



A Community Outreach of First Presbyterian Church
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<https://www.achildsgardenabq.org/>

Dear Families,

As you complete the enrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year, we wanted to share more about how your tuition dollars are used and how they make a difference at A Child's Garden. High-quality teaching and programming brought most of us to ACG and, as we watch our beautiful children grow, we are so thankful for the wonderful people who care for our kids through the year.

Did you know?

- More than 90% of our revenue goes directly to educator and staff salaries and benefits, and we put great emphasis on recruiting excellent teachers and investing in staff satisfaction, retention and job security. The generosity of the First Presbyterian Church also supports this work. The church provides rent-free space, pays our utilities, and provides maintenance and housekeeping for our beautiful school.
- Since 2019, we have implemented a retirement matching program for our staff, demonstrating our dedication to their long-term well-being.
- In adherence to state policy, the minimum wage for entry-level childcare workers is \$15 per hour. Your tuition dollars ensure fair compensation for our valued staff and allow for cost-of-living raises.

As a Board, we take great care with tuition changes, considering the broad socioeconomic diversity of the school while accounting for staff needs and inflation. Tuition Assistance is available through both the NMECED and ACG Tuition Assistance Program. Links to both programs are available on the ACG website (www.achildsgardenabq.org).

We have also considered changes to our schedule offerings to better meet the needs of our community and help with staffing, and we will move forth with one change.

- Next year, instead of the 7:30-5:30 schedule, families will be able to choose before care from 7:30-8:30, after care from 4:30-5:30, or both. Families choosing both before and after care will receive a discount. To sign up for before or after care, your child must attend ACG from 8:30-4:30. Please indicate your preference on your registration form! Families already enrolled from 7:30-5:30 will receive preference for these time slots.
- Based on community feedback, we will maintain 2-day and 3-day options for all ages we serve. Thank you to the 2s and 3s parents who responded to the survey and shared your families' needs!

If you have any questions about enrolling for the 2025-26 school year, please contact our Director Mary Matteucci at (505) 764-2920 or marymatteucci@firstpresabq.org.

Sincerely,

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