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ABSTRACT

In spring 1996, William Rainey Harper College (WRHC), in Illinois, undertook an evaluation of its preschool facilities, or Child Learning Centers, at the main campus and at WRHC's Northeast Center. Telephone surveys were conducted of 21 former student teachers to determine their evaluation of the Centers and of the learning experience the Centers afforded them. In addition, a sample of 307 parents of children enrolled between fall 1993 and fall 1995 were surveyed to determine their overall evaluations of program quality, resulting in responses from 169 parents. Study findings included the following: (1) the former student teachers were satisfied with all aspects of the Centers, with over 70 percent being very satisfied with the skill of the teaching staff, classroom materials and equipment, appearance and condition of the centers, and the preparation they received for a teaching career; (2) for the Northeast Center program, parents gave the highest ratings to the quality of the teaching staff, the curriculum, communication with the teacher, and overall satisfaction; (3) the lowest ratings were given to the state of the outdoor playground; and (4) for the main campus facilities, the lowest ratings were given to communication with teachers and the lack of parent-teacher conferences. The survey instruments are appended. (TGI)

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EVALUATION STUDIES OF CHILD LEARNING CENTERS ON THE MAIN CAMPUS AND AT NORTHEAST CENTER

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of these studies was to evaluate the Child Learning Centers at Harper College through surveying former student teachers and parents of children who attended one of three pre-school programs at Harper. A telephone survey was conducted among the 26 former student teachers and after several attempts, a response of 81 percent was achieved. Over 300 parents of children who were enrolled in one of the three pre-school programs from the fall of 1993 through the fall of 1995 were identified. They were mailed a survey and after three weeks a second mailing was sent to non-respondents. After the second mailing a response of 55 percent was obtained.

Results of the studies showed that for the most part student teachers were satisfied with all aspects of the Child Learning Center. Parents rated the pre-school at the Northeast Center the highest with regard to the quality of the teaching staff, the curriculum, communications and their overall satisfaction. They were less than satisfied with communication with the Office Manager, the billing procedures, and the lack of an observation room. They rated extremely low the deplorable state of the outdoor playground.

The regular on-campus pre-school parents rated everything fairly well except for the communications with the teachers and the lack of parent-teacher conferences. The parents of children in the flex schedule program rated everything fairly high except for the billing procedures, the hours of operation and the lack of parent-teacher conferences.

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Purpose

The purpose of these studies was to evaluate the Child Learning Centers at Harper College through two different means. The first approach was to survey former student teachers in the centers to get their evaluation of the centers and to determine what kind of learning experience it was for them. The second approach was to survey parents of children who had been in one of the programs as to their evaluation of the centers. These studies were part of the Program Review for the Child Learning Centers and were requested by the Child Learning Center Director.

Methodology and Population Surveyed

The surveys shown in the appendix were developed jointly by the Office of Planning and Research and the Director of the Child Learning Center. The population of former student teachers was developed by identifying all students enrolling in the early childhood practicum from the fall of 1993 through the fall of 1995. Twenty-six such students were identified and after several attempts 21 were surveyed over the telephone for an 81 percent response rate. Parents of children enrolled in the Early Child Learning Centers were identified from lists of enrollments from the fall of 1993 through the fall of 1995. The surveys were mailed to the parents and after the second mailing three weeks later to non-respondents, the following response rates were obtained:

| <u>Learning Center</u> | <u>Number In Sample</u> | <u>Number of Completed Surveys</u> | <u>Response Rate</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| ◆ Regular Pre-School - Main Campus | 146 | 80 | 54.8% |
| ◆ Flexible Schedule Pre-School - Main Campus | 101 | 53 | 52.5% |
| ◆ Pre-School - Northeast Center | <u>60</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>60.0%</u> |
| Total | 307 | 169 | 55.0% |

Major Conclusions

Results of the studies showed that, for the most part, student teachers were satisfied with all aspects of the Child Learning Center. Parents rated the pre-school at the Northeast Center the highest with regard to the quality of the teaching staff, the curriculum, communications and their overall satisfaction. They were less than satisfied with communication with the Office Manager, the billing procedures, and lack of observation room but rated extremely low the deplorable state of the outdoor playground. The regular on-campus pre-school parents rated everything fairly well except for the communications with the teachers and the lack of parent-teacher conferences. The parents of children in the flex schedule program rated everything fairly high except for the billing procedures, the hours of operation, and the parent-teacher conferences.

