

Child Care at a Glance

2012

supporting working families

In a 2012 survey, 90% of parents were **HIGHLY SATISFIED** with the programs in a GSA Child Care Center, with security continuing to rate highest.

Parents rated the GSA Child Care Center as **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE** on their:

- 86% Ability to Focus on Work
- 87% Ability to Work Necessary Hours

quality indicators

NAEYC Accreditation	96%
Teacher Turnover	18%
Teacher Salaries	\$28,863
Receive Benefits	100%
Receive Health Benefits	94%
Teacher Qualifications	37% AA or CDA 32% BA
Director Average Tenure	6 yrs
Emergency Plans	100%
Background Checks	100%

centers independently operated

- 40% non profit
- 60% for profit
- 2163 child care staff employed



The General Services Administration (GSA) Child Care Program supports our national commitment to provide quality child care as a key building amenity and an essential component of a quality family-friendly work environment.

Title 40 of the United States Code, section 590 gives federal agencies the authority to establish child care centers for federal families. The centers are designed to serve federal families on a priority basis and community participation is welcome. The code also allows federal agencies to use appropriated dollars to improve the affordability of child care for lower income federal employees.

fast facts and figures

- 108 child care centers
- 32 states, DC and Puerto Rico
- 7900 children cared for daily
- 5100 federal children (64%)

healthy, sustainable child care centers

- healthy practices: 100% of our centers participate in the First Lady's Let's Move Child Care Program
- reducing toxins: 100% of our centers have achieved endorsement by Eco-Healthy Child Care
- waste diversion: during a regulatory equipment upgrade, more than 40 tons of cribs were diverted from landfills. Materials were recycled or repurposed for creative use projects.

high quality child care facilities

White Oak Wonders – FDA, Silver Spring MD

This state-of-the-art child care facility consists of 21,000 sq ft of classroom and support space to accommodate 166 children, infants through school age. The mission of The Food and Drug Administration is reflected in the design of the center. The facility, expected to achieve LEED Gold certification, has a green roof and water-saving motion sensor faucets and toilets throughout the facility. There are 14 classrooms, administrative offices, staff lounge-work room, conference room, lactation room, kitchen, laundry room, recycling room, storage, and a multi-purpose room. Each classroom has direct access to one of three playgrounds- all with covered porches and art sinks so activities can be taken outside even in inclement weather. The Infant Playground features an embankment slide, trellis-covered sensory area, willow tunnel, and butterfly gardens. The Toddler Playground features a fountain / water trough, sunken sand box, art easels, music area, climbing structure, sensory gardens, and a playhouse. The Preschool / School Age Playground features a basketball court, sunken sand box, embankment slide, climbing structures, music area, playhouse, art area, and a willow tunnel. A children's gardening area and an orchard offer connections with nature.

