## **Center for Children and Youth**

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Center for Children and Youth website (https://arkansasresearch.uark.edu/the-center-for-children-and-youth/)

The Center for Children and Youth is designed to address issues of intellectual growth, social development, literacy, the arts, and techniques for addressing generational or regional poverty issues. This will be accomplished through teacher professional development, preservice education, research, as well as curriculum development and dissemination. The center was established by a generous gift of the Windgate Family Foundation in 2006 to the College of Education and Health Professions.

In 2010, the Center for Children and Youth hosted a national conference in Springdale, Ark., focused on the confluence of literacy and the arts. The conference featured speakers from the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Temple University, the National Council of Teachers of English, and local experts on arts integration approaches to teaching. Later in 2010, Dr. Chris Goering in the Curriculum and Instruction Department was appointed as the center's first director.