students for employment as teachers or teacher's assistants in private preschools or children's centers. This degree also prepares students majoring in CDES for transfer to a four-year institution.*
- **Early Childhood Education (ECE) Associate in Arts Degree**
  - *Provides students with preparation for employment working with children from birth through age 8 in early care and education programs, public and private preschools, and children's centers.*
  - *Practicum hours will be completed for this degree at our CDES Lab School on campus (CDES 121 Role Teacher Assistant or CDES 225 Student Teaching Practicum)*





# Degrees & Certificates Continued...

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- **Early Childhood Education Associate in Science Degree for Transfer**
  - *Also called the ECE AS-T, prepares students to transfer to CSU campuses that offer bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education.*
- **Child and Adolescent Development Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer**
  - *Also called the AA-T (or ADT), prepares students to transfer to CSU campuses that offer bachelor's degrees in Child and Adolescent Development.*
- **Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer**
  - *Also called the Elementary Teacher Education AA-T Degree, prepares students to transfer to CSU campuses that offer bachelor's degrees in Liberal Studies or Integrated Teacher Education Programs.*



# Degrees & Certificates Continued...

## Certificates offered:

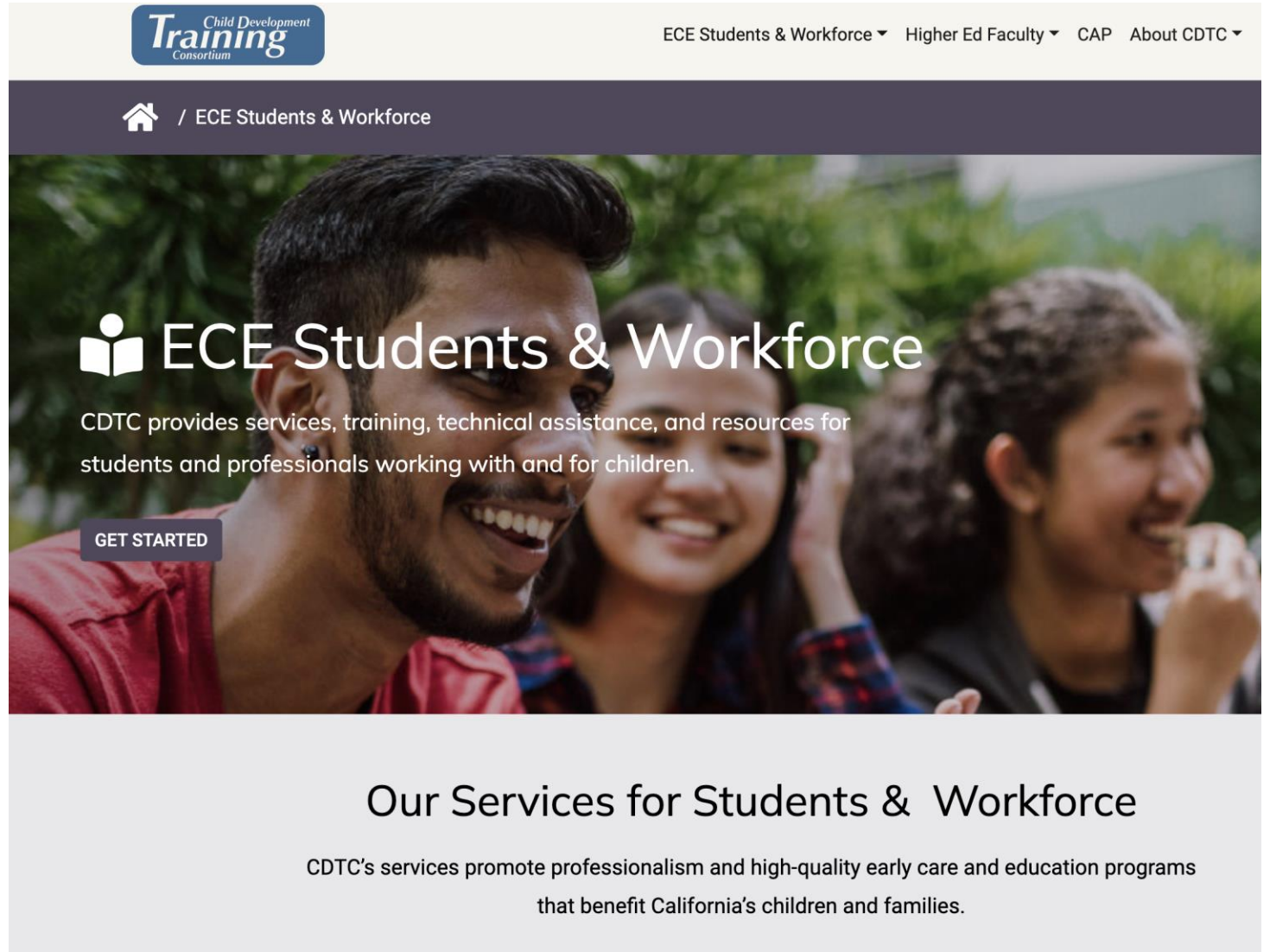
- Early Childhood Education Teacher Certificate
- Infant and Toddler Teacher Certificate
- Special Education Certificate
- Early Childhood Education Administration Certificate



# Grant Opportunities

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- Various Scholarship Opportunities
  - Chris Lamm scholarship
  - Dodie Sailor scholarship
  - And more
- Child Development Training Consortium: *Educational Support Grant Opportunity*
  - Working in the field OR
  - Enrolled in the Practicum course



Child Development  
**Training**  
Consortium

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## ECE Students & Workforce

CDTC provides services, training, technical assistance, and resources for students and professionals working with and for children.

GET STARTED

### Our Services for Students & Workforce

CDTC's services promote professionalism and high-quality early care and education programs that benefit California's children and families.

# Welcome to the Lab School

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engaging all five senses

# CDES Lab School



## The CDES Laboratory School has a three-fold mission:

### *Education of children ages 2 through 5 years old:*

- Providing a challenging, emergent curriculum that is inspired by the Reggio philosophy from Italy, emphasizing the Constructivist Approach and nature-based learning.
- Strengthening relationships between children, families, our department and students as well the Fullerton and greater North Orange County community.

### *Professional education of students:*

- Professional education for students majoring in Early Childhood Education.
- Professional education for students in various college departments (i.e., Psychology, Art, Horticulture, etc.) and from the surrounding education communities.

### *Site for on-going contributions to the early childhood profession:*

- Research by faculty and students in early Childhood Education.
- On-going contributions of knowledge to the field of Early Childhood Education.
- Educator Seminars in the fall and spring.
- Educator tours to provide a model to other programs.



# CDES Lab School Continued...



- Constructivist Approach
- Reggio inspired practices in which we see children and teachers as researchers
- The environment is seen as the “third teacher in this process
- Nature-based
- Our philosophy has a strong focus on anti-bias and peace education



We hope to see you soon!