

While the parents are away . . . Under the hood: A look at the inner workings of government (US) ^[1]

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US Federal law allows child care centers to operate on federal property without paying for rent or services as long as at least half the children are dependents of federal employees. Following is an October 1999 survey of child care centers on property run by the General Services Administration, the government's landlord.

TYPE OF CENTER

Not-for-profit: 52%, For profit: 48%

ENROLLMENT

Total: 7,865

Part-time 1,262 (16%)

Full-time 6,603 (84%)

Non-federal 3,527 (45%)

Federal 4,338 (55%)

DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN CENTERS (by age in months)

0-12: 923

13-24: 1,370

25-36: 1,634

37-48: 1,765

49-69: 1,473

70+: 700

PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY CENTER

Infant care: 91%

Drop-in/emergency care: 67%

Summer school: 129%

Kindergarten: 22%

Before/after school care: 20%

AVERAGE WEEKLY TUITION

Federal Non-federal

Infant \$159 \$167

Toddler \$151 \$158

Preschool \$121 \$126

Kindergarten \$114 \$119

Tuition assistance, 1999

\$1,060,286 distributed

1,766 families received it

41 centers participated in USDA food program

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