

Aggie CARE's Work and Family Life Faculty Forum Minutes
December 14, 2010

Attendees: Carrie Stott, Leah Schilling, Cara Allen, Ann Austin, Nick Guo, Tammy Rittenour, Renee Bryce, and Michael Torrens.

The group had one planned agenda item. Discussion began with an overview of the past and present usage of the center on campus from a parent's personal view. The concern centered on the scheduling of childcare during the times the center is closed. There are approximately four weeks when the center is closed that a parent still needs to find childcare. We had two parents who use the center on campus to discuss their issues. The current need is during January. The center opens on the 10th of January, and as faculty members there are times that they need childcare prior to that date to prepare for the semester. What options or advocate can Aggie CARE be for this need. The two main points made were to discuss with the Executive Director and Department head that there is a need for childcare during those times. Understanding and advocating for yourself and your child give valuable information to the programs of their parents needs. Understanding the policies of the program you choose for your child is an important discussion item when looking for child care. The other suggestion was to have Aggie CARE work with some of their providers to find if there are willing providers who can offer child care during the closed times of the Delores Doré Eccles Center of Early Care and Education. More information about Aggie CARE providers will be send via our list serve.

Our Business faculty member was interested in the topic of family savings practices in your family and how children change that behavior. Members of the group shared personal financial practices within their family system.

The Aggie CARE Family Network list serve is available and can be utilized for questions between other faculty members on issues regarding work and family topics. You can subscribe by going to this list serve webpage <https://lists.usu.edu/www/subscribe/aggiecare>. Click on "subscribe" and then submit your email. If you would like to just be added to the list service email cara.allen@usu.edu and let me know you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Next faculty forum will be January 11, 2011