

Update on MUSC Childcare Initiative Seminar Notes
Women Scholars' Initiative, Midday Networking Series
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Speakers: Mr. John Runyon, Director of Business Services
Ms. Kim Hovren, Director MUSC Child Development Preschool

John Runyon: MUSC now has an operational preschool facility near the campus. We received the last license from the fire marshal and by next week, Kim Hovren and her staff will begin calling people on the waiting list to officially open the facility.

The center is located at the Church of the Holy Communion, 218 Ashley Avenue – please feel free to drop in at anytime to see the facility.

Kim Hovren:

- Director of the MUSC Child Development Facility
- From California and has vast experience in Preschool, Daycare & K-12
- Works for Today Care, Inc., which only provides childcare facilities to business (i.e. Banks, Universities, Hospitals, etc.)
- Trained at the Today Care, Inc. corporate level and has visited Charleston many times and involved in opening many centers like the one currently opening at MUSC
- Previously managed a facility with 100s of children

Facility Information:

- Hours are 6:30am – 7:30pm (hoping to include 12hr shifts to accommodate nursing staff, etc)
- Can accommodate up to 27 children with a 9:1 teacher to child ratio (SC requires a 13:1 ratio) – currently have 3 full-time teachers and several part-time aides
- Curriculum is theme based, which changes daily and weekly – all lesson plans are to be posted online
- Center provides 2 snacks & parents provide lunch
- Currently accepting children from the ages of 3-5 (by Sept 1); however, if your child is already potty-trained, there is a good chance they will be accepted
PLEASE call Kim for details – THE FACILITY IS FLEXIBLE REGARDING AGES
- Currently, accepting children on a full-time basis but may expand to take children part-time

Questions from audience:

1. Is MUSC planning on expanding to allow a larger facility that will accommodate infants as well as preschoolers?

JOHN RUNYON: Currently, MUSC is in the information gathering process – this information, along with other factors, will be evaluated. It is extremely important that they see there is a need for a larger facility. The Administration is looking at things like the waiting list – **(encourage people to sign-up on the waiting list, even if their children are infants – it will show the**

Administration that there is interest in building a larger childcare facility)

2. Can you give us a timeline for building a large facility?

John Runyon: No, there is no time line to build a large facility.

- Currently, there are approximately 10,000 employees and about 2,500 students here. A facility would need to be built that would accommodate 180-300 children – the childcare structure would have to be a minimum 12,500 sq ft of indoor (ground level) space and 7,000 sq ft outdoor space –
- In order for the facility to benefit the employees, MUSC would need approximately \$250-\$400k a year to operate (this is after the initial investment in the building and facilities)
- When Administration builds any new structure, they must decide whether to use the space for classrooms, childcare facilities, green space, clinics, parking, laboratories, library, administrative space, etc.

Now that the pilot facility is operational, it is time to look to the future.

- Phase I: Currently, the Child care program is in a phase I, or test phase, to see if there is interest for this type of facility and also analyze the demand for a larger “on-site” MUSC childcare facility
- Phase II: If the program makes it to phase II, it would include bringing the childcare facility up to scale for a University of our size