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## **Child Care Needs Survey** Conducted Spring 2004

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## **I. Introduction**

Yavapai College regularly surveys students to receive feedback on their experiences at the college, and areas that they think need improvement. On-campus child care has been a recurring theme. In response to student feedback, a survey was developed to solicit the college's input on providing child care services on the Prescott campus. The objective of the study was to provide a complete, accurate and unbiased measure in the following areas:

- Demand for child care services
- Number of potential children
- Scope of services needed
- Logistical issues

The questionnaire was developed by Yavapai College Institutional Research Department with input from the college's Early Childhood Education program and the Yavapai College Foundation office.

Over 1,500 surveys were distributed throughout the college. Surveys were given to all full-time faculty, and distributed to selected classes. Surveys were also available in registration and at the circulation desk in the Yavapai College Prescott Library. Of those who returned the survey, 189 had children age 13 or younger. Of the 189 with children age 13 or under, 131 indicated that they would use child care services at Yavapai College if available and affordable. For interpretation purposes, the results listed in this report refer to responses given by those 131 who mentioned that they would use child care services if available.

## II. Findings

### Status of Respondents

**Table 1**  
**Status**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Full-Time</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Student</b>	79	35	114	87%
<b>Faculty</b>	7	NA	7	5%
<b>Staff</b>	7	NA	7	5%
<b>Not Reported</b>			3	2%
<b>Total</b>	93	35	131	100%

- The majority (87%) of parents indicated that they would use on-campus child care were students.
- Among students who said they would use child care if it was offered at Yavapai College, 69% reported that they were full-time students.

## Number of Children Age 13 or Younger

**Table 2**  
**Number of Children Age 13 or Younger**

<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Total Children</b>
1	57	57
2	48	96
3	16	48
4	7	28
<b>Not Reported</b>	3	NA
<b>Totals</b>	131	229

- The survey identified 131 parents and 229 potential children that expressed interest in on-campus child care at Yavapai College.
- The majority of parents had one or two children age 13 or younger.

## Ages of Children

**Table 3**  
**Ages of Children**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
less than 1 year	20
1 year	26
2 year	28
3 year	34
4-5 years	42
6-7 years	36
8-9 years	22
10-11 years	11
12-13 years	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>

- Two-thirds of children identified were five years of age or less; children less than one year of age represented 9% of the children.
- Just over a third of the children were school age (6 to 13 years).

## Care Giver Relationship to Child

**Table 4**  
**Care Giver Relationship to Child**

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Single Parent</b>	66	51%
<b>Married Parent</b>	61	47%
<b>Grandparent</b>	1	1%
<b>Other</b>	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	130	100%

- Care giver status was closely split between single parents (51%) and married parents (47%).



## What Cost Would You be Willing to Pay

**Table 5**  
**Price Willing To Pay Per Child Per Hour**

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Median Price</b>	<b>Average Price</b>
	Free to \$10.00 or more per hour	\$3.00	\$3.00

- Many parents reported that child care should be provided free of charge to students.
- Prices parents were willing to pay ranged widely from \$0.00 to \$10.00 or more per hour, but the average price per hour reported by parents was \$3.00 per hour.

## Important Items Considered When Selecting Child Care

**Table 6**  
**Important Items Considered When Selecting Child Care**

<b>Important Elements</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Cost is affordable</b>	119	91%
<b>Location is convenient</b>	109	83%
<b>Care giver licensed by state</b>	100	76%
<b>Program includes planned learning activities</b>	91	70%
<b>Care available for all my children</b>	64	49%
<b>Ages of other children similar</b>	57	44%
<b>Meals are provided</b>	55	42%
<b>Facility is DES certified</b>	47	36%
<b>Other*</b>	22	17%

\*See appendix for other items listed as important

Note: Each percentage is independent, reflecting the proportion of the total number of responses (N = 131)

- Affordable cost of child care was the most frequently (91%) reported element that parents considered when selecting child care.
- In addition to affordable cost, the majority of parents considered the aspects of convenient location, care giver licensed by state, and program includes planned learning activities as important when selecting child care.

## Days of the Week Child Care would be Used

**Table 7**  
**Days of the Week Child Care Would be Used**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of Cases</b>
<b>Monday</b>	83	77%
<b>Tuesday</b>	93	86%
<b>Wednesday</b>	84	78%
<b>Thursday</b>	89	82%
<b>Friday</b>	49	45%
<b>Saturday</b>	13	12%

Valid cases 108; 23 people did not respond to the question.