Discussion of Results

Results of the student teacher survey showed they were satisfied with all aspects of the Child Learning Center but some attributes produced more satisfaction than others. Areas producing the most satisfaction - over 70 percent very satisfied - were the skill of the teaching staff, classroom materials and equipment, appearance and condition of the center and preparation for a teaching career. Areas producing the least satisfaction - about half were very satisfied - were communication with the head teacher, the indoor playroom and support from the teaching staff. There were several comments about the inadequacy of the playroom. There were nine general comments given. Six were positive and three were negative.

Parents of children enrolled in the centers were first asked to evaluate the Child Learning Center on nine different program attributes. Parents were most satisfied with the teaching staff. The teaching staff was rated high in all three programs but especially high at the Northeast Center where 56 percent of the parents wrote comments about how exceptional the teaching staff was at the Center. Overall, satisfaction and the curriculum for the children was also rated very high in all three programs. The registration procedure was rated fairly high (more than satisfied) in all three programs. There was wide variation in the satisfaction with the hours of operation with those at the Northeast Center being very satisfied and those in the flexible schedule program being less than satisfied. Nine percent of those on the flexible schedule offered comments asking for different and

Discussion of Results (cont'd)

longer hours as most of these students had become full time and the five-hour limit was no longer enough. Students at the Northeast Center would be part time and therefore would be much more apt to be satisfied with the hours of operation.

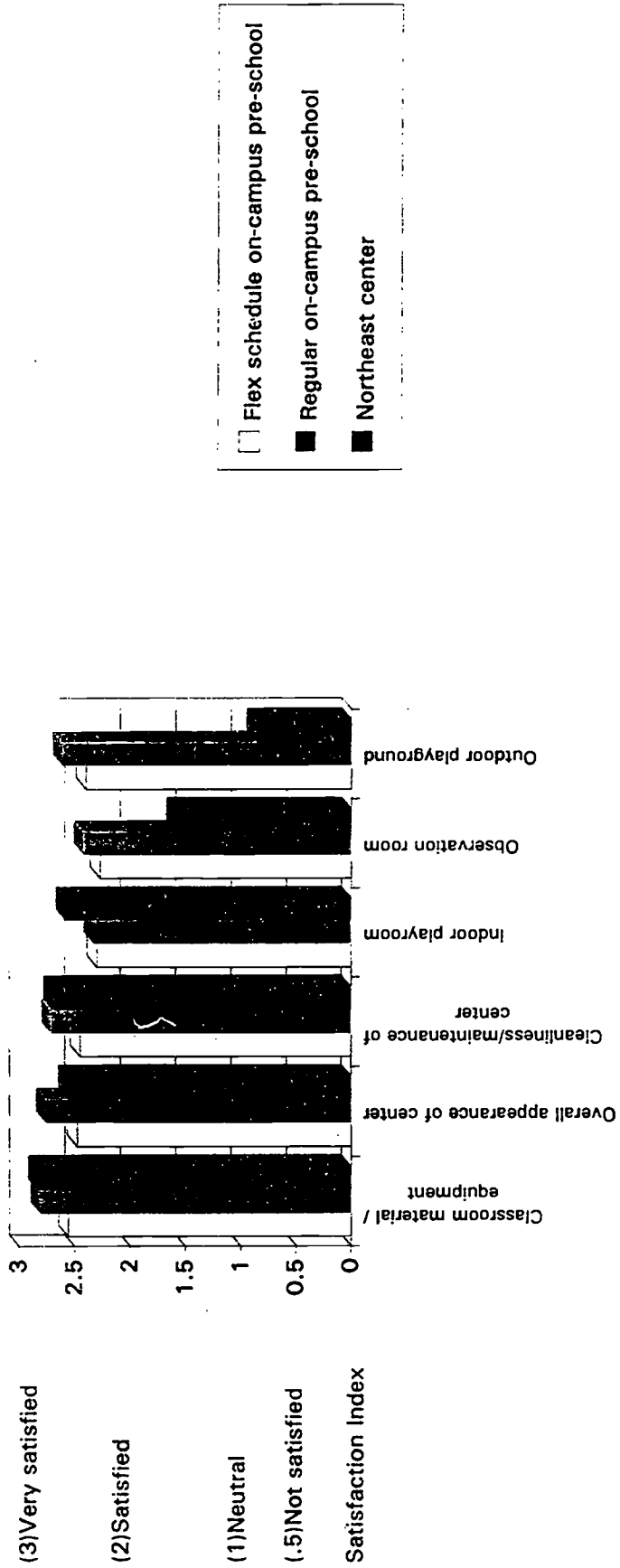
There was also a big difference across the three programs as to how satisfactory were parent-teacher communications. The parents at the Northeast Center Pre-School were very satisfied with communication while parents of children at the on-campus Pre-School were less than satisfied. Among the comments of the latter group, 15 percent said they wanted regular feedback from the teachers on the schedule, the curriculum and the progress of their child. The lowest overall rating was on parent-teacher conferences and it was the attribute that produced the largest differences across the three programs. Parents at the Northeast Center were very satisfied while parents with children in the on-campus pre-school were considerably less than satisfied. Among the comments, 20 percent of this latter group said they had not had and wanted parent-teacher conferences.

