



# Child Care at a Glance

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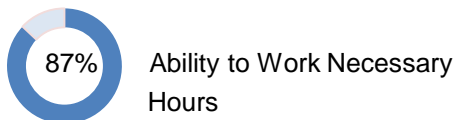
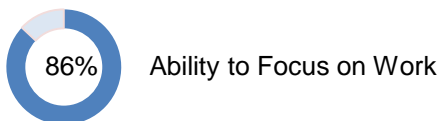
The General Services Administration (GSA) Child Care Program has helped federal agencies provide access to work place child care facilities for over 25 years. The centers offer safe, high quality care supporting working parents.

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

## supporting working families

User survey found 93% of parents were **highly satisfied** with the programs in a GSA Child Care Center, with **security** continuing to score the highest.

Parents rated the GSA Child Care Center as **highly effective** on their:



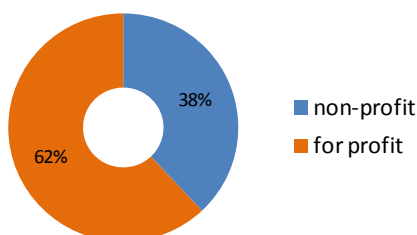
## quality indicators

NAEYC Accreditation	95%
Teacher Turnover	21%
Average Teacher Salary	\$29,000
Receive Health Benefits	93%
Teacher Qualifications	32% BA 37% CDA or AA
Director Average Tenure	7 yrs
Emergency Plans	100%
Background Checks	100%

## Fast Facts

104 child care centers  
 31 states, DC and Puerto Rico  
 7950 children cared for daily  
 5123 federal children (64%)

## centers independently operated



## healthy, sustainable child care centers

- healthy practices: 100% of our centers participate in the First Lady's [Let's Move! Child Care Program](#)  
97% have successfully completed the challenge!
- reducing toxins: 98% of our centers are [Eco-Healthy Child Care](#) endorsed
- sustainable design: 6 projects achieved LEED certifications:
  - 1 LEED platinum (DOI)
  - 2 LEED gold (White Oak & Brooklyn)
  - 3 LEED Silver

## building stronger communities

GSA Child Care helps build stronger communities. One way is through our partnership with the First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Child Care initiative to promote healthy lifestyles for kids. The Let's Move! Child Care includes the following principles: physical activity, limits on screen time, serving healthy food and beverages, and infant feeding options for parents.

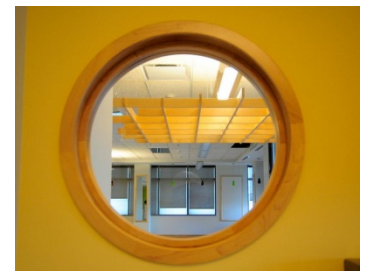
<http://www.letsmove.gov>  
<http://healthykidshealthyfuture.org>



## Expanding Opportunities

New in 2013

This 12,500 sq ft center designed for U.S Coast Guard opened on the grounds of the St. Elizabeth campus in Washington, D.C. and serves 120 children.



Porthole windows at both child and adult heights create an open environment and evoke a nautical theme.