



Mission Statement

The Center provides parenting education concerning child development, building parent skills, strengthening parent-child relationships, strengthening school to home relationships and promoting age-appropriate care and activities that enhance a child's health, school readiness, development and social emotional skills.

Adolescent/Changing Program

Changing I (5th Grade)–

Four parent nights
12 classroom presentations

Changing II (6th Grade)–

Two parent nights
9 classroom presentations

Parent comments:

- ◆ My child and I had a chance to learn about these topics from trained DSU nurses rather than peers and was a supplement to what we as parents have been discussing with them at home.
- ◆ I like that this program discusses issues that can help students and parents communicate about these topics.

Homeless/Foster Care Liaison

Providing services to:

- ◆ 106 students
- ◆ 34 students



**DPS– innovately
reaching parents
and families since 1994!**

Sessions Offered 2017-18

32 Multi-Session Series

27 Single Sessions

315 Class Hours

1874 Parent/Adult Participants

35 % Attended more than once

26 Community events/presentations

Parent Thoughts

- ◆ Learning how to be more empathetic, how to give choices and talking in a more calm manner to solve problems has improved my relationship with my children. We're finding that we have no more stressful mornings and can get to school on time!!
- ◆ So grateful for this class. I didn't know how much it would help my intense child. His classroom teacher and I are able to work together. It has been amazing what a difference it has made at home and at school.

Gearing Up for Kindergarten

The academic and social expectations of children entering kindergarten have changed a great deal from previous generations. National research suggests that teacher's estimate 32% of kids have some problems entering kindergarten and another 16% have difficult entries into kindergarten.

- **3 classrooms participated in Dickinson**
- **43 students experienced the program**
- **16 week series** (8 weeks in fall, 8 weeks in spring)

Parent Thoughts

- ◆ Our daughter loved coming to Gearing Up For Kindergarten because of the interaction with all the other kids. Taking assessments helped us as parents realize what we need to focus on before and during kindergarten. We enjoyed all the different areas that Gearing Up taught us as parents, from nutrition to discipline types. My child is excited for her kindergarten experience. I am, too!