

CENTRE FOR CHILDHOOD STUDIES



Project Overview
2021



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION AT CAPU

CapU is BC's largest ECCE Faculty with 500 students
96% women, 33% newcomers to Canada, 5% indigenous

BC's only ECCE degree program
and only one of four in Canada focused on the early years of 0-5

BC's only Lab School, integrating research, education, practice and care

New in 2021:
Degree stream for Advocacy and Leadership in Early Childhood Care & Education

National research partnerships with Western and York Universities

International collaborations in Australia, Europe, South America and USA



OUR GRADUATES

CAPU'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION GRADUATES MAKE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN A VARIETY OF ROLES:



EARLY
CHILDHOOD
EDUCATORS

K-12 TEACHERS

EARLY LEARNING
RESEARCHERS &
POST-SECONDARY
INSTRUCTORS

PROVINCIAL
AND FEDERAL
POLICY ANALYSTS

PROGRAM
MANAGERS &
ADMINISTRATORS

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS &
CHILDHOOD
ADVOCATES

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPISTS

COUNSELLORS &
PSYCHOLOGISTS



EARLY LEARNING IS VITAL

Investment in
high quality
early learning
and childcare



Increased
and
diversified
workforce
participation

- Stimulates economic activity
- Job creation
- Reduces gender income inequality
- Better economic outcomes for families

Levels the
playing field
for
disadvantaged
families

- Children demonstrate better outcomes on language, cognitive, social-emotional and physical scales
- Prepared for School entry
- Lessens need for special ed
- Helps to overcome intergenerational poverty

Children
develop a
framework for
ethical
decision
making

- Develops citizens attuned to social justice, sustainability and equity
- Facilitates the creation of diverse, ethical and sustainable communities

PROJECT DETAILS



Western Canada's only purpose-built early childhood research, education and childcare centre

A hub for **national research and policy**, elevating the quality of early learning and childcare across BC and Canada

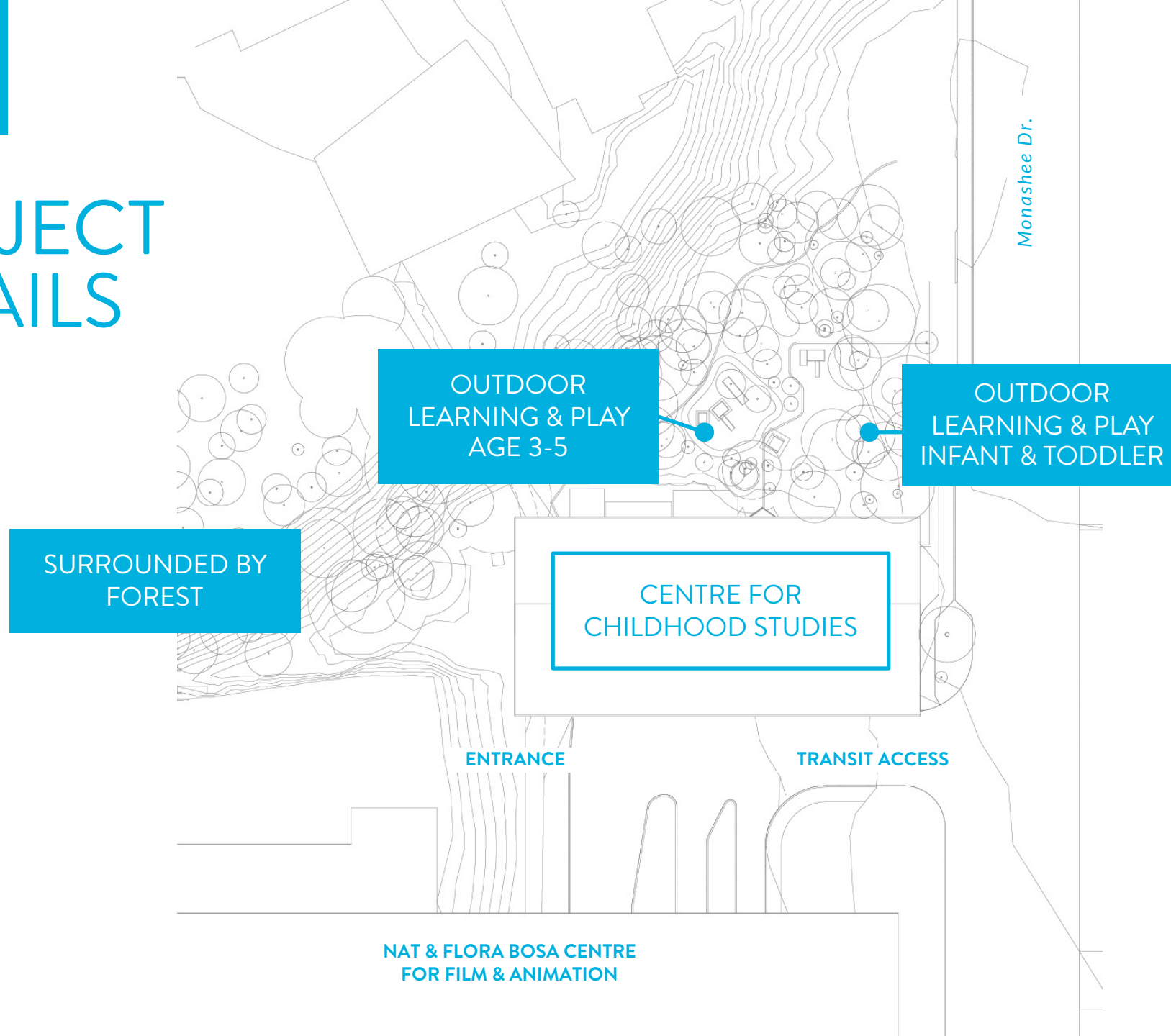
Lab School design integrates research and **74 new childcare spaces**, prioritized for parents who are students