- Monday's through Thursday's would be the peak days that parents reported they would use on-campus child care; just under half of parents reported they would use child care on Fridays.
- Survey results showed that only one in ten parents required on-campus child care availability on the weekend.

## Time of Day Child Care would be Used

**Table 8**  
**Time of Day Child Care Would be Used**

<b>Time of Day</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of Cases</b>
All day (7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)	56	53%
Mornings (7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)	39	37%
Afternoons (1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)	31	29%
Evenings (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)	26	25%
Other	5	5%

Valid cases 106; 25 people did not respond to the question.

- Just over half (53%) of parents reported that they would use all day child care services.
- For those parents not using all day care, the times that they would use child care were mornings (37%), afternoons (29%) and evenings (25%).

## How Would You Most Likely Use Child Care Services

**Table 9**  
**How Would You Most Likely Use Child Care Services**

<b>Used</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Regularly scheduled, pre arranged basis</b>	71	68%
<b>Non-scheduled, drop in, as needed basis</b>	33	32%
<b>Total</b>	104	100%

- The majority (68%) of parents would prefer regularly scheduled and pre arranged child care services.

### **III. Conclusion**

Results of this survey identify 229 children whose parents would use college provided child care if available and affordable. Additionally, many respondents to the survey reported that they knew of people who did not take classes at Yavapai College because of child care issues. Similarly, non-teaching staff, both full- and part-time are not well represented in this study and are a likely source of additional parents who would be interested in on-campus child care. Based on the feedback gathered in this survey, there appears to be strong demand and support for Yavapai College offering child care services to its students on the Prescott campus.

## APPENDIX A

## Childcare Needs Survey

### 2. What campus/center do you primarily attend?

#### Other:

- #458 Italy.
- #513 Prescott High School

### 5. What is your relationship to these children?

#### Other:

- #114 Living with other parent
- #124 Not born yet
- #308 No children
- #348 Boyfriend
- #358 Step-Parent
- #423 Stepparent

### 6. If childcare services were available at Yavapai College, would you use these services for your children?

#### Maybe:

- #30 If I had no other childcare.
- #159 Maybe after school & summer
- #162 Summer time
- #296 Depends on the day.
- #373 Children go to school in Chino/how will they get to Prescott??
- #375 Depends on cost

#### No:

### 7. What is the most you would be willing to pay for childcare services at Yavapai College?

#### \$ per child per hour:



#3 \$4 per child  
#30 \$4  
#32 \$3.50  
#33 Free  
#34 \$2.00  
#36 Free  
#37 Free  
#38 \$1.00  
#39 \$2  
#40 Free  
#41 Free  
#42 Free for students  
#43 \$5  
#44 \$2.50  
#46 \$4  
#49 \$7.00  
#52 zero  
#60 \$5.00  
#73 Free for students  
#74 \$1.00  
#77 \$2.00  
#82 Zero  
#83 Zero  
#84 Zero  
#85 Zero  
#86 \$6.00  
#88 \$2.00  
#90 Free  
#91 Free  
#92 Free to \$3.00  
#93 zero  
#99 \$1.00  
#101 \$2.00  
#104 As long as I feel it is a good environment for my child, anything.  
#105 \$2.75 – 3.00  
#106 \$5.00  
#107 \$2.00  
#109 \$20.00  
#114 \$1.00 to 7.25  
#117 \$20.00  
#125 \$6 or \$7  
#126 \$4.00  
#129 \$5.00  
#139 \$3.00  
#155 \$5.00  
#156 \$7.00

#157 n/a  
#159 \$3.00  
#162 ?  
#166 \$15.00  
#167 \$20  
#171 \$2 / 3  
#174 It should be provided for the money we pay to come here. (Sic.)  
#176 \$2.00  
#177 \$3.00  
#181 \$5.00  
#182 \$2.00  
#184 \$1.50  
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#188 \$7.00  
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#209 \$4.00  
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#221 \$4.00  
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#247 \$3.00  
#252 \$2  
#254 \$3.00  
#255 \$3.00  
#269 \$8.00  
#272 \$5.00  
#278 \$5.00  
#284 Cannot afford much.  
#287 \$3.00  
#290 \$6.00  
#296 \$3 - \$5  
#297 \$5.00  
#319 \$3.00  
#339 \$2.50  
#342 any  
#343 \$1.00

