Northwest Child Care Center (NWCCC)
Frequent Answered Questions (FAQs)
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1. **Where is the NWCCC located?**
   The NWCCC is located on the NIH main campus across from the Clinical Center and between the Children's Inn and the NIH Firehouse.

2. **When will the NWCCC open for care?**
   The NWCCC is currently under construction and is expected to open May 2017.

3. **How many children will it serve and their ages?**
   The capacity of the center is 170 children between the ages of 6 weeks to 6 years of age.

4. **How many spaces are there for each age group?**
   There are six rooms for children under the age of 2 years (42 spaces), four rooms for Two's (48 spaces), and four rooms for preschool children ages 3-6 years (80 spaces).

5. **Who is the child care provider for the NWCCC?**
   Rockville Day Care Association, Incorporated (RDCA) is the provider for the Northwest Child Care Center. RDCA is a private, non-profit, tax exempt, Maryland Corporation which began in 1969. RDCA is a multi-site provider, serving infants/toddlers through school agers, in Montgomery County, Maryland. RDCA was selected for its long standing reputation in the community, professional expertise in providing quality children’s programs, parent involvement and philosophy and practice.

6. **Which curriculum will be used?**
   RDCA’s curriculum model follows the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) approved Creative Curriculum®. This model is aligned with the philosophy of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is designed to foster social, emotional, physical, creative and intellectual development through play and exploration. Our motto is: *Learning Naturally Through Play!*

7. **What are the hours of operation for the NWCCC?**
   The center will be open from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, except on Federal Holidays.

8. **When can I take a tour of the NWCCC?**
   We anticipate tours will begin mid-May.

9. **What are the tuition fees for the NWCCC?**
   RDCA - NWCCC Tuition Rates:
   - Infant/Toddler Rooms (6 weeks – 24 months) = $410.00 weekly
   - Two's Rooms (24 months – 36 months) = $330.00 weekly
   - Preschool Rooms (36 months – kindergarten entry) = $270.00 weekly
Please note: Many factors were considered when setting the tuition rates for this new center:

- **Tuition is all-inclusive.** Every part of our program is covered. There are no materials fees, charges for meals, fees for field trips or special events.
- **The tuition is set for the next 18 months** – through December 2018.
- Costs by age group are directly related to the mandated staff to child ratios required by the Maryland State Department of Education.
- **Starting in 2018**, lunch will be provided for toddler’s through preschoolers.

10. Will there now be three (3) on-campus child care centers to choose from for care?
   The NWCCC is being built to replace the T-46 facility (ChildKind). The T-46 facility will close once the NWCCC is open for care.

11. What will happen to the children enrolled at T-46 when the NWCCC opens?
   The children enrolled at T-46 when the NWCCC opens will transfer over to the new facility.

12. What happens if I get on the NWCCC Wait List and I decide I do not want to enroll my child in the center?
   You can be removed the NWCCC as one of your centers for care at any time. You will need to contact the NIH Wait List Manager, Bernice Richmond, BRichmon@adventisthealthcare.com to request the NWCCC removal from your profile.

13. If I add the NWCCC to my profile, will it affect my status on the other three (3) NIH sponsored child care centers?
   No, there is a wait list of each NIH-sponsored center. When there is an opening, the center is given names from that particular center’s wait list.

14. Does the One Decline Policy also apply to the NWCCC?
   Yes, if you decline an offer to any of the NIH-sponsored child care centers, your profile will receive a new application/registration date, the date of the decline. You will be at the bottom of the list for ALL centers your child is waitlisted for.

15. When will enrollment calls be made for the NWCCC?
   There are currently 758 children on the NWCCC Wait List. The children currently enrolled at T-46, ChildKind will transition to NWCCC when the center opens. Enrollment of the remaining 137 spaces will occur in several phases over several months (June – November). Classrooms will open when staff are hired and children are removed from the NWCCC Wait List. Full enrollment is anticipated by November 2017.

16. The Desired Date of Enrollment is listed as May 1, 2017. Can I change my Desired Date of Enrollment to an earlier date?
   No, the center will not be open before May 1, 2017.

17. When will the NWCCC appear on my child’s profile?
   The NWCCC will appear on your next profile received after December 12, 2016.

18. Who do I contact concerning the NWCCC if I still have questions?
Questions related to the NWCCC Wait List, contact Bernice Richmond, NIH Wait List Manager, at BRichmon@adventisthealthcare.com.

Questions related to the program, contact the NIH Child and Family Programs team at 301-402-8180.

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