

Central A & M Growing Together

Play, Learn, and Grow...

Together!





Sara Marley holds a degree in Early Childhood Education and has 20 years experience as an early childhood professional. Working as a classroom teacher, childcare provider and home visitor. Since moving to Central A&M in 2010 to raise her family, Sara has been an active member of the CAM community, volunteering time to various community and school organizations. She assumed the role of Central A&M 0-3 Home Visitor in September 2022.



MeLinda Hilligoss has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Education Administration. She has taught in the Central A & M school district for 28 years, 15 years as the Prekindergarten teacher, 8 years as a Kindergarten teacher, 5 years as the Central A & M Family Consultant and, in addition, starting last year as the Prekindergarten Program Coordinator.



Parent Educator is funded by the Preschool for All grant and it serves children 3-5 years of age and their families. The prenatal to 3 year old program is a collaboration with BabyTalk.

Growing Together is a collaboration between PFA and BabyTalk to serve families prenatal to age five in the Central A & M communities.

The Baby TALK 0-3 Home Visiting position is supported by the Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Block Grant under the Prevention Initiative program.

Prevention Initiative.

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to help families build a strong foundation for learning to prepare children for later school success.



Mission Statement:

To positively impact child development by nurturing healthy and responsive relationships during the critical early years.

Our Purpose



Relationships in the earliest years matter and community systems like ours are key to providing opportunities for all children and families to reach thier full potential.

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Mission Statement

Together with families, we join in a partnership and share the responsibility for providing a meaningful learning environment by putting the needs of children and families first.

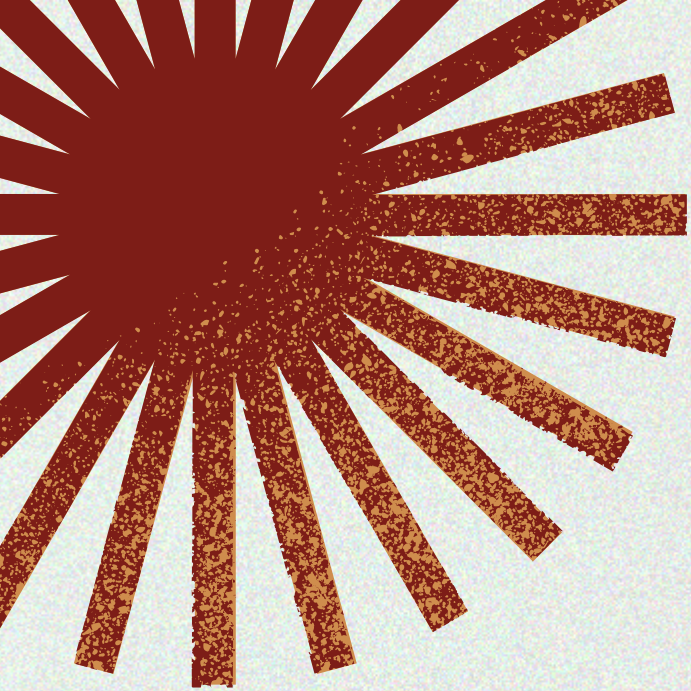
Program Outcomes

Child Participants have more competence in the following areas:

- Social
- Cognitive
- Emotional

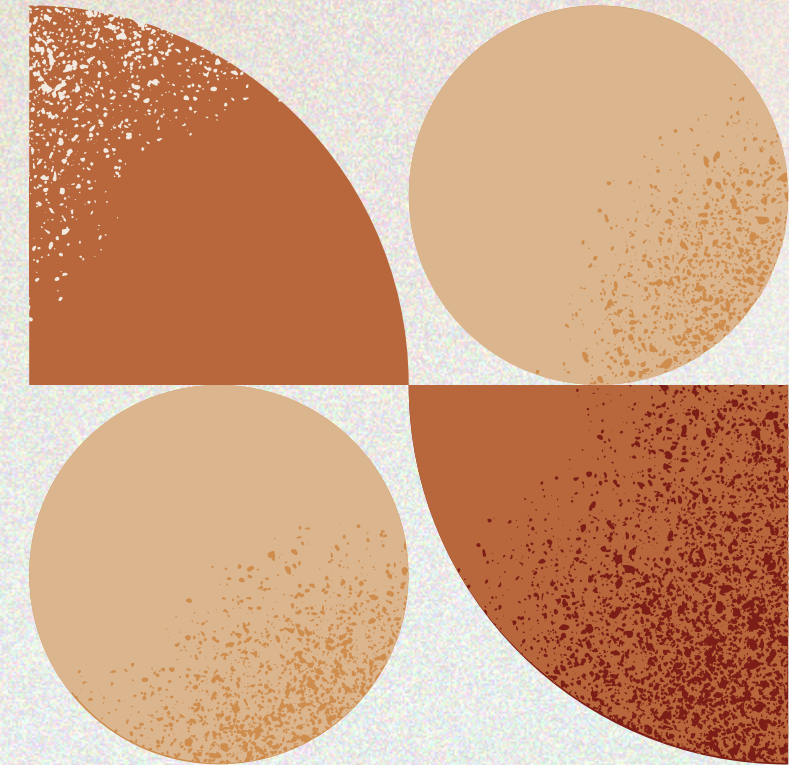


Parent Participants gain the knowledge and confidence to advocate for their child throughout their child's future academic career.



2023

TRANSITIONS



Home Visiting to PreK

◆ 21 children

Dual enrolled students

*6 children

GROWING TOGETHER

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR
FAMILIES***



Home Visits

- *Opportunity for one-on-one instruction with Family Consultant to promote learning and positive parent and child interactions
- *Identify developmental delays and seek further assistance (Early Intervention, Speech, Health Department...)
- *Set goals with the family to work towards in their child's development
- *Support parents to meet their needs in all aspects of family life
- *Educate parents on appropriate developmental practices





Playgroup

- *Provide opportunities for child and family member (parent, grandparent,...) to experience one-on-one interaction
- *Provide positive social experiences/interactions among peers
- *Create a positive environment for children to grow and learn
- *Educate adults on appropriate developmental practices
- *Provide age appropriate activities to enhance developing skills
- *Provide a place for adults to interact with each other and share experiences



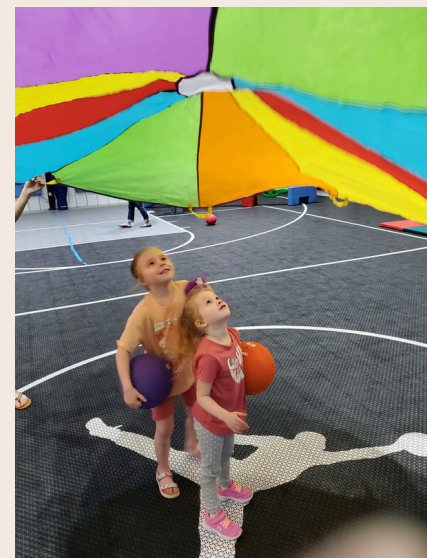


Kids on the Go!

*Collaboration with Level Up Fitness in Moweaqua to provide an opportunity for children age 0-5 to enhance gross motor skills (running, balancing, throwing, kicking) and have one-on-one time with a loved one.

*A great opportunity to build social skills, practice sharing, enhance verbal skills, cooperation, and problem solving

*Adults interact and share experiences



Growing Together Collaborations

- Local Businesses
 - Level Up Fitness
 - Food pantry's
 - 121 Coffee Shop
- Local libraries (Playgroup, Just Stories,)
- Local churches (providing materials for families)
- -Central A & M Schools (Bond Primarty events, Prekindergarten, Family Fun Night, Child Development class,...)
- -Early Intervention
- -Kemmerer Village
- -Other school districts
- -Summer Rec Program
- -ACPA (Assumption Community Pride Association)
- -Moweaqua In Motion
- -Pow Wow Commitee



 Growing Together Cam

 CAM Baby TALK