

SENATE BILL #1555

Title: "Infants and Toddlers at the Top"
Ralph Johnson

Introduced: February 6, 1987

Thesis:

Sponsors: Executive Knudson, Sharman Sutherland, _____

1. Whereas there is an ever increasing number of non-traditional students at
2. UW; whereas ASUW attempts to answer the needs of its representative
3. student; whereas there is a definite need for improving the child care
4. programs on campus; whereas ASUW has continually and presently pledged its
5. support for child care on campus; whereas ASUW now has the opportunity to
6. participate in a new and innovative child care program; be it enacted by
7. the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
8. that \$24,687 be allocated from the reserve account for the first year and
9. the amount of \$21,687 be budgeted annually for the University of Wyoming
10. Home Child Care. Be it further enacted that ASUW continue its efforts to
11. lobby the administration for monetary support for child care programs.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole
18-4-0

Date of Passage: February 17, 1987 Signed: James W. DeFozis
ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action."

ASUW President



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March 4, 1987

I hereby veto Senate Bill #1555, "Infants and Toddlers at the Top," and submit the following reasons for this action:

1. I have secured an agreement with the University Executive Council for the transfer of \$7,533.00 from ASUW expenses to the University Division of Housing. This agreement requires Housing to pay the \$.30 per hour per child that the ASUW Senate approved to reduce the per child rate from \$.80/hr to \$.50/hr.

2. I have also secured an agreement with the Executive Council to reduce the bookkeeper/secretary wage rate from \$5.00/hr to \$3.75/hr, saving ASUW \$950.00 annually. This position (or positions) will most likely be filled by a student, (or students) thereby increasing the program's ability to benefit students.

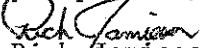
The result of these agreements will be to reduce ASUW's expenditures to \$16,204.00 the first year and to \$13,204.00 annually thereafter. (See attachment A). This is a net annual savings of \$8,503.00

I do not want this veto to be misconstrued that I am opposed to child care. In fact, I will be very supportive of a bill that reflects the above monetary adjustments along with the following recommendations:

1. The new bill should identify specifically where the ASUW Funds will be coming from.

2. The child care program itself should be attached to the bill, thereby stating specifically where the funds are going. (see attachment B).

3. There should be some provision in the bill that clearly states that the University shall be responsible for any additional funds that may be required by the program. (This pertains to growth of the program, unforeseen/unbudgeted expenses, and liability expenses.)


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ASUW EXPENDITURES FOR HOME CHILD CARE
9 Months

ATTACHMENT A

Option E:

A. Program Director (Reclassifies to # 13) 1/4 Time Benefited Position (9 months)	\$ 5,327.00
B. Bookkeeper/Secretary 19 hrs/wk @ \$3.75/hr for 40 weeks	\$ 2,850.00
C. Provider's Subsidy (9 months) \$.20/hr/child	\$ 5,027.00
Initial Request	\$13,204.00

Additional Funding Requested:

Resource Materials and Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Total ASUW Funding	\$16,204.00

Items Funded by Housing:

D. Assistant Director of Housing - University Apartments Assistant Home Child Care Program 1/2 Time Benefited Position (12 months) Classification. # 11	\$12,127.00
E. Travel, Meals, and Lodging for Program Director	\$ 701.00
F. Telephone and Postage	Present Mailings
G. Printing Supplies	\$ 250.00
H. Promotions	\$ 100.00
I. Provider's Subsidy (9 months) \$.30/hr/child	\$ 7,533.00
Total Housing Fund	\$20,711.00



ATTACHMENT B

University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program

The University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program is an innovative program at the University of Wyoming which would provide flex-time, multi-age child care at University Housing.

It involves a network of part-time students or student spouses who would be trained to provide quality child care in their homes for four children at a time, with a commitment of at least one year.

A resource center, adequate playground space, and the federal child care food program would enrich the home provider's child care.

The overall administration of this program including the training, supervision, and evaluation of the providers would be handled by the Assistant Director of Housing-University Apartments, Coordinator Home Child Care Program and the University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program Advisor. A part-time bookkeeper/secretary would also be hired.

This child care program would enroll children of students as a priority and children of staff and faculty if space is available.

Description of Program

A. What

1. We want to establish a quality child care program on campus for children of students. In order to provide care to a variety of age groups (six months to six years) in a cost effective manner, we feel that a home provider system would work best. The home providers would be trained, supervised, and evaluated by the Coordinator and Advisor of the University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program. This facilitates quality control in the service provided and modeled by ASUW. The home providers would be located at University Housing and have access to playground space, the federal food program, and a resource room. The home providers would have four children at a time in their apartment and provide care for up to nineteen and three quarters hours a week. The home providers' training would include information on how to provide personal encouragement and parental guidance to the parents of the four children.

ASUW would minimally subsidize this program in order to keep the child care cost to the student parents at a minimum. The budget for ASUW expenses includes the administrative personnel; resource room supplies and equipment; subsidy of twenty cents an hour per child toward provider salaries.

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B. Why

1. To address the needs of the student parent: There is a large and increasing number of students who are also parents attending UW and ASUW would like to address their child care needs by subsidizing a quality, on-site child care program.

2. To have a Program which serves as a means to recruit and retain the student parent: In order to recruit the student parent, they have to be assured their child(ren) will have good child care. In order to retain the student parent, the unique problems of being a student and a parent must be addressed. The trained caregiver is in an ideal position to help with these problems because she sees the student parent on a regular basis and has an accumulative amount of knowledge about the student parent.