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#348 ?  
#349 \$3 - 5  
#350 \$8  
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#353 \$2  
#355 \$2  
#358 \$5  
#361 \$2  
#362 \$2  
#364 \$5  
#369 \$3  
#372 \$2  
#373 \$2.00  
#375 \$2  
#377 \$2.00  
#379 \$3-8  
#384 \$5.00  
#387 \$4.00  
#390 \$2.00  
#392 \$20 a day  
#393 \$2.00  
#397 \$10.00  
#401 \$2.00  
#405 financial aid scholarship  
#406 \$10  
#409 \$2.00  
#414 \$5  
#423 not known  
#435 \$2.00  
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#451 \$5  
#464 \$7.00  
#468 \$3.00  
#472 \$1.00  
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#486 \$2.00  
#487 \$2

#496 \$6.00  
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#501 \$2.00  
#502 \$5  
#505 \$1.00  
#506 \$5.00  
#508 \$4.00  
#516 \$5.00  
#517 \$5.00  
#520 \$5.00  
#521 \$6.00  
#523 \$4.00  
#525 \$10.00  
#526 \$5.00  
#530 \$30  
#531 \$6  
#533 \$3.00  
#535 \$2  
#542 \$1.50  
#547 \$6.00  
#548 \$5.00

**9. Which of the following are important to you when selecting childcare arrangements?**

**Other:**

#24 No complaints at BBB, references.  
#30 Facility is good, I feel comfortable w/ it.  
#34 Free for students.  
#40 Student caregivers would be great  
#46 Safety and proper amount of staff to give my child attention.  
#85 It should be free  
#104 Very good environment  
#106 have experience / education  
#107 Would have to be someone I know.  
#114 Background check is available  
#125 Child is special needs  
#157 that I know & (Sic.)  
#161 flexible hours  
#162 friendly staff  
#181 I trust them!  
#183 A licensed Nurse on staff would be helpful.

- #211 Pays attention to child's individual needs (Organic / Nutritional and Health)
- #218 CPR First Aid Certified
- #269 Low adult/child ratio.
- #296 Trulyly {sic} caring individuals.
- #297 A responsible person.
- #353 I feel comfortable w/ the caregiver
- #355 Safe stable environment
- #361 Flexible hours for late classes
- #392 Welcomes parental input {sic}
- #405 Providerg (rather than provider); student involvement
- #414 Cleanliness
- #435 Open to inspection by parents
- #472 Safety
- #487 Ration – child to adult
- #502 Intuition
- #530 Playground, nap times
- #542 Someone I trust with my children.
- #547 All caregivers are not convicted fellows {sic}.
- #548 No more than 5 children per adult.

**11. Recognizing that schedules change from semester to semester, which time (or times) would you probably use childcare?**

**Other:**

- #75 Tues. & Thursday Evening.
- #104 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- #167 6:45 AM. I am an employee
- #194 8 – 5
- #203 After school (3:30- 5:30)
- #211 9 – 1:00 PM
- #218 depends on schedule
- #296 when necessary
- #319 7 – 3 p.m.
- #379 9 - 4

**13. Do you know of people who do not take classes at Yavapai College because they need childcare?**

**How many people?**

- #1 6+
- #2 5
- #3 2

#4 13  
#10 3  
#12 4  
#13 3  
#16 4  
#17 1  
#18 2  
#20 5  
#22 6  
#30 5  
#32 4  
#33 2  
#34 4  
#35 3  
#36 2  
#38 2  
#39 5  
#41 25  
#44 1  
#45 1  
#48 6  
#49 2  
#50 5-8  
#52 2  
#55 5  
#56 2  
#58 1  
#59 3  
#64 2  
#67 5  
#73 6  
#74 5  
#75 A couple  
#78 15  
#79 15  
#80 15  
#81 5+  
#82 15  
#85 2  
#86 3  
#89 3  
#90 10  
#91 a lot  
#94 4  
#101 3-5  
#103 10 -

#105 3-4  
#106 4  
#109 5  
#112 2  
#116 6  
#118 2  
#119 1  
#124 58  
#125 5  
#126 5  
#133 at least 10  
#143 10  
#148 2  
#149 4  
#150 5 – 10  
#153 1  
#154 2  
#160 4 individual single parents  
#165 2  
#166 1  
#171 5  
#172 2  
#176 2  
#177 6  
#178 2  
#179 3  
#180 3  
#181 2  
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#193 3  
#194 Several  
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#201 3  
#203 1  
#204 3  
#205 6  
#209 2  
#215 5

