



**Child Development  
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# Who We Are

Our mission is to promote the creation of stable family life, self-reliance and resiliency by providing, in a safe and caring environment, training which empowers children and youth to thrive, exert themselves, express themselves, grow, mature and positively impact the quality of life in their communities.

For additional information on other initiatives and projects of the Child Development & Learning Center, Inc. (CDLC), please contact:

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## WHAT THE CHILDREN SAID...

"I enjoy art because it helps me express my feelings in a positive way. For example, if I'm mad, I can paint or be creative, rather than yelling or something negative."

**KYMBERLEE STEPHENS, AGE 13**

"When I do my pieces, I try to put as much details as possible. I take a long time on my work and concentrate on it as much as I possibly can."

**CARL BOOKER, AGE 13**

"This program has a lot of benefits. This program has taught me how to use shading, which is also called value...I also learned how to express the way I'm feeling through art, rather than using negative words or actions."

**LAUREN LIGGON, AGE 12**

# What We Do

## CDLC SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

Funded by the Child Development & Learning Center, Inc., the First Baptist Church of Riverhead and a grant from the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, the five-week-long summer arts program held from July 25, 2005 through August 26, 2005, encouraged students to channel their feelings into their own creative expressions. Through the use of varied art media, the children, ages eleven through fourteen, were able to freely express themselves and develop their own personal "style." In addition to classroom instruction, students were privileged to experience "hands-on" advice from practicing professional artists, including a water colorist, a famous portrait artist, a local sculptor, a stained glass maker and a freelance photographer. The students were also able to broaden their exposure to art and its application in the world around them by participating in several field trips, which included museums, galleries, private collections, artist studios, and a trip to the world-renowned graffiti mural at "5pointz" in Queens, New York. The group also attended a performance of how the creative genius of the artist can be translated into imaginative costumes and set designs and how artists can create different moods just by changing the color of the stage lights. Our art exhibit is the culmination of the students' efforts, along with a full-color photo calendar which is available for the nominal cost to help raise funds for future programs. For these projects, students participate in selecting examples of their work. They also were required to write summaries about themselves as artists and about each work to be exhibited. Through these extensive opportunities, each student was able to express their own "voice" and learn more positive ways of expressing their strong feelings and passions about life.

# What We Will Do

## OUR FUTURE DIRECTIONS...

The Child Development & Learning Center, Inc. (CDLC) intends, through community involvement, fundraising, foundation and public grants, and individual contributions, to erect a facility which will provide a center-based program of services to children. Our vision is to provide affordable day care, respite and youth development services in a facility which is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week. Until that vision is fully implemented, we will continue to provide programs targeted toward nurturing and challenging young people intellectually, emotionally, physically and creatively. We will do so in a safe and responsible environment where young people can gain self-esteem and confidence which will empower them to become assertive, self-directed, reliant and productive members of the world in which they live. To accomplish these objectives, we need your help.

## PLEASE SELECT THE WAYS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP:

- ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING LIST FOR FUTURE FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS.
- PLEASE SEND ME A SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM CALENDAR AT \$19.95 EACH
- ENCLOSED IS MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARD THE WORK OF CDLC

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