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## **Children "Dig" Ground Breaking Celebration for Los Angeles Trade-Tech College's New Child Development Center**

*New \$6 Million Center in Downtown will serve the needs of student-parents and children from the local community*

**February 24, 2006 (LOS ANGELES)**—As part of its program to modernize and upgrade its campus, Los Angeles Trade-Tech College (LATTC) celebrated the ground breaking of its new \$6 million Child Development Center on February 23. Dozens of preschool children from its current center helped to break ground on the new building, donning yellow hard hats and turning child-sized shovels. The new center will accommodate up to 96 children, and its anticipated completion date is March 2007.

"Today, we are here to share and celebrate our future—the future of our children and our new Child Development Center," stated Pauline Carrillo, director of the Child Development Center at Los Angeles Trade-Tech College, during the ceremony.

The Child Development Center at Los Angeles Trade-Tech College first opened its doors in February 1975 and has served the community for more than 30 years. The current center accommodates 50 children and consists of portables that were meant to be temporary facilities. The new center will be a two-level complex, providing approximately 14,238 square feet of space for optimal learning for children ranging in age from infancy to 12 years. The new building will allow the Center to increase its capacity from 50 to 96 children and will house an infant classroom—a first for the College's Child Development Center. A new auxiliary space will also serve as a library/conference room and will be accessible to parents of children enrolled at the center.

"This really is the beginning of something special at Los Angeles Trade-Tech College," said Larry Eisenberg, executive director of Facilities Planning and Development. "Across the campus, LATTC is building and upgrading its facilities for both current students and future generations."

The new Child Development Center is part of Los Angeles Trade-Tech's \$242 million campus renovation and upgrade efforts to enhance and modernize its facilities. For more information, visit the construction program's web site at [www.PropositionA.org](http://www.PropositionA.org) or visit the college's web site at [www.LATTC.edu](http://www.LATTC.edu).

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