#216 3  
#217 2  
#218 10 – 20  
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#270 several  
#272 2  
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#275 more than 5  
#278 2  
#279 3  
#283 4-5  
#289 20  
#291 75  
#294 about 6  
#295 5+  
#296 3  
#299 4  
#301 5  
#302 4  
#307 2  
#310 at least 15  
#312 meet a few a year  
#315 3  
#317 12  
#319 several  
#320 4  
#321 All  
#322 15  
#324 3  
#326 3  
#327 2  
#329 2



#331 5  
#333 5+  
#334 15-20  
#343 10  
#344 2  
#345 2  
#347 2  
#348 1  
#350 10-20  
#352 Three  
#353 1  
#355 at least 1  
#356 1  
#360 1  
#361 3  
#363 4  
#364 3 or 4  
#366 1  
#371 5  
#373 2  
#376 3  
#378 1  
#380 2  
#384 5  
#386 2  
#387 + - 6  
#389 2  
#390 1  
#391 2  
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#408 Two  
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#416 3  
#419 1  
#423 1  
#425 1 or 2

#427 2  
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#546 2  
#547 3

**Estimated number of children under 13:**

#1 6

#2 All  
#4 2 each  
#10 3  
#12 6  
#13 15  
#16 3  
#17 2  
#18 4  
#20 5  
#22 2  
#30 7  
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#55 9  
#56 3  
#58 1  
#59 5  
#64 4  
#67 11  
#73 7  
#74 10  
#78 15  
#80 20  
#81 2 each  
#82 30  
#85 4  
#86 4  
#89 4  
#90 40  
#94 4  
#101 3 - 5  
#103 15  
#105 6  
#106 6

#109 5  
#111 4  
#112 5  
#116 14  
#118 3  
#119 4 months and 8 years old  
#124 92  
#125 6  
#126 20  
#133 10 - 15  
#143 5  
#148 3  
#149 4  
#150 10  
#153 1  
#154 3  
#160 10  
#165 4  
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#191 2  
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#193 6  
#194 Many  
#197 6  
#198 5  
#199 5  
#201 5  
#203 1  
#204 5  
#205 14  
#209 4  
#215 1 or 2 each  
#216 3  
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#347 2  
#348 1

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#546 1  
#547 3

#### **14. Additional comments:**

#1 I think that a childcare center would be very beneficial to the college community.

#11 I encourage providing childcare at YC. From what I understand fundraising is happening now.

#12 Comm. Colleges are for people who have no \$ or unusual circumstances – having children is an unusual cir. & the need for childcare needs to be met.

#14 A childcare center would be a necessity {sic} for parents that cannot get childcare. It is very important for parents to get through college, and this is a good way to help them.

#16 I think it would allow for many more students, and it would help parents to save time.

#18 I am young & leaving college to go to a university but I think childcare would be a great – necessary addition.

#20 I think childcare is important because a lot of people cannot afford to pay for childcare. If the school could offer cheap childcare it would help many young mothers.

#22 Childcare would be great!

#24 Make parents do volunteer work to ease cost & need for employees.

#30 Hope childcare does become available to those who need it!

#33 We could use the nursing students and elementary education students {sic} practice with the children.

#44 I will graduate this week. However, I would consider childcare for classes that I want to take for fun. I waited until I found quality childcare to return to school. If YC had childcare I might not have waited so long.

#47 I don't have any kids, so for me there is no purpose. But I'm sure that a childcare center would help mothers who are trying to get an education.

#50 Childcare is essential for young parents who want to further their education.

#53 I think more people, primarily women would attend if there were childcare on campus. Plus it would be a possible increase in profit for the college if it were to change.

#54 I am now a reentry student, but a grandmother of 5 grand boys. I know that my two daughters would greatly appreciate a drop in childcare facility. I believe that this type of service would help single parents. We need this type of center here at Yavapai. It is time

#55 My daughters can't attend college because they do not have anyone who can watch their children. The future of their children is questionable because of their parent's lack of education.

#56 Childcare is vital!

#57 I have been attending this college for two years, and have never heard even the concern for childcare. Since there are quite a few students here that have children, I'm sure that childcare provision would be for their benefit.

#58 We need childcare!

#59 We need childcare!



#60 A non scheduled, drop in, as needed basis would work for me at the moment. My parents watch my daughter, but things can change and I've missed some classes already from unexpected changes.

#67 This school needs free childcare for students with children and the campus needs a playground.

#68 I think childcare facilities would be very good.

#69 Childcare provisions would allow education to be pursued by parents that normally would not attend due to lack of childcare availability especially during late hours after work.

#71 Due to the rising cost of tuition across the nation as it is, this would be just one more financial burden that would be reflected onto our tuition.

#75 This was a great program! I think that a lot of people would appreciate this and