

CHILD CARE CENTRES

VANCOUVER, B.C.

LICENSING DIFFICULTIES

September 7th, 1972

Grandview Terrace Child Care Centre

Nov. 2 Plans began in early September
Centre opened Nov. 2, 1972.
License was applied for in early Oct.
Special permission for under 3's requested by
letter to Chief Inspector, Community Care Facilities,
Licensing Division, c/o Mrs. Maycock,
letter dated Nov. 3, 1972.

Dec. 14 License received Dec. 14, 1972, without notation
regarding under 3's approval, however, the license
stated 20 pre-schoolers and we therefore believed
we were licensed for the five under 3 year olds and
15 3 to 5 year olds as requested.

Mrs. Maycock was told by Betsy Wood on Dec. 15, 1972,
that in fact there were under 3's at Grandview.

Within a number of weeks the Board, via Mr. Gorby
instructed Grandview to remove the under 3's or loose
their license. Parents protested and they were
instructed that they would be allowed to keep the
under 3's presently in the centre, but when these
children reached the age of three the centre could
not take in other under 3's. They also struck the
under 3's from the November billing. There was not
sufficient government subsidy money to pay the staff
money and therefore, money was borrowed in order to
keep the centre going.

First Interim Permit from November 29, 1972 to
February, 1973:

Reads capacity 20 pre-school children;
Plus: "the following conditions must be met during
the period of operation of this facility under an
interim permit".

1. Confirmation of staffing and equipment
according to the Community Care Facilities
Board standards;
2. Social recommendation;
3. Approval of the Community Care Facilities
Board

Second Interim Permit from January 30, 1973 to April 30, 1973:

Capacity is differently worded:
"Group Day Care" (children 3 - 5 years)

The same conditions as above except added is:
"under three year old children presently in attendance may remain".

Third Interim Permit from May 1, 1973 to June 30, 1973:

Same as second permit.

All permits signed by Mr. Gorby, Executive Officer, Community Care Facilities Board.

Grandview's permit conditions are not clear.

- (a) Will the Board at any time be able to say that new under 3's may not be admitted;
- (b) "Social Recommendation" has never been defined;
- (c) The parents at Grandview have personal views on staffing and equipment - not necessarily in line with the Board's views;
- (d) Does the C.C.F.L.B. really know the conditions at Grandview?

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Grandview has a waiting list of 26 children, and many many people in the area don't apply because they know it is full.

Some people in the area travel six miles to South Hill to get their child in a centre.

Grandview has been verbally told all will probably be okay come the deadline of the license expiring June 30, 1973.

WHEN CENTRES HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES UNDER "INTERIM PERMITS, THEY ARE THEN GRANTED A LICENSE.

CITIZEN INPUT:

On October 12th, 1972, a number groups interested in child care spent the entire afternoon with Mr. Norman Levi, (Eileen Dally sat in for a short period). Mr. Levi stated that we did not have to worry because no Child Care Legislation would be changed until a mini conference would be held in the spring throughout

the entire province and that a closed circuit T.V. would allow the mini conference to exchange ideas regarding overall needs and changes to be made.
- THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

Dec. 1972

Social Service Employees Union - Day Care Meeting,
Unitarian Church:

Levi stated he was going to have a three person Board consisting of:

1. A consumer;
2. A beaurocrat;
3. A child care operator.

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Levi asked Carolyn Jerome to sit as the consumer member on that Board . Carolyn accepted. However, twenty-three months later Caroly asked when she would be able to serve on the Board, Levi said "what Board", end of conversation.

Day Care *Sun-Mon May 28*

Lack of day-care centres for handicapped reported

By WYNG CHOW

Community groups should work toward meeting their own needs for day-care services rather than have the provincial government superimpose something that might prove unsuitable, says the newly-appointed provincial director of day-care services.

Marolin Dahl, addressing the annual general meeting of the B.C. Cerebral Palsy Association Friday at the Grosvenor Hotel, said the provincial health and human resources departments recognize the need for more uniformity in planning as well as more trained pre-school supervisors.

She added that there is definitely a shortage of day-care facilities, especially for the physically handicapped.

Of approximately 4,000 licensed spaces a day for young children to receive all-day care, only about 250 are pro-

vided for the handicapped, she said.

Providing treatment and rehabilitation centres for those physically handicapped is a function of the Cerebral Palsy Association.

Mrs. Dahl told the meeting that a capital grant of \$20,000 is available from the provincial government for the building of new day-care facilities or renovation of existing ones. A further sum of \$2,500 can be obtained for equipment costs, she added.

It was earlier reported that the \$200,000 capital fund has almost been exhausted, but she said there was no cutoff date for applications.

She said the government recognizes the shortage in funding.

"We know groups have to scramble, but we're not sure how to resolve this," she said. "How do you determine who is the skinniest person who

should get the biggest slice of the pie?"

The social worker said another gap exists in coordinating professional people involved in carrying out diagnosis of handicapped children.

The shortage of trained personnel for day-care centres can be solved in the long run by reevaluating present training systems in terms of future need and meeting the demand for increased staffing for specialized services, such as for handicapped persons, she said.

Mrs. Dahl said the government's new subsidization program to assist the average-income earner with day-care costs allows more parents to enjoy the benefits of outside care for their children.

The government is also making available architects to act as consultants in designing new centres, she said.

"We've come a long way since we started, but the sky's the limit."

Elected to the association's executive board for 1973-74 were: Bruce Cohen, president; Herb Lett, first vice-president; Tony Crerar, treasurer; Doug Davison, Eric Moore, Helen Perry, Hanna Polowy, and Norman Rollerson, directors at large.