Unit Operational Plan

Due March 22nd, 2024

2024-2025

Name of Unit: Child Development

Mission Statement (for the unit): "Positively Imprinting Young Children's and Families' Lives Through Education"

The mission of the Jefferson State Community College Child Development Department is to provide a quality, innovative program of study and to promote Child Development (Early Care and Education) as a professional field of study. The Child Development program is the first associate degree program in Alabama to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC).

Unit Goals

Unit Goals	Unit Outcome	Institution Strategic Plan	Fundamental Principles
To maintain accreditation-Ongoing.	a. To complete and submit Annual Report in Sept. of 2024 b. To ensure that NAEYC standards and key assessment are being met in the selected CHD courses. c. Submit new Key Assessments for our KA course by March of 2025.	IA. Credit Programming	Educational Program F.P. 2.1. University parallel degree programs that allow students to make a successful transition to senior colleges or universities. F.P. 2.2 Career and professional associate degree programs that integrate general and career-specific education and prepare students for immediate employment.
To improve quality instruction through faculty/professional development and the review of program	Monthly/Semester Faculty Meetings (Review of faculty evaluation of courses and adjust where needed)	II A. Increase the Fall- to-Fall Retention Rate	F.P. 3.3 Qualified personnel who enable le the college to fulfill its purpose. F. P. 3.4 Student academic,
curriculum and instruction- Ongoing.	a. Technical and Professional Development Trainings to ensure quality instruction is implemented.	IV.B - Increase opportunities for professional	developmental, and support services that assist students in achieving their goals.

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To enhance the number of dual enrollment sites in the greater Birmingham and surrounding areas while ensuring intentional and modified teaching instruction is being given.	Faculty will continue to work with dual enrollment office regarding student need and success. Faculty will continue to review the course offerings and methods of courses delivered. The faculty will provide more information sessions to the community at high schools about dual enrollment including what happens after completion. The faculty will assist as requested in the process of making sure all dual enrollment sites are cleared under the SACSCOC requirements	II B. Support the continued growth and enrollment of Dual Enrollment students and programs. II E. Increase the number of awards and credentials earned by students.	F.P. 2.2. Career and professional degree programs that integrate general and career-specific education and prepare students for immediate employment. F.P. 2.4 Certificate programs and other learning opportunities that enable students to acquire specific training to prepare for employment or advancement in jobs requiring skilled employees. F.P. 2.6 Distance learning programs and classes that promote accessibility through new technologies.
Continued improvement to interactive learning facilities/faculty resources	Provide any needed faculty/instructional resources. Evaluate current and upcoming needs of the resource room at both the Shelby and Jefferson campus.	II A. Increase the Fall- to-Fall Retention Rate III B. Continue to improve aesthetics and infrastructure at all locations.	F.P. 3.1 A friendly and stimulating atmosphere that is conducive to both formal and informal learning and to crosscultural awareness. F.P. 3.2 Physical facilities, technological resources and other resources that promote learning.

Expand professional	Faculty will continue to be	II A. Increase the Fall-	F. P. 3.4 Student academic, developmental, and support services that assist students in achieving their goals. F.P. 3.3 Qualified personnel
community outreach	involved in professional	to-Fall Retention Rate	who enable le the college
to enhance student	organizations and serve in		to fulfill its purpose.
and teacher learning	professional capacities both		
opportunities and	state and local.		F. P. 3.4 Student academic,
program recruitment-Ongoing.	Faculty will continue to market for the program on campus, in various education, online, and community outlets (Ex. Social Media page for all CHD students, Share and Promote the Jefferson State online content for CHD) Evaluate the Stepping Stones Workshop of Summer of 2019 and prepare for Stepping Stones Workshop potentially in summer of 2025)	IV.B - Increase opportunities for professional development for all employees.	developmental, and support services that assist students in achieving their goals. F.P. 4.2 Professional development experiences that enable personnel to maintain currency in their respective fields, increase their awareness and use of alternative methods of meeting the needs of a diverse student population, and develop innovative approaches to fulfilling their roles in the institution.

Unit Plan for the next year

- **1. Goals** The activities through which the outcome will be achieved. Each Unit Outcome should have at least one goal.
- 2. Method of Assessment How the unit will determine if the objective has been met.
- **3. Funding/Rationale** Provide an estimate of the cost of achieving the objective. Also, include a description of how these funds will be used to accomplish the objective.

Goal	Assessment	Funding/Rationale
Maintain Accreditation	Complete and submit Annual Report in Sept. of 2024 Submit new Key Assessments for our KA course by March of 2025.	Additional Funding Requests: Annual Accreditation Fee- \$1683.00 (Due Sept. of 2024 or March. 31 st of 2024)
To improve quality instruction through faculty/professional development and the review of program curriculum and instruction- Ongoing.	Monthly/Semester Faculty Meetings (Review of faculty evaluation of courses and adjust where needed) a. Technical and Professional Development Trainings to ensure quality instruction is implemented. b. Bi-annual Child Development Advisory Meetings for advising for improvement.	1. Additional Funding Requests: Funding for potential technical/ instructional training, i.e., Webinars, etc. \$2,000 Funding estimate for meetings: \$750 estimated
To enhance the number of dual enrollment sites in the greater Birmingham and surrounding areas while ensuring intentional and modified teaching instruction is being given.	Complete a minimum of three high school events where CHD/ECE is offered as a part of their CTE program.	NA
Continued improvement to interactive learning facilities/faculty resources	Continuing evaluation of current and upcoming needs of the resource room at both the Shelby and Jefferson campus. Provide any needed faculty/instructional resources.	Additional Funding Requests a. Routine program, instructional and office supplies: \$2,000

Expand professional	Continued involvement in professional	1.Additional Funding Requests
community outreach to	organizations and serve in professional capacities	
enhance student and	both state and local.	Steppingstone Workshop-
teacher learning	Faculty will continue to market for the program on	\$4000 fully refunded.
opportunities and	campus, in various education, online, and	
program recruitment-	community outlets (Ex. Social Media page for all	Instate travel expenses are
Ongoing.	CHD students, Share and Promote the Jefferson	\$1,000.
	State online content for CHD)	
		Program Marketing Materials-
	Evaluate the Stepping Stones Workshop of Summer	\$2500
	of 2019 and prepare for Stepping Stones Workshop	
	(Summer 2025)	