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

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.