

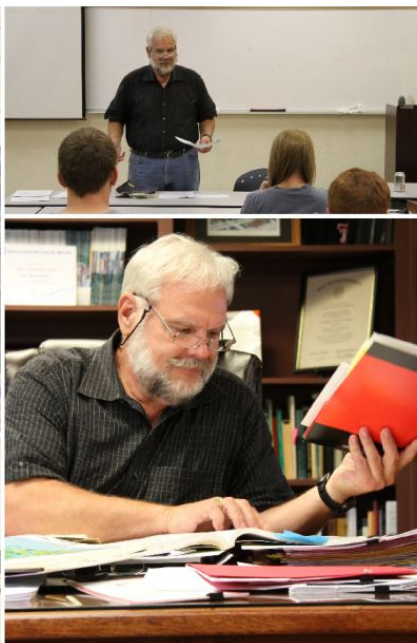


## DESIGNER NEWSLETTER

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### A Dedication to Dr. Charles Klein

Dr. Charles Klein has been instrumental to the OLE! Texas initiative since its creation. Many of us have been positively impacted by his selfless dedication to improving children's well-being through outdoor learning environments. In memory of his legacy, the Texas Tech Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center has dedicated the 17th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference in his name. You can read their dedication on the [TLPDC website](#).



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OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

\*OLE! Texas is an initiative of the Texas Department of State Health Services in partnership with other state agencies, universities, and organizations across Texas. For more information and a full partner listing, visit [dshs.texas.gov/ole](http://dshs.texas.gov/ole).



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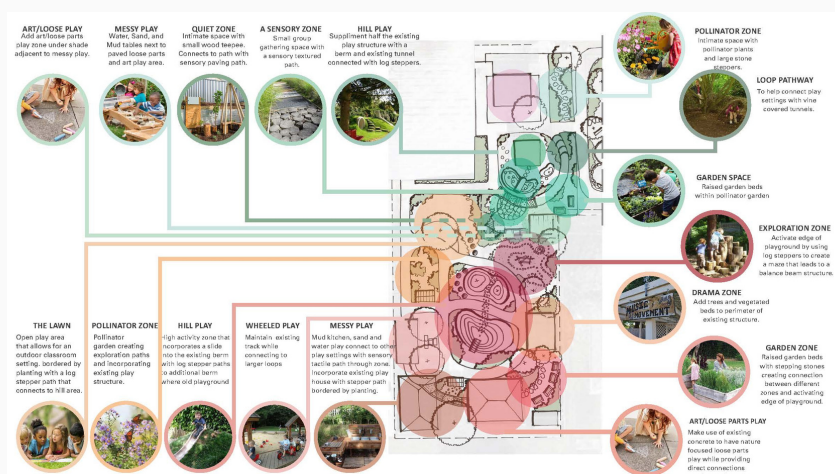




# Agape Christian Preschool's Outdoor Learning Environment

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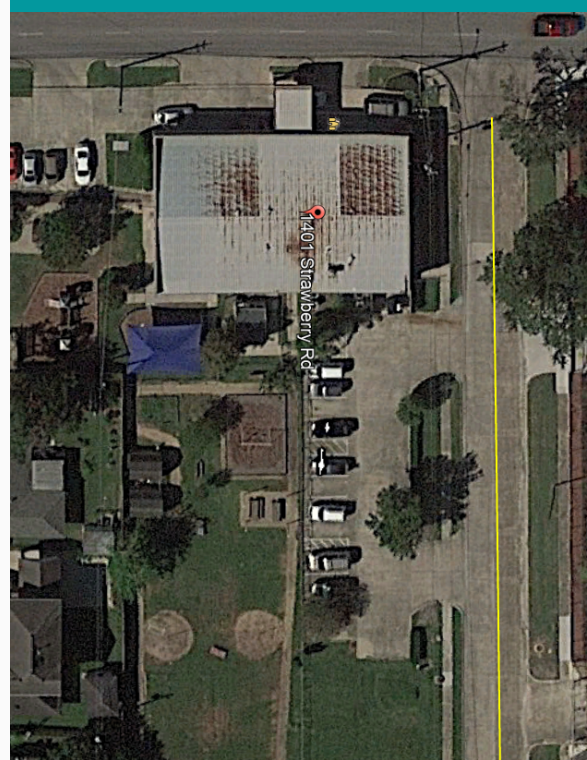
In partnership with the Harris County chapter, members of the OLE! Texas Designer Network, Katie Summers and Meade Mitchell of [TBC](#), created a design for the outdoor learning environment at Agape Christian Preschool in Pasadena, Texas. The center's mission is to meet the needs of the families of their community by providing a safe, healthy, and happy learning environment. Their philosophy emphasizes individual development and a well-rounded program to develop the whole child – physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively, and spiritually.



The center's outdoor space is divided into two outdoor learning environments; one which serves toddlers to children 5-years-old and the other area which serves children 5 – 12-years-old. Summers and Mitchell included the 12 Best Practice Indicators established by the Natural Learning Initiative. Visit the [Project Posters](#) on the Texas Tech Coalition for Natural Learning website for more details about this project.

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AGAPE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL







Please share the designer scholarship program with your colleagues. Fifteen scholarships are available during 2021, and the application form is found on the [CNL website](#).

## OLE! Texas Piloted New Training for Designers

In partnership with the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#), the OLE! Texas Design Team at Texas Tech University piloted a new designer training program in which 8 designers were trained and added to the Designer Network. The program is a 2-day virtual training which combines the educational component and the workshop practicum. The aim of this program is to increase availability and accessibility to designers across the state. Thank you to everyone who participated in this inaugural training.

### TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY COALITION for NATURAL LEARNING

#### OLE! Texas Initiative Designer Certification Seminar

Thursday, November 12, 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
Friday, November 13, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### Instructors:

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#### Course Description

The course is offered as a requirement for inclusion in the OLE! Texas Designer Network. It will cover the theoretical foundations, principles, and process for improving a childcare center Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE) as an evidence-based, design intervention as an early intervention strategy for combating obesity. It is delivered as a multi-day seminar and includes two parts, the background and foundations of the concepts followed by their practical application in a real or simulated design workshop. The seminar is facilitated by faculty of the Texas Tech University Coalition for Natural Learning and sponsored by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) OLE! Texas initiative. Participants who complete all parts of the seminar, including the course evaluation, will be eligible for up to twelve (12) hours of Continuing Education Professional Hours.





## Designer Network Database Connects Childcare Centers with Designers

In partnership with the Texas Department of State Health Services, the OLE! Texas Design Team at Texas Tech University facilitates the [Designer Network](#). The purpose of the network is to connect childcare centers with designers trained in the OLE! Texas philosophy. When someone visits the Designer Network Database and clicks on a designer's name, a window of detailed information pops up which gives further information about how to contact the designer and which services they provide (example given below). To qualify for the Designer Network, designers must complete the educational and workshop practicum components of the designer training. More information about the training requirements is found on the [Designer Training](#) page on the CNL website.



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### Certified OLE Designer Database

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#### Individual Designer Detail

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#### OLE Designer Name

Profession: Professional Title  
 Registration No.: 1111  
 Employer: Business Name  
 Address: Street  
 City, State Zipcode  
 Phone: 111-111-1111  
 Email: [info@website.com](mailto:info@website.com)  
 Website: [www.website.com](http://www.website.com)  
 Service Area: City, State, or Country

#### Services Provided:

- ☒ Coordination of Workshop Preparations
- ☒ Coordination of Design Workshops
- ☒ Prepare Illustrative Master Plan
- ☒ Prepare Construction Documents
- ☒ Permitting
- ☒ Construction Observation
- ☒ Design/Build Contracting
- ☒ Construction Contracting



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## More opportunities to Honor Dr. Klein

Keep an eye out for more information about how we can honor Dr. Charles Klein's legacy and contributions to OLE! Texas. We are currently organizing ways to contribute to outdoor learning environments and landscape architecture students in his name.

