

A Unique & Dynamic Community Collaboration



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Champion Intergenerational Center

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Champion
Intergenerational Enrichment
and Education Center

Bridging Ages . . . Enriching Lives

- The Center will focus on quality of life, wellness, and lifelong learning.
- It will create a “hub” in the PACT neighborhood for health and wellness, caregiver and parent support, education and community outreach.
- It will provide young children with a safe place to play, an enriching and developmentally appropriate environment, and an early childhood program that prepares them for school success.
- Older adults will be able to ‘age in place,’ staying at home longer, while having a safe place to socialize and receive medical care during the daytime hours.
- It will be a unique training venue for OSU students from multiple disciplines to gain replicable interdisciplinary practice skills, while also providing a setting for faculty-led translational research.
- It will be an opportunity to form mutually beneficial, meaningful relationships for all involved.

The Champion Intergenerational Enrichment and Education Center serves older adults and young children in a unique setting. Operated as university/ community collaboration, the Center will offer many benefits to Center participants, the Near East Side and wider community, and OSU faculty and students. Within OSU, the initiative is led by the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Social Work. Center partners are committed to creating a center of excellence where multiple generations are engaged, finding purpose and new experiences in their day.



Imagine a place where . . .

- An older adult is reading a story, or planting seeds in the garden with a preschooler.
- Nursing and medical students teach children about health habits.
- Social work students provide parent and caregiver support.
- Faculty, students, and staff work together at an intergenerational shared-site to advance knowledge across the lifespan — truly improving lives through new discoveries, best practices, teaching, and service.



Intergenerational shared site programming has a multitude of benefits:

- Enhances quality of life for all participants
- Provides needed services to the community
- Increases cost savings and opportunities to share resources
- Attracts additional funding and positive public relations
- Improves attitudes about different age groups
- Increases personal/social developmental scores in pre-school children when compared to those involved in non-intergenerational programs
- Increases positive affect in adults with dementia or other cognitive impairments
- Promotes positive health gains for older adults such as burning more calories due to exercise and sustaining fewer falls