Two storey, 23,000-square-foot LEED Gold Centre at the north of campus, adjacent to transit and forest

A focus on creating educators capable of working with **diverse and underprivileged children & families with complex backgrounds**

PROJECT DETAILS

MAP



SURROUNDED BY
FOREST

OUTDOOR
LEARNING & PLAY
AGE 3-5

OUTDOOR
LEARNING & PLAY
INFANT & TODDLER

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ENTRANCE

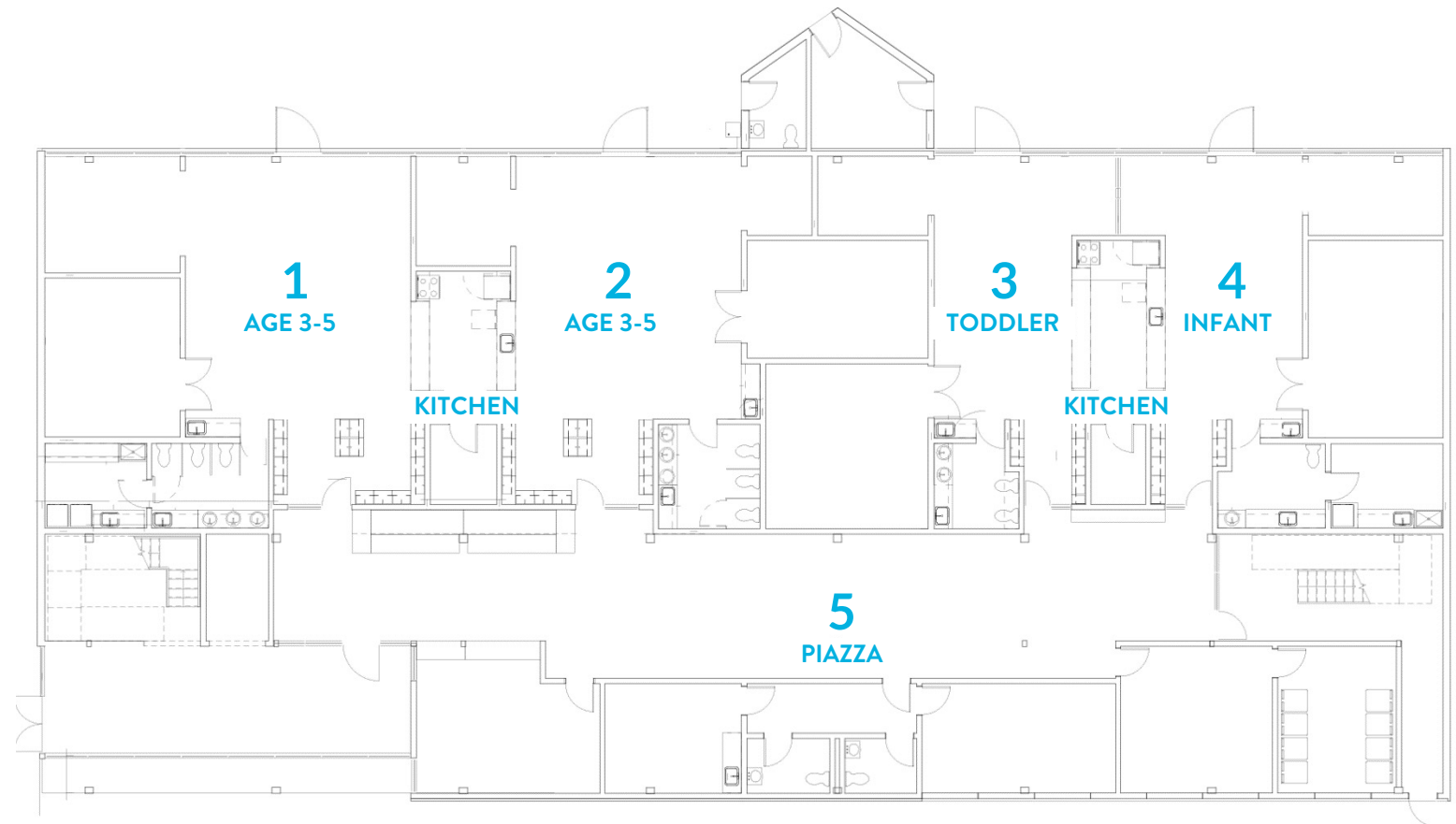
TRANSIT ACCESS

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FOR FILM & ANIMATION

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PROJECT DETAILS

MAIN FLOOR



1-4 Childcare studios to accommodate 74 children, each with their own quiet area, nap room, access to kitchen, laundry and washrooms

