



## History of the Corning Children's Center

- 1979 Local need assessed, proposal and funding request made to Corning Glass Works Foundation
- 1980 Established Board of Directors, secured a site, hired Co-Directors and staff, secured licensing  
Opened in September, serving 24 preschoolers in the First Presbyterian Church of Corning
- 1988 Moved the program to the Mennonite Ministries in South Corning  
Increased enrollment to 40 preschoolers
- 1991 Moved to the First Baptist Church of Painted Post, expanded program to include Toddler Care
- 1992 Toddler program expanded to serve 20. Licensed capacity of 68  
Groundbreaking for new Center
- 1994 Moved existing program to new site in January. Licensed for 120 children  
Began Infant and Pre-K programs and expanded toddler and preschool programs  
First BOCES Child Development Class began training at the Children's Center
- 1995 Enhanced role of Lead Teachers and eliminated Program Director position to better meet program and financial goals
- 1996 Began new School Age Program during the summer and on full day school closings  
Expanded licensed capacity to 143 children  
Began offering emergency back-up care on a space-available basis  
Graduated first two-year students from BOCES Child Development Program
- 1997 Achieved NAEYC Accreditation
- 1998 First Staff Development Day held in collaboration with Child Care at Christ Church  
Piloted after-school care for school-aged alumni and siblings
- 1999 Established *Committed Caregivers Club*
- 2000 Added role of Associate Director  
Achieved NAEYC re-accreditation  
Implemented Continuity of Care from Infancy through Preschool in B Wing
- 2001 Opened six new classrooms in modular space  
Graduated last group of BOCES early childhood education students
- 2002 Closed school-age program at the end of the school year  
Implemented Continuity of Care in A Wing  
Merged four classrooms to "right size" in response to downturn in local economy
- 2003 Added Age Level Specialists and a Part-time Director of Development  
Selected to be part of a pilot project for Early Education accreditation through the Middle States Commission on Education
- 2004 Funded and institutionalized a schedule of Program Enrichments including artist-in-residence series, performances, and Spanish language classes
- 2005 Achieved accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Education  
Began Annual *Friends of the Family Celebration*
- 2006 Received ARTS Partnership Award from ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes
- 2007 Planned program adjustments to accommodate anticipated construction of new facility
- 2008 Groundbreaking for new facility; all current client families accommodated as planned