3. To blend with the existing child care program at UW: The UW Child Care Center at 555 North 14th Street serves up to forty children ages two and one half to six years old. Because of the size of the facility, younger and older children can not be accomodated. In addition the UW Child Care Center would function better with children ages four to six but has been accepting children two and one half years old to better serve the student parent. With the proposed new child care program, student parents could enroll their children ages six months to three years in the new program which meets the needs of a young child better than the Center. The four to six year old children would enjoy the Child Care Center and could enroll there. The after school children ages seven and up could be accommodated best with the new home provider program and resource room supplement. In this manner the two child care programs on campus would combine to make a very strong child care component at UW.

4. To insure that all income generated from the program will go back into the UW system: The home providers would be part-time students and/or student spouses. By definition, the income the home providers get will be used to make it financially possible for the home provider or her spouse to attend UW.

5. To offer a quality preschool/daycare training experience to UW students: The two child care programs on campus would combine to make a strong experience base for the student majoring in the Early Childhood Profession or the Child and Family Studies Option. One of the co-sponsors of the new child care program would be the Home Economics Department, thereby creating an academic aspect to the program. In the 85-86 academic year, the UW Child Care Center served 234 UW students in non-child care services.

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C. Where

1. The location for the child care program would be University Housing. The provider's apartments, a central playground space, and the resource room are the specific locations.

The resource room will consist of two renovated one bedroom apartments combined to make a larger space. The resource room will have multiple functions: a. to be shared by two or three home providers as an additional play space, b. to be a place where toddlers, two year olds and three year olds can learn to function in a larger group in preparation for going to the Child Care Center when they are ready, c. to be a resource room from which the providers can borrow supplemental, age-appropriate materials and equipment to use in their own apartment, d. to contain the office for the administration of the new child care program, e. to be a meeting place for the providers training and staff meetings, f. to be a meeting place for the student parents during educational meetings and rap groups.

D. Who

Our target audience will consist of: 1. student parents, 2. student or student spouse home providers, 3. staff and faculty with children. Since this is partially sponsored by ASUW, the students will have priority and will be subsidized at twenty cents an hour up to forty hours a week. The students will pay eighty cents an hour for each child enrolled in the program.

Faculty and staff would be permitted to enroll their children if space is available. Faculty and staff would pay one dollar and twenty cents an hour for child care. This feature would benefit ASUW as each faculty and staff parent would essentially be subsidizing two student parents, thereby reducing ASUW's expenses for the child care program.

The three target audiences would be informed about the program through the media on campus. There would be an application procedure with a deadline followed by a screening procedure. The process of orienting the providers and matching the children with providers would follow. Training, supervision, and evaluation would take place during the first semester that child care is provided.

E. Administrators of the Program

1. Coordinator of the Program: The Coordinator would be responsible for the planning and implementation of the new University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program. He/she would be an employee of Housing and would report to the Associate Director of Housing.

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2. Advisor of the Program: The Advisor would assist in the planning and implementation of the new University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program.

3. Bookkeeper/Secretary: The bookkeeper/secretary would keep the records for the program and be responsible for typing and copying documents for the program. She would work up to 19 3/4 hours a week and would be paid an hourly wage with no benefits.

4. Home Providers: The home providers would be responsible for providing child care in their homes at University Housing for up to 19 and 3/4 hours a week for four assigned children of varying ages. She would be responsible for providing personal encouragement and parental guidance to those children's parents. She would attend all orientation, training and staff sessions. She must commit to the program for at least one year. The home provider would receive an hourly wage and no benefits.

F. Sponsoring Organizations

1. ASUW: The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming would be a primary sponsor for the Home Child Care Program since they are one of the designated funding sources. An ASUW representative would serve on the Advisory Council in the position as Chairperson of the Council. This person would be appointed yearly by the ASUW President and approved by the Senate. The annual budget for the Home Child Care Program would be approved by the ASUW Senate. The Office of Student Affairs would also have a representative on the Advisory Council since ASUW reports directly to them.

2. University Housing: University Housing would be a sponsor for the Child Care Program and a representative would serve on the Advisory Council. The University Housing's role would be to maintain the provider's apartments; provide office supplies and equipment; and provide printing and duplicating services or funding.

3. Home Economics: The Department of Home Economics is the academic department with which the Home Child Care Program would be associated. Their role is to serve on the Advisory Council to insure that quality child care is provided and that students can use the Home Child Care Program as a supervised training site.

The Advisory Council would meet twice a semester or more if warranted. This Council would be kept informed during all the planning and implementing stages. They would be able to advise these processes whenever necessary. The Advisory Council would also consist of a representative of the home providers, a representative from the group of student parents, and the Coordinator and Advisor of the Home Child Care Program.

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Expenditures for Home Child Care Program

ASUW Expenditures for Home Child Care Program Advisor

A) University of Wyoming Home Child Care Program Advisor 1/4 time benefited position (9 months)	\$ 5,327.00
B) Bookkeeper/Secretary 19hrs/week at \$5.00 per hour for 40 weeks	\$ 3,800.00
C) Providers' subsidy (9 months) 10 providers, 157 days, 4hrs/day at \$0.80/hr (4 children x \$0.20/hr = \$0.80/hr) (Provider gets \$4.00/hr, \$0.80 from each parent and \$0.20 subsidy)	\$ 5,027.00
D) Resource Materials and Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Total ASUW Funding	\$17,154.00

Housing Expenditures for Home Child Care Program

e) Assistant Director of Housing-University Apartments Coordinator Home Child Care Program 1/2 time benefited position (12 months)	\$12,127.00
F) Travel Meals and Lodging	\$ 701.00
G) Telephone and Postage	Present mailings
H) Printing Supplies	\$ 250.00
I) Promotion	\$ 100.00
Total Housing Funding	\$13,178.00