



Students listen to their instructor during a dance class at the Community Dance Center at Oklahoma City University.

Providing Opportunities for Children

An Opportunities for Children iFund grant allowed the Community Dance Center at Oklahoma City University to offer more scholarships to children interested in taking lessons regardless of their ability to pay. The center serves as a learning laboratory for students majoring in dance pedagogy as they teach their elementary-age students tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop dancing. The dance classes enable children to be physically active, learn to control movement, gain flexibility and coordination and express their creativity. The children also learn important values such as teamwork, self-confidence and discipline.

The Opportunities for Children iFund grant also helped the center replenish its costume inventory. The costumes are used annually for the center's spring show and help the children feel like professional dancers as they demonstrate their accomplishments on stage.



Dance instructors lead several students in stretching exercises prior to class.



The Opportunities for Children iFund is one of three iFund grant programs and it supports grants to nonprofit organizations providing direct services for children birth to age 14, offering access to opportunities that otherwise would not be available. The Services for Elderly iFund program supports programs that focus on safety for elderly and help them to remain living independently in their own homes. The Access to Health Care iFund awards grants to nonprofit organizations providing direct health care services in central Oklahoma. Learn more about the iFund grant program at www.ifundokc.org.