

Christian Family & Children's Center History

- 1981 Oct. Merle and Barb Skinner and other dedicated Christians formed a Board of Directors and rented a vacant funeral home in Indian Head.
- 1982 Jan. Preschool program starts with three students.
Sept. Interdenominational ladies small group Bible study developed.
- 1983 Aug. Kindergarten program begun with the intention of adding a grade each year.
- 1984 July Center became a practicum placement for WCCC Child Development students.
Nov. Conference/Seminar program started.
- 1987 Apr. Special program contracting with churches began.
Sept. First meetings of the Advisory Board and Parent Advisory Committee held.
- 1989 July First meeting of the Pastoral Advisory Committee held.
Dec. Crisis Pregnancy Center started.
- 1991 Mar. School program officially becomes Champion Christian School, offering grades K – 8.
Aug. Parent-Teacher Fellowship officially begun.
- 1993 Jan. Annex built; Champion Christian High School begun; Apartment converted into Center offices.
- 1994 May Christian Counseling Services hired first counselor.
- 1995 Sept. First computer grant resulted in 13 Internet accessible interlinked computers.
Nov. Center brings Internet to area as a local dial up number and develops web site, www.champion.org.
- 1996 Dec. Attic sprinkler pipe broke, totally flooding original building.
- 1997 April \$200,000 insurance restoration completed; Additional computer lab of thirteen computers given.
Aug. Discovery program through the National Institute for Learning Disabilities (NILD) begun.
- 1998 Aug. Part of parking lot repaved; two basketball poles and hoops installed; Champion Christian Middle School started; dual accreditation achieved with Middle States and ACSI.
Oct. Mortgage Burning ceremony held on South Campus building.
- 1999 Feb. Center hosts radio show, IMPACT LIVE!, on WWNL 1080AM.
Mar. Center Board of Directors sign sales agreement on 50 acre Donegal property.
- 2000 July Bus maintenance garage built by volunteers on Donegal site.
- 2002 July Middle school, high school, and accounting department moved into new facility.
- 2005 Sept. Soccer field dedicated as Harr Field in honor of excavator's years of donated time.
- 2006 June Promotional DVD completed and ready for mass distribution.
- 2008 Aug. Greenhouse and concession stand constructed at North Campus.

- 2009 Jan. Exec.Dir. Skinner serves on state and national Council for American Private Schools (CAPE).
- May FEMA trailer purchased and set up for preschool expansion at North Campus in Donegal.
- July Alloutpraise! first annual outdoor contemporary Christian music benefit festival held.
- 2010 Jan. Coach bus purchased and community trips program launched.
- 2012 Nov. New two sided entrance sign built at North Campus in Donegal.
- 2013 July Thanks to Richard King Mellon Foundation, many businesses and volunteers both campuses were professionally paved.
- Oct. Began managing the ICV Community Center from the Lions Club with plans to purchase it.
- 2014 Jan. Licensed professional counseling services expanded
- May A fire destroyed the ICV Community Center before the purchase agreement was signed.
- 2015 Nov. Capital Campaign launched for new early education/fine arts addition at North Campus in Donegal.
- Dec. Ground breaking for new addition and shell completed.
- 2016 July New addition dedication ceremony held.
- 2017 June Mortgage paid in full! Praise the Lord!
- 2017 Oct. South Campus metal roof completed.
- 2018 June Lead gift given for gymnasium/auditorium.
- 2019 Sept. Walking track around the soccer field begun.
- 2019 Oct. Early Education Early Childhood Services (EEEECS) expanded to include infants and toddlers.
- Oct. Ligonier campus added to Champion Christian Preschool.
- 2021 Jan. New LED two sided sign installed at North Campus in Donegal entrance.
- 2022 May Ground breaking for the gymnasium/wellness center at the North Campus in Donegal.
- 2023 Sept. Center podcast started.
- 2024 April First official use of gymnasium.