



Faculty Affairs Committee

Site Visit to Children of Hope Childcare and Learning Center

Notes

May 18, 2016 12:30-1:30pm

Present: Margo Bergman (FAC member), Ruth Ward (FA Admin), and Tifhany Jones (Center Director).

Margo and Ruth met in the lobby of Cherry Parks and proceeded up the hill to Children of Hope Childcare and Learning Center, on 19th and G st. The front door is secure with a keypad and call box. Upon calling in, Center Director, Tifhany Jones, greeted them at the door.

She took them on a tour, highlighting:

- Parent info bulletin board – job postings, resume workshops, opportunities, etc.
 - Many of their parents are either students or are in low income situations
- Pre-Kindergarten room : The goal is for children to learn the skills they will need upon entering kindergarten
 - Social skills; following 2 step instructions
 - Walking in a line, taking turns, raising hands
 - Serving themselves lunch and cleaning up
 - Folding towels and blankets
 - They each have a plant that they are responsible for
- Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are included in the cost of childcare
 - Parents are encouraged to give at least 5 volunteer hours at the center
- Pre-school room: also taught responsibility
 - Serving snack and helping to clean
 - Fold towels and blankets
- Toddler and “Waddler” rooms
- Infants and babies’ rooms
 - Parents provide diapers and wipes
 - World Vision helps to supply some of these needs
 - Don’t currently have any “waddler” age children because they are waiting for more staff to be adequately trained
- Play-ground; daily walk/outside time
- “Car-Seat Alley” where parents can leave their child’s car-seat during the day
- All classrooms have cameras except for the newly used Pre-K room
 - Needs cameras for safety/protection
 - Streams to Center’s office
- The center does have a religious affiliation, but families can opt out of their children participating (Religious Policy)
 - Children are lead in a “grace” at meal-times; focus is on being thankful
 - Center does not teach doctrine
- Opportunities provided to meet families’ needs:
 - Feed the Need – 4th Saturday of every month, 12pm, at Oasis of Hope Center (upstairs above Childcare center)
 - Christmas Give-a-way
- Opportunities for UWT community members to volunteer/meet needs:
 - Partnership to Literacy: Story time, organize books, package books to go home
 - Clean chairs, etc.

FAC will work with Childcare and Family Services at UWT to make information about this, and other, childcare centers accessible to students and families of UWT.

Director, Tifhany Jones, gave her contact information for questions and volunteer opportunities:

Tifhany Jones: 592-7310 cell; 573-0088 Center; Tifhany504@live.com