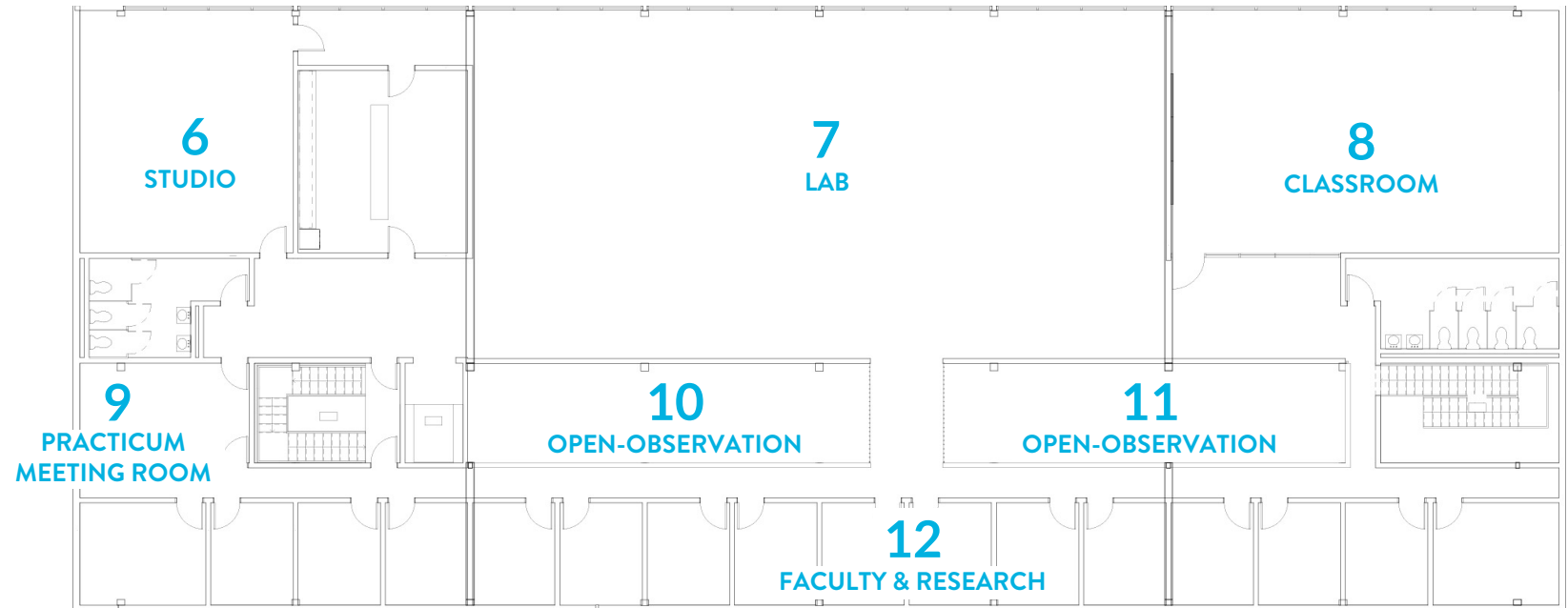
5 Piazza: the heart of the Centre, alive with purposeful animation for children, families, students and research

Space for public events, exhibits of student work, research activities and collaboration

Flexible space where students, educators, children and faculty collaborate in research

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SECOND FLOOR



6-7 Open for experiential learning, research, hosting national conferences and workshops

8 Classroom for delivery of core ECCE curriculum

9 20 new practicum spaces for student educators

10-11 Open to lower level for observation purposes

12 Clustering CapU's thought leaders to co-create with children, students, educators and families

THE IMPACT



BUILDING AN EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

Helping children reach their full potential, breaking down barriers for those who are underprivileged or socio-economically challenged.

Early learning and childcare is essential for **families, particularly mothers, to overcome intergenerational poverty and gender income inequality**

Meeting urgent workforce demand: 25% growth in admissions to help ensure BC's 30,000 new spaces can successfully open in the next 5 years

Doubling CapU's capacity for childcare, a vital resource for North Shore families in need and businesses, helping to facilitate pandemic recovery

Creating a passionate community dedicated to **healthy children and families,** forging a strong and equitable economy

Enhancing the quality of care across Canada: accelerating CapU's outreach and international leadership in early childhood scholarship and research

