Jean Dodson Retires

Please join us in extending the very best wishes to Jean Dodson, Associate Director at the program’s Ackerman Road facility, who is retiring at the end of the year!

Jean joined the Child Care Program in August 1987 as the Evening Program Coordinator when the Ackerman Road facility first opened its doors and she has been an integral part of the leadership team since. During her tenure with the program, Jean has held a variety of roles including supervising toddler classrooms, managing enrollment and oversight of staff professional development. In addition, Jean served as the program’s representative on the construction team to design and build the child care wing at the Buckeye Village Community Center and as interim director of the Child Care Program on multiple occasions.

Reflecting on her 27 plus years at the Child Care Program, Jean stated “I expected to be an administrator at the Child Care Program no more than 5 years. But there was always a new challenge, new responsibilities and the opportunity to make a great program even better. I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years here and will miss the staff and families - especially the children who visit my office to see the elephants and the egg!”

Please join us as we celebrate Jean’s service to The Ohio State University and the Child Care Program at a reception for families and staff at the Ackerman Road facility on Tuesday, December 15 from 3:30-5:30pm.

Ackerman Road Facility Achieves Reaccreditation

We are delighted to share that the Ackerman road facility received news that our NAEYC Accreditation has been renewed for another 5 year term! We will be receiving additional information from the NAEYC Academy in regard to their assessment, including portfolio ratings, program strengths and areas for improvement, and we will share details in early 2016.

Thank you again for your ever-present support of our staff and program!

Flexible Spending Accounts

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) provide a simple way to save money on eligible health care and dependent care expenses. You choose how much to set aside to be used for health care and dependent care expenses. The money you contribute to your FSA does not get taxed, which means you save money! Eligible Ohio State employees have the opportunity to enroll or make changes to an existing FSA within 31 days of a qualifying status change or during annual open enrollment.

Child Care Program families who participate in a Dependent Care Flexible

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Spending Account may request a printed monthly statement used to submit for FSA reimbursement. Statements are printed the first week of each month and placed in children’s mailboxes outside of their classroom.

If you are a new participant in a Dependent Care FSA for your child care expenses and would like to receive a monthly statement, please stop at the front desk of your program facility.

To learn more about flexible spending accounts please visit:

http://hr.osu.edu/benefits/flexiblespending

2015/2016 CLOSURE DATES

2015
December 24, Presidents’ Day (observed)
December 25, Christmas Day

2016
January 1, New Year’s Day
January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 18, Professional Development Day
May 30, Memorial Day
July 4, Independence Day
August 12, Professional Development Day
September 5, Labor Day
November 11, Veteran’s Day
November 24, Thanksgiving Day
November 25, Columbus Day (observed)
December 23, President’s Day (observed)
December 26, Christmas Day (observed)

Looking for some family fun and music this winter? The Jazz Arts Group of Columbus (JAG) returns to the Lincoln Theatre in downtown Columbus for the 2015-2016 season of the Jazz Academy’s PBJ & Jazz concert series! Tickets for this family friendly event are $5 each with a family maximum of $20. Children attending the event receive a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, juice and a cookie. Concerts are held Saturday mornings at 10:00am and 11:30am; a schedule of dates and performers can be found on the JAZZ Arts Group website.

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