

# YSU OKs daycare

■ The daycare center will open by spring 1999.

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The issue of daycare has always been a popular concern among YSU students. Does or doesn't YSU have it? Why doesn't YSU have it? Are we ever going to get it? What is in fact going to happen with daycare? Well, the truth is out. Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, said daycare will be on YSU's campus by spring of 1999.

Because of Dr. Cindy Anderson, Dr. Denise DaRos, Dr. Hannah Nissen and other concerned faculty, YSU has received an Ohio Board of Regents Grant of \$250,000 to open a daycare center for the children of YSU students.

Judy Gaines, executive director of student affairs, said plans to start a day care center at YSU have been in the works for almost two years. She said the issue of day care has been discussed for the past decade.

This grant is student-oriented

and means that students will be receiving first priority in available openings for their children's care. If there are other openings, then faculty and staff may use the facility.

"The belief is that the center will be busy," said Gaines.

Deana Tareshawty, senior, theater, is the mother of an 18-month-old child. Tareshawty said, "A daycare center on campus would be great. It would be convenient and close. If anything were to happen to my son, it would be easy for them to find me. I wouldn't have to drive out of my way to take him to daycare and he could really benefit from interacting with other kids his age."

Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, said, "We have already chosen the building and have had our attorneys look into all of the legal aspects and requirements that must be met to open the center. We will be submitting requests for proposals on remodeling of the old ITT building. We will be using

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the first floor for the [daycare] center and other retail operations."

The old ITT building is located on Wick Avenue, near the Wick-Pollock Inn.

Gaines said tuition rates will not go up as a result of the child care program.

Anderson said administration chose the ITT building because of its easy access to the college, the available parking and its safe location.

The center will be operated by an off-campus organization in order to meet all of the state and federal guidelines and requirements. Dr. Pazia, Human Ecology, said, "YSU students will be offered internships in the center as well as through our program. We will be working with the child care center to offer more opportunities for our students to get field experience."

"The child care center will accommodate between 50 to 70 children to begin with, but there is definitely room for enlarging the center if the need arises," said Anderson.

Anderson said the administration will be working in conjunction with the reimbursement program from Financial Aid because the day care center will be a state certified operation. Because of this, Anderson said YSU students will be able to apply for partial reimbursement of their child care costs.