CHILDCARE

Kid Care: 33+ months: Wrap-around care for preschool program

General Information

Created as a way for the community to gain access to the ROCORI preschool program.

Staff coordinate bringing students to their registered preschool program.

Opened with 1 space; currently at 3 spaces.

Data

- Sept. 2017: opened with 43 contracts (21 daily)
- Sept. 2021: currently at 53 contracts (43 daily)
- Consistent waitlist averaging 5 contracts per year
- 3+ calls per year inquiring about infant/toddler care

Why Invest in Childcare?

Early involvement in a group structured setting provides social learning experiences needed in early childhood development. Partnering with preschool programs allows an access point to preschool that some families need in order to enroll in ROCORI's preschool.

Childcare Vision

Support the community workforce by providing safe, reliable, and affordable childcare with enrichment opportunities for infants through school-age children.

Barriers to Vision

- Unable to grow/develop programs due to lack of space. Adding a classroom will impede or eliminate the current programming levels.
- Separate facilities impede the ability for Community Education to assist or partner with school personnel to improve programming, support initiatives, and bridge preschool and childcare programs.
- Community Education programming needs secure spaces for preschool and childcare programming. Current building layout does not accommodate this.
- Community Education programming needs public access for those participating in extension activities and those that are facility renters. Current building layout does not accommodate the public nature of some of our programming or partnerships.

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Spartan SPOT: Year-Round Care for Grades K-5

General Information

Brought back under district umbrella June 2019.

Coordinate with district staff to ensure students stay on track with school work and goals.

Partner with local colleges/universities to staff college students entering education.

Data

- Summer 2019: 222 contracts (109 daily)
- Summer 2021: 226 contracts (132 daily)

- 2019-2020SY: 195 contracts (53 before/94 after)
- 2021-2022SY: 176 contracts (46 before/92 after)

- Waitlist: 2021 started w/ 15 contracts (staffing)

Why Invest in Childcare?

School-age childcare programs offer families safe and enriching care for their children outside of the work day and during non-school days. School-based childcare settings allow for programming that aligns with and supports the school functions.

Childcare Vision

Support the community workforce by providing safe, reliable, and affordable childcare with enrichment opportunities for infants through school-age children.

Barriers to Vision

- Access to space is limited based on teacher/school programs and custodial schedules. Childcare limited to large spaces with large numbers of children creating difficulty with navigating behaviors, activity planning, and relationships building.

- Lack of quality multipurpose/flexible space for programming (flooring; acoustics; sinks; privacy/lighting).

- Separate facilities impede the ability for Community Education to partner within childcare programs.

- Community Education programming needs secure spaces for preschool and childcare programming. Current building layout does not accommodate this.