Overall, billing procedures and communication with the Office Manager were rated as satisfactory except at the Northeast Center where it was rated as less than satisfactory. Presumably this was caused by the remoteness of the Northeast Center from this activity. There were a number of comments from all groups that the pre-school was expensive, they did not like paying the whole semester tuition up front, and did not like paying for holidays and days their child was sick.

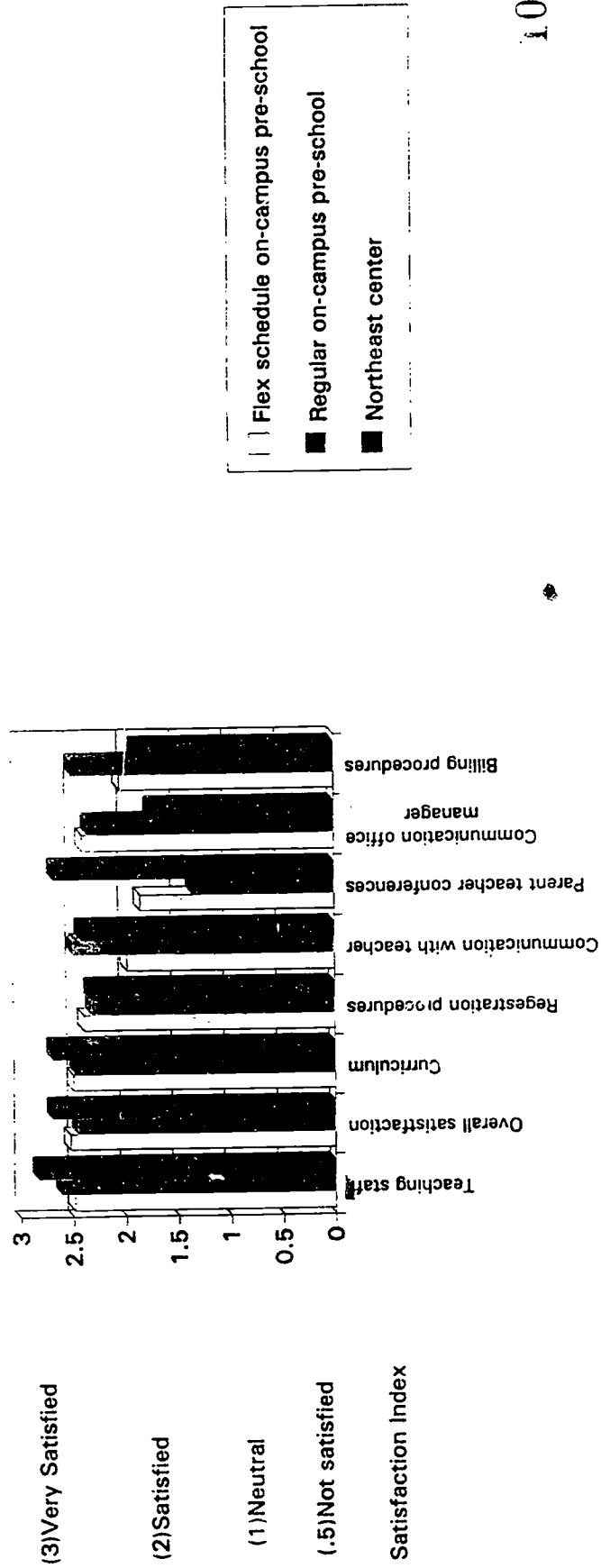
The parents were also asked to rate the facilities and equipment of the three pre-school programs. Classroom material and equipment, overall appearance and cleanliness and maintenance of the Center were all rated as very satisfactory in all three programs. The indoor playroom was rated a little lower but still more than satisfactory.

