

## Extended Care 2011-2012

As the 2011-2012 school year is rapidly approaching, I would like to take an opportunity thank all of the families that used Camp ASB over this past summer and also thank the great number of families that have used us over the years, as before and/or after-school care for their family. We appreciate your business, and I want to assure everyone that I am doing my very best to make Extended Care a safe, fun and affordable child-care option for our school families.

As many of you may know, this past summer we raised our hourly rates from \$4.00 an hour to \$5.00 an hour. This change was made in order to maintain appropriate staffing and to keep up with the demands of running a successful childcare program. It was not a decision that was made lightly; we reviewed the rates of similar programs in our area and considered the impact of this change on our families.

As we look ahead to the school year, we are also making some changes in our rates, for the first time in over five years. We are changing to a fee structure that is based on the amount of time that a family uses Extended Care. Families that use Extended Care for ten hours or more each week (combining morning and afternoon) will pay an hourly rate of \$4.50 an hour. Families that use Extended Care for less than ten hours will pay at the rate of \$5.00 an hour.

Extended Care is an important service for many families. We hope that the reduced fee for families who rely most on Extended Care will minimize the impact of the increase. There will be no need for a family to do anything to secure the reduced rate, other than simply using us for a total of ten hours or more each week. The billing rate will be reflected through the process of totaling hours as usual, with the reduced rate going into effect for the total number of hours billed, as long as use is at or over the ten hours a week increment. I am also sympathetic to the needs and potential hardships that this may bring to our families and as this is the case I am willing to make arrangements or discuss possibilities for financial aide and assistance if necessary. Don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope that all of you will understand and appreciate the changes that we have made to our program and I want to assure you again that we have made these adjustments with the thought of improving and adapting our program to better meet the needs of our families.

Thank you. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me,

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