

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILD CARE WAITING AREA

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The Racine County Workforce Development Center, located at 1717 Taylor Avenue, Racine, offers job seekers a comprehensive menu of services.

These services include the Employment Resource Room, Career Development Area, Career Discovery Center, Academic Improvement Center and a wide variety of helpful workshops. Customers with child care concerns can take advantage of the on-site child care facility while they are brushing up on their computer or math skills, attending a professional development workshop or meeting with one of the many helpful professional staff members. All of these services, including child care, are offered at no fee.

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. 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 four certified teachers who plan daily age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate activities, prepare healthy snacks and provide a safe, caring environment for the children.

The children's activities are based on different themes such as holidays, feelings and weather. A monthly activity calendar is posted in the room for all to view. The children enjoy creative arts and crafts projects, such as coloring egg shells and gluing them into different designs on construction paper. There are also several different theme areas in the room for the children to explore; including

- ~The car, trucks, animal and block area

- ~The climbing area

- ~The sand and water table area

- ~The library corner, with many different age-appropriate books and books on tape.

- ~The infant area, for the youngest visitors; and

- ~The dramatic play area, where the children can play dress up.

Snacks are served daily at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Snacks are posted each morning to let parents know what their child will be eating while in care. It is the parent's responsibility to share any known allergy information with the staff. Alternative snacks will be made available to any child who is allergic to the snack being served.

We hope all our young visitors enjoy their stay at the on-site child care facility as they play, learn, explore and meet new children.

Parents with questions or concerns regarding the on-site child care facility may contact: Janine Davis @ 638-6568 or Nancy Harmann @ 638-6642