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# **LCC BOARD APPROVES ON-SITE CHILDCARE FACILITY**

## ***Facility to serve as center of excellence for community college child development programs***

LANSING – The Lansing Community College Board of Trustees today approved a \$1.7 million capital budget for the renovation and remodeling of the former LCC Photography Building to house the College’s Early Learning Children’s Community (Early LCC) program. The year-round Center will accommodate 93 children and is expected to open in Fall 2010. The program will be open to LCC student parents, LCC faculty and staff, and community members as space allows.

“We know that childcare can be a major challenge for students and working parents,” said LCC President Dr. Brent Knight. “The on-site childcare center will remove a major barrier for LCC parents who are working or going to school, while benefitting from LCC’s high quality Child Development Program.”

Approximately 30 children will be eligible for the Great Start Readiness (GSRP) or Headstart programs. More than half the remaining capacity is reserved for children of LCC students at discounts of 33 to 40 percent of market prices. The maximum amount a full-time LCC student would pay for a week of high quality and convenient childcare full-time (50 hours per week) for a preschooler would be approximately \$73 after use of the LCC Women’s Resource Center Childcare Scholarship. Qualifying students will also have opportunities to obtain childcare at no cost.

The building will house six children’s classrooms: one infant room (8 per room), one toddler room (12 per room), three preschool rooms (16 per room), and, in partnership with the Lansing School District, one kindergarten not to exceed 25 children. Hours of operation will be 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Construction is expected to start in August 2009.

LCC will partner with Gretchen’s House, a 20-year old Michigan-based family of childcare centers, for managerial and operational support.

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### **About Lansing Community College**

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, *career and workforce development*, *developmental education* and *personal enrichment*. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit [www.lcc.edu](http://www.lcc.edu).