The observation room on the main campus was rated moderately while the observation room at the Northeast Center was rated less than satisfactory because there was not one. There were comments about the campus observation room being too cluttered with little space to sit and that the sound system did not always work. The outdoor playground was rated highly on campus but extremely low at the Northeast Center. In fact, 58 percent of the parents wrote comments on how deplorable the playground was at the Northeast Center.

Evaluation of Aspects of Facilities & Equipment of the Three Pre-school Programs at Harper by Parents



Evaluation of Program Attributes of the Three Pre-school Programs at Harper by Parent



Telephone Survey of Student Teachers in Child Learning Center at Harper College

| <u>Satisfaction with teachers, activities, facilities and equipment in the Child Learning Center</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>Satisfaction Index*</u> | <u>Percent Very Satisfied</u> |
|--|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - Skill of teaching staff | 21 | 1.33 | 76.2 |
| - Classroom materials and equipment | 21 | 1.33 | 71.4 |
| - Overall appearance of Center | 21 | 1.33 | 71.4 |
| - Cleanliness and maintenance of Center | 21 | 1.33 | 71.4 |
| - Preparation for teaching career | 20 | 1.35 | 70.0 |
| - Curriculum for children | 21 | 1.38 | 76.2 |
| - Overall participation in Learning Center | 20 | 1.40 | 71.4 |
| - Playground | 21 | 1.57 | 61.9 |
| - Student teaching development sequence | 21 | 1.62 | 52.4 |
| - Oral communication with head teacher | 21 | 1.67 | 57.1 |
| - Indoor playroom | 21 | 1.67 | 42.9 |
| - Written communication with head teacher | 21 | 1.71 | 57.1 |
| - Support from teaching staff | 21 | 1.71 | 52.4 |

* Satisfaction Index: 1 = Very satisfied
 2 = Satisfied
 3 = Neutral
 4 = Not Satisfied

Additional Activities, Services, Facilities or Equipment Students Now Wish Had Been a Part of the Learning Center When They Were There

| <u>Item</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>PCT</u> |
|---|----------|------------|
| - None | 16 | 84.2 |
| - More indoor playroom equipment | 1 | 5.3 |
| - Indoor playroom too small - more appropriate for 2-3 year olds but less appropriate for 4-5 year olds | 1 | 5.3 |
| - Student projects contributed a lot of work for teachers for the practicum | 1 | 5.2 |
| Total | 19 | 100.0 |

Comments on Areas of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction

| <u>Comment</u> | <u>N</u> |
|---|----------|
| - Very positive | 3 |
| - Gail and Jane Were great | 1 |
| - Prepared for teaching skills | 1 |
| - Almost a fantasy world | 1 |
| - Real world is not like this | 1 |
| - Male student was not treated right by head teacher - felt discriminated against | 1 |
| - Student never worked with children before - did not get enough feedback from teachers | 1 |

**Follow-up Survey of Parents of Pre-School Children
in Various Programs at Harper College**

| Attribute of Pre-School Program | Flex-Schedule Main Campus | | Regular Pre-School Main Campus | | Pre-School Northeast Center | | Total | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* |
| - Teaching staff | 49 | 2.49 | 80 | 2.61 | 36 | 2.83 | 165 | 2.62 |
| - Overall satisfaction | 51 | 2.53 | 80 | 2.46 | 36 | 2.69 | 167 | 2.53 |
| - Curriculum for children | 52 | 2.50 | 80 | 2.48 | 36 | 2.69 | 168 | 2.53 |
| - Registration procedure | 51 | 2.39 | 80 | 2.32 | 36 | 2.33 | 167 | 2.35 |
| - Hours of operation | 51 | 1.98 | 80 | 2.49 | 36 | 2.42 | 167 | 2.32 |
| - Communication with teacher | 51 | 2.41 | 79 | 1.97 | 36 | 2.69 | 165 | 2.28 |
| - Communication with office manager | 48 | 2.40 | 79 | 2.35 | 32 | 1.75 | 159 | 2.25 |
| - Billing procedures | 51 | 2.04 | 80 | 2.50 | 36 | 1.89 | 167 | 2.23 |
| - Parent-Teacher Conferences | 41 | 1.85 | 77 | 1.35 | 36 | 2.67 | 154 | 1.79 |

| Aspect of Facilities and Equipment | Flex-Schedule Main Campus | | Regular Pre-School Main Campus | | Pre-School Northeast Center | | Total | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* | N | Satisfaction Index* |
| - Classroom material and equipment | 52 | 2.56 | 80 | 2.81 | 36 | 2.83 | 168 | 2.74 |
| - Overall appearance of Center | 52 | 2.48 | 80 | 2.76 | 36 | 2.56 | 168 | 2.63 |
| - Cleanliness and main- tenance of Center | 51 | 2.45 | 80 | 2.71 | 36 | 2.69 | 167 | 2.63 |
| - Indoor Playroom | 47 | 2.30 | 73 | 2.33 | 33 | 2.58 | 153 | 2.37 |
| - Observation Room | 44 | 2.27 | 78 | 2.42 | 24 | 1.58 | 146 | 2.24 |
| - Playground | 52 | 2.40 | 80 | 2.61 | 35 | .86 | 167 | 2.18 |

Satisfaction Index: 3 = Very Satisfied
 2 = Satisfied
 1 = Neutral
 0 = Not Satisfied

Response Rates on Free Written Comments

| | Number Who Returned Survey | Experiences, Services, Facilities or Equipment Which Should Have Been Included | | Other Comments | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------|----------------|------|
| | | N | PCT | N | PCT |
| - Pre-School Main Campus | 80 | 33 | 41.3 | 60 | 75.0 |
| - Flexible Pre-School Main Campus | 53 | 18 | 34.0 | 38 | 71.7 |
| - Pre-School Northeast Center | 36 | 27 | 75.0 | 32 | 88.9 |

Flexible Schedule On-Campus Pre-School

Experiences, Facilities or Equipment Not in Harper's Program They Wish Had Been Included

| | <u>N</u> |
|--|----------|
| - Flex-time needs to be longer than five hours | 4 |
| - Satisfied with program and facilities as they are | 3 |
| - Open the child care program in the evening | 2 |
| - Opportunity for parent and child to participate in cooking and other projects together | 2 |
| - Take in younger children - toddlers | 2 |
| - More computers | 2 |
| - Would like to bring child on non-class days for study | 1 |
| - Indoor gym for indoor play during inclement weather | 1 |
| - Just started program - cannot rate yet | 1 |
| - More time on academics - numbers, letters, weather, etc. | 1 |
| - More emphasis on musical equipment and music time | 1 |
| - Occasional field trips | 1 |
| - School pictures | 1 |
| - Indoor playroom should have large motor skill equipment such as climber small slide or crawl through tubes | 1 |

Number of parents responding -- 18

Comments on Specific Areas of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction

| | <u>N</u> | | <u>N</u> |
|--|----------|--|----------|
| - Generally satisfied | 14 | - Too much litter on floor | 1 |
| - Teachers & staff are excellent | 8 | - Unhappy/couldn't get a refund for unused days | 1 |
| - Flex-time needs to be longer | 7 | - Have earlier start time | 1 |
| - Excellent experiences for children | 4 | - Have pre-school open during finals | 1 |
| - Child is safe there | 4 | - Child loves working on computer | 1 |
| - Difficult to have full pre-school fees and tuition due at same time | 4 | - Computer does not work very well | 1 |
| - Never had a parent/teacher conference | 3 | - Will return next semester | 1 |
| - Advance billing is unfair since you pay for holidays and sick days | 3 | - Just started - cannot rate yet | 1 |
| - Curriculum fit the concept of play-school rather than pre-school | 2 | - Would not be able to attend College if not for service | 1 |
| - Playground should be cleaner, better maintained | 2 | - Would like more comments good or bad when picking up child | 1 |
| - Not sure what observation room is | 2 | - Materials used are excellent | 1 |
| - Children are treated with respect | 2 | - Child did not like it - likes school now attending | 1 |
| - Not happy with one or more teachers or staff | 2 | - Children love hands-on learning | 1 |
| - Great opportunity for children to interact with children from different cultures | 1 | - Took child long time to fit in/feel comfortable | 1 |
| - Classroom for drop-ins is excellent | 1 | - Have mail slots for each child's art work | 1 |
| - Materials brought by parents not used | 1 | - Curriculum is excellent | 1 |
| | | - Facilities are excellent | 1 |
| | | - Need special discounts for people on financial aid | 1 |
| | | - Wish you could take older children | 1 |
| | | - Need evening hours | 1 |
| | | - Nutritious snacks brought by parents not used | 1 |

Number of parents responding -- 38

On-Campus Pre-School

| <u>Experiences, Services, Facilities or Equipment Not in Harper's Program They Wish Had Been Included</u> | <u>N</u> |
|---|----------|
| - Satisfied with program and facilities as they are | 5 |
| - Academic emphasis pre-reading, pre-writing, letters, numbers, sounds, etc. | 5 |
| - Need more feedback on a weekly basis about curriculum and how children are performing | 5 |
| - More field trips | 4 |
| - More emphasis on music, piano, instruments, field trip to Music Department | 3 |
| - Would like a parent-teacher conference | 2 |
| - Have more computers for children | 2 |
| - Play equipment in I-121 when weather is inclement | 2 |
| - Would like a different program for second year student | 2 |
| - Open house in evening so other spouse can attend | 1 |
| - Listen to the parents opinion | 1 |
| - Need longer computer program for 4-5 year olds | 1 |
| - Opportunity to drop off tuition in pre-school office | 1 |
| - More parent participation helping with computers, games, snacks, etc. | 1 |
| - More on safety procedures: fire, strangers, getting lost, etc. | 1 |
| - Add foreign language instruction | 1 |
| - More hands-on cooking activities | 1 |
| - Enjoyed note outside classroom door explaining what children did that day | 1 |
| - Loved observation room | 1 |
| - Buddy Bear experience was clever but can all children have a turn? | 1 |
| - Longer playtime outside | 1 |
| - Practical skills: shoe tying, hours on a clock, etc. | 1 |
| - More time for computer | 1 |
| - More art or craft activities | 1 |

Number of parents responding -- 33

Comments on Specific Areas of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction

| <u>Comments on Specific Areas of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction</u> | <u>N</u> |
|--|----------|
| - Teachers and staff were outstanding | 20 |
| - Need teacher-parent conferences | 16 |
| - Need regular feedback on curriculum and child's progress | 12 |
| - Curriculum was outstanding | 11 |
| - Satisfied with pre-school experience | 10 |
| - Need more academic emphasis: printing, pre-reading, letters, numbers | 6 |
| - Child feels loved, secure, respected | 6 |
| - Tuition for Center is too high | 5 |
| - Facilities and resources are excellent | 5 |
| - Need different curriculum for children in their second year | 4 |
| - Sound system should work in observation room | 3 |
| - Observation room too cramped | 3 |
| - Not satisfied with some teachers | 3 |
| - Wish holidays & calendar in sync with school district | 2 |
| - Observation room was excellent | 2 |
| - Christmas holiday too long | 2 |
| - In projects, all children must participate whether or not they are good at it | 2 |
| - Child has grown in positive ways | 1 |
| - Group time was too long | 1 |
| - Liked diversity of children at Center | 1 |
| - Liked songs and music | 1 |
| - Wish payment could be spread out/not all up front | 1 |
| - Playground gates should work at all times | 1 |
| - Not satisfied with teachers & teacher/student ratio | 1 |
| - Head teacher should be in room at all times | 1 |
| - More time with teacher/less paperwork | 1 |
| - A safe environment exists | 1 |
| - Center should be open during finals | 1 |
| - Payments should be made in CLC Office | 1 |
| - Quality of student teachers varies widely | 1 |
| - Was not informed one teacher does not teach on one particular day | 1 |
| - Have a computer unit for children | 1 |
| - Liked circle time | 1 |
| - Discounts for parents with more than one child | 1 |
| - Facility needs to be cleaner | 1 |
| - Too many fund raisers | 1 |
| - Concentration on funding basic needs not all the "gizmos"/Harper seems to be catering to "elite" | 1 |
| - Holidays should be more a part of curriculum | 1 |
| - Love the experiments for kids | 1 |
| - Parents & children embarrassed by teachers unprofessional behavior | 1 |
| - Very impressive parent organization | 1 |
| - Snack time should be earlier | 1 |
| - Parking is a problem | 1 |
| - Liked student/teacher ratio | 1 |
| - Playground should be cleaner | 1 |

Number of parents responding -- 60

Northeast Center Pre-School

Experiences, Services, Facilities or Equipment Not in Harper's Program They Wish Had Been Included

| | <u>N</u> |
|--|----------|
| - Need a fenced-in playground/updated equipment/additional space/safer | 20 |
| - Need an observation room | 4 |
| - More field trips | 4 |
| - The teachers and staff were great | 3 |
| - The program is fine as it is | 3 |
| - Would like afternoon classes also | 2 |
| - Have a computer unit | 2 |
| - Have a formal graduation for the 4-year olds | 1 |
| - Pre-school classroom is too small | 1 |
| - Curriculum was great | 1 |
| - Add a children's after-school enrichment program | 1 |
| - Have a kindergarten | 1 |
| - A different curriculum for the older children | 1 |
| - Equipment in the gym during inclement weather is good | 1 |
| - Inside rooms are great | 1 |
| - Have class pictures | 1 |
| - Pre-school program is very expensive | 1 |

Number of parents commenting -- 27

Comments on Specific Areas of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction

| | <u>N</u> | | <u>N</u> |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| - Teachers and staff are outstanding | 21 | - Evening speakers for parents was great | 1 |
| - Outstanding curriculum | 9 | - Simple graduation ceremonies were appreciated | 1 |
| - Age appropriate, happy, loving, affirming environment for children | 7 | - A fun creative place for children | 1 |
| - Playground needs improvement | 4 | - Was satisfied | 1 |
| - Children have benefited | 3 | - Was kept informed every day about activities | 1 |
| - Extended day program was wonderful | 2 | - Prefer billing monthly rather than only 6 times | 1 |
| - Let parents know in advance about holiday and no school days | 2 | - Room needs new carpet | 1 |
| - Concentrate more on academics - numbers, letters, writing | 2 | - Child was bored | 1 |
| - Prefer bills mailed to homes rather than carried home by children | 2 | - Would like one longer day | 1 |
| - Billing should be on basis of days of attendance & not include holidays | 1 | - Need new curriculum for older children | 1 |
| - What happened to Language Academy pre-school language program? | 1 | - System for keeping track of payments is not good | 1 |
| - Children were not happy at pre-school | 1 | - Children are guided not forced to participate - good | 1 |
| | | - Kindergarten was a real disappointment after pre-school at Northeast Center | 1 |
| | | - Teachers should not be involved in billing process | 1 |
| | | - Was very difficult to get information on pre-school at Northeast Center | 1 |
| | | - Teachers were reluctant to schedule conferences or give feedback | 1 |

Number of parents commenting -- 32

APPENDIX

- Survey Instruments

- Student Teachers**
- Parents - Flexible Schedule at Harper**
- Parents - Pre-School at Harper**
- Parents - Pre-School at Northeast Center**

- Cover Letters

SURVEY OF STUDENT TEACHERS IN CHILD LEARNING CENTER AT HARPER COLLEGE

1- How satisfied were you with the following activities you in which you participated in the Child Learning Center? Check (✓) one column for each activity.

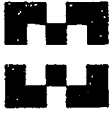
| | <u>Very Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not Satisfied</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Curriculum for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Oral Communication w/Head Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Written Comm. w/Head Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Support from Teaching Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Skill of Teaching Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. Student Teaching Dev. Sequence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G. Preparation for Teaching Career | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. Overall Participation in Learning Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2- How satisfied were you with the following aspects of the facilities and equipment you used in the Learning Center? Check (✓) one column for each facility or item of equipment.

| | <u>Very Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not Satisfied</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Classroom Materials & Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Overall Appearance of Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Cleanliness & Maint. Of Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Indoor Playroom | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3- Were there activities, services, facilities or equipment you now wish had been a part of the Learning Center when you participated? _____

4- Comment on any areas of satisfaction, dissatisfaction or make any other comments you like about the Learning Center:



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SURVEY OF PARENTS OF FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AT HARPER COLLEGE

1- How satisfied are you with following aspects of the pre-school program at Harper College?
Check (✓) one column for each item.

| | | <u>Very</u> <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not</u> <u>Satisfied</u> |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. | Curriculum for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | Communication with Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Parent-Teacher Conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | Teaching Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | Communication w/Office Mgr. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. | Registration Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G. | Billing Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. | Hours of Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. | Overall Satisfaction with Program | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2- How satisfied are you with the following aspects of facilities and equipment available for your pre-school children? Check (✓) one column for each item.

| | | <u>Very</u> <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not</u> <u>Satisfied</u> |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. | Classroom Mat'l & Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | Overall Appearance of Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Observation Room | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | Indoor Playroom - I-121 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. | Cleanliness & Maint. Of Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| B. | Communication with Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| G. | Billing Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. | Hours of Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. | Overall Satisfaction with Program | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2- How satisfied are you with the following aspects of facilities and equipment available for your pre-school children? Check (✓) one column for each item.

| | | <u>Very</u> <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not</u> <u>Satisfied</u> |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| D. | Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**SURVEY OF PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AT HARPER COLLEGE
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1- How satisfied are you with following aspects of the pre-school program at Harper College?
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| | | <u>Very Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not Satisfied</u> |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. | Curriculum for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| G. | Billing Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. | Hours of Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. | Overall Satisfaction with Program | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2- How satisfied are you with the following aspects of facilities and equipment available for your pre-school children? Check (✓) one column for each item.

| | | <u>Very Satisfied</u> | <u>Satisfied</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Not Satisfied</u> |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. | Classroom Mat'l & Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | Overall Appearance of Center | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Observation Room | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | Indoor Playroom - 1-121 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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