

Day care in Oregon-What is it?

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For the purposes of this discussion, day care is the regular care, on a full or part-time basis, of the child while his or her parents or guardians are involved in employment, educational or training programs, or a family rehabilitation plan.

Families make the choice to use day care for any number of reasons. In addition to the increase in single parent families-headed by either fathers or mothers-the rising cost of living has almost mandated that both parents work.

While some people are concerned about the welfare of children in day care, various studies which have been completed show that children who were raised in day care settings develop normally as long as the day care setting is good.

Since the child of a working parent spends the major part of his or her waking hours in a day care setting and, since a child's life is shaped by early experiences, it is important that he or she be placed in a day care setting that assures healthy growth and experiences compatible with the family life style.

Three types of day care have been traditionally available to parents:

1-The first type of care that most people think of is "in-home" care, provided by a babysitter who comes into the child's own home. Federal wage and hour laws which mandate minimum wage (currently at least \$3.10 per hour) for regular arrangements of this type, put in-home care out of the financial reach of all but the highest income families.

2- Another type is the day care center. The high visibility of centers to the community, with parents and staff of regulatory agencies coming and going each day, adds safeguards to the day care placement. Children in groups are able to learn socialization skills which prepare them for later group experience such as public school.

Disadvantages to center care are the higher costs associated with this type of care, the somewhat more structured program necessitated by a large group of children with the possible lack of individualized attention which this entails, as well as problems of flexibility to accommodate irregular work schedules.

3- The most common day

Listening Post: Day Care

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1. Would you, as a state taxpayer, be willing to assist in supporting child day care facilities for individuals so they can work and be otherwise self-supporting?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Should individuals be responsible for providing their own day care?
Totally _____ Partially _____ According to ability _____
3. Assuming the family has primary responsibility for providing day care, which of the following has secondary responsibility for the financial support of day care facilities? (Rank in order of preference)
Employers _____ Local government _____ State government _____
Federal government _____ Other _____
4. Should school facilities be utilized to provide before-school, after-school and summer time day care?
Yes _____ No _____

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care resource is known as family day care. Providing care to no more than six children, family day care is appropriate for children of any age who need individual care in a home-type setting, who are not ready for group experiences because of age or special needs, whose families may have special requirements such as irregular working hours or lack of transportation.

One drawback to family day care is discontinuity for the child and parent. Family day care mothers often stop giving care for a variety of reasons. The current rate of turnover for family day care providers in the State of Oregon is about 80 percent.

Typical charges for a preschooler in a family day care setting might range from \$150 to \$230 per month. Typical charges for a preschooler in a day care center might range from \$140 to \$200 per month.

Charges for infants are typically higher and charges for school age children are typically lower.

The only government money currently in day care is the fee assistance provided to some low income parents. On Nov. 1, 1980, Adult and Family Services will be assuming responsibility for providing day care services to employed low income families. This assistance will be treated as a work-related expense and payment will be made to the parent, rather than directly to the day care provider.

Parents will not be required to select a certified (licensed) provider as has been required by Children's Services Division. Subsidy amounts will generally be lower under the new system and parents will often have to pay a larger share of the cost of care.

A working single parent with two preschool children will have to earn less than \$631 (rather than \$803 under the

current system) in order to receive the maximum available assistance of \$320 for day care.

State statutes, CSD rules, and federal requirements form the basis for setting standards for the operation of day care facilities. Licensing standards are set to protect the health and safety of children. Under Oregon law any day care facility serving six or more children must hold a day care certificate issued by CSD.

Family day care providers, serving less than six children, are not required to be licensed, unless they wish to serve federally subsidized children; these providers must hold a certificate of federal compliance issued by CSD.

Day care centers serving federally subsidized children must, in addition to meeting the state requirements, meet additional federal requirements. Parent fee assistance from CSD has required the use of licensed care. Under the Adult and Family Services Division, there is no such requirement. This move has raised the question of whether government should be concerned about the quality of care where government money is involved. Is this investment worth the expense?

Parents of all income levels face the question of what quality of care they can afford for their children. And society faces the question of whether it receives sufficient benefit from higher quality care to assist in financing this care.

The following are the findings of an employer who provides child care services to its employees:

As an employer, providing day care has decreased absenteeism and tardiness. For the employer, it provides for better recruitment possibilities for a higher caliber of employee due to a broader base to choose from. Em-

ployee moral has shown significant improvement. In short, return on the effort to provide for increased peace of mind of your employees while at work cannot be measured.

Young Morrow Co. cook claims award

A young cook from Morrow County claimed a blue award in the second 4-H food preparation contest at the 1980 Oregon State Fair.

In the contest, 4-H members may prepare a sandwich, salad, yeast or baking powder product, pie, main dish or vegetable dish while they are evaluated on their preparation skills, management, cost, nutrition knowledge and table service.

Receiving a blue award in the contest was Angie Evans, Irrigon.

American Legion and Aux. meet

The American Legion and Auxiliary held their first regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Legion hall beginning with a potluck supper, after which both held their separate meetings. The Legion was honored with the presence of the District 6 Commander, George Gilkeson of La Grande.

Both groups are planning many events for the coming year. On Oct. 3 their annual All Night Hunters Breakfast will be served to the public beginning at 4 p.m. Friday throughout the night until 6 a.m. Saturday.

The post commander for the 1980-81 year is Ed Baker. President of the Auxiliary is Evelyn Sweek.

The American Legion and Auxiliary extend a welcome to any veteran who would be in joining their organizations.

Chamber of Commerce/Extension tour of Boardman plant set Oct. 8

By Birdine Tullis, Morrow

Plans are completed for a tour of the Boardman coal fired plant on October 8, sponsored by Morrow-Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the Extension Service. A

bus will take participants to the plant for guided tours. Pre-registration is required, and sign up will be on a first-come basis, since the bus will accommodate only 36 persons.

A no host luncheon will be part of the plan for the day.

and selected sites of interest will also be visited after the tour of the plant. Cost will be kept to a minimum for the bus, with expenses for a bus driver and the gas divided among those riding. Harold Kerr, Morrow Extension agent, will be the tour guide for the trip. It will start in Heppner, with

bus stop to pick up riders in Lexington.

The special tour was requested by Extension women of the area, as well as the local Chamber of Commerce. To ensure a seat on the bus, call 676-9642 as soon as possible. Remember...registration taken on first-come basis.

Tote painters earn top honors at state fair

Three carefully painted wooden clock faces brought top honors to three Morrow County 4-H members in 4-H decorative painting classes at the 1980 Oregon State Fair.

Leann Quigley and Deann Conner, both of Heppner, were named co-champions in the old tote design class, while Heather Winter, also of Heppner, took the reserve championship. Another Morrow County champion is Debbie Paustain, Heppner, who took top honors in the advanced flowers class.

Receiving blue awards in 4-H decorative painting classes were:

Basic Skills and Brush Strokes - Anita Palmer, Ione; Miki Munai, Heppner.

Old Tote Designs - Sheri Piper, Lexington; Diann Morter, Ione.

Fruits - Jodi Padberg, Lexington; Cindy Bergstrom, Heppner.

Advanced Flowers - Janette Piper, Lexington
Vegetables - Alice Abrams, Heppner.

Willows Grange to sponsor turkey dinner

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a bazaar, featuring crafts and fancy work, will be sponsored by the Willows Grange Hall in Ione on Oct. 5 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. everyone is invited to attend.

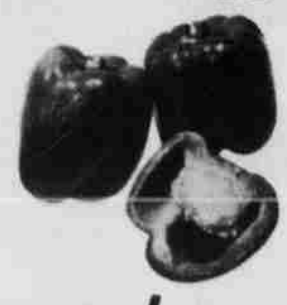
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