WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILD CARE WAITING AREA

by Dawn Ramsey, Child Care Coordinator

What's a parent to do? You are looking for a job, and you know the place to come to is the Racine County Workforce Development Center, located at 1717 Taylor Avenue, Racine. But you don't have anyone to watch your child while you're taking advantage of all the services offered at the Center and you know you can't take care of your business there if your child is by your side.

What's a parent to do? The answer is simple: bring your child to the Center and use the on-site child care facility. This free service is available to parents who are in the building brushing up on their computer or math skills, attending a professional development workshop or meeting with one of our many helpful professional staff members. The only restrictions are that customers who are using the child care facility must remain in the building at all times and children may only be in the child care facility for a maximum of three and a half hours per visit.

The child care facility is staffed by certified teachers who plan daily age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate activities, prepare healthy snacks and provide a safe, caring environment for the children.

A monthly activity calendar is posted in the child care room for all to view. The children enjoy creative arts and crafts projects and can explore several different theme areas; including a car, trucks, animal and block area; a climbing area; a sand and water table area; a library corner, with many different age-appropriate books and books on tape and a dramatic play area, where the children can play dress up. There's also a separate infant area, for the youngest visitors.

Snacks are served daily at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Each day's menu is posted in the morning to let parents know what food will be served. It is the parent's responsibility to share any known allergy information with the staff. Alternative foods are available for children allergic to the snack being served.

The on-site child care facility is open Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Children between the ages of 6 years and 12 years old may only use the facility during non-school hours. Non-school hours include days when school is not in session as well as before and after school. The entire Workforce Development Center is closed for all major holidays.

Remember, the use of the child care facility is free to parents using the Workforce Development Center. While you are in the Employment Resource Room, Career Development Area, Career Discovery Center, Academic Improvement Center or attending one the many helpful workshops, your child will be safe and busy and well cared-for.

Parents with questions or concerns regarding the child care facility may contact: Dawn Ramsey- Child Care Coordinator @ 638-6504