

REDWOOD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER GRANTS PASS, OREGON

The Redwood Early Childhood Center is a unique project combining a Head Start site with early childhood teacher training and services for children with developmental disabilities. The program is located at Rogue Community College and is a resource for the campus and the community.

The building is designed with a secure and welcoming front to the campus and a sunlit courtyard to the rear. The rural location of Rogue Community College campus presented great opportunities to give children access to nature. The building courtyard abuts a pine, oak and madrone forest. This existing natural resource is a focus of the site design: All of the classrooms open onto a south side playscape that is integrated with the open forest floor.

With a visible, welcoming entry near the center of campus, the building is a safe and accessible place for kids and staff. The shape of the building allows for great natural light throughout the interior, and provides opportunities for staff to stay in contact with what is happening outside. The building is durable, easy to maintain, and resource efficient. Every square foot works hard to support and communicate the core values of the program: the importance of children, families and early childhood education.



Ribbon cutting at Redwood Early Childhood Center in Grants Pass, OR.

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