

Center gives day care option to parents with sick children

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When a child is sick, working parents often are faced with staying home or hiring a sitter. Day care centers usually refuse to care for sick children. But the Sick Child Care center, 1647 Pearl St., offers an alternative.

The center is the only licensed sick child care program in the Pacific Northwest, and, as of November 1985, one of six sick child care programs in the country.

"The center is a place where children can be comfortable during the first stages of illness or recovery," said Carrie Haynes, a center employee.

The program will accept any child 3 months to 12 years of age as long as the disease is not contagious.

Teressa Harter said she established the center about a year ago after attending a child care conference in New Orleans and in response to parents' requests.

"I got a tremendous amount of information at the conference and combined it with common sense. I worked with other medical and child care centers to originate my own program," she said.

"It developed through my own experience (of having a sick child and work) and seeing the dilemma many parents at the other centers were put into when their child was sick and we couldn't accept (the child)," she said.

In addition to the Sick Child Care center, Harter operates the Security First Infant Center, 1689 Pearl St., and the Security First Preschool & Daycare Center, 1531 Pearl St.

Linda McCuen, a local businesswoman who uses the service, said she noticed an advertisement for the center shortly after moving to Eugene.

"I have three kids and a new business, so it was nice to find a place that will offer that kind of service," she said.

A child enrolled at the center will receive love and attention, Haynes said. Medicine is administered only at a doctor's orders or a parent's request, and a team of doctors advises the center in emergencies, she said.

McCuen said she appreciates the service's updates about her son's condition.

"They are constantly in contact with me to tell me if Ryan's fever had gone up or down, etc.," McCuen said. "I feel very comfortable about Ryan being there."

The center, a small furnished house, has room for 12 children with separate bedrooms and a central activity room.

The cost for one child is \$25 a day or \$3 an hour. Children enrolled at other Security First centers can use the service free. University students whose financial aid pays for the EMU child care program also can use aid to pay for the Sick Child Care program.



Photo by Maria Corvallis

The Sick Child Care center, located at 1647 Pearl St., gives working parents a place to leave their sick children when other day care centers refuse to take them.

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meaning in the United States so that it now includes oral sex as well, Graff said.

By taking gay rights cases to the courts, NGRA is educating the straight community and raising their consciousness, Graff said. Every case educates the judges, the lawyers and the public, he said.

"My message is this: We're not going to tolerate any infringement of our civil liberties at any time, any where," Graff

said. "Knowledge of your rights gives you power."

"We want people to know what their rights are because the law can protect them," he said.

Graff has worked in the gay rights movement for 15 years,

the past four as a member of NGRA. He first became involved with NGRA in 1981 as a volunteer attorney in Washington, D.C., on a military gay discrimination case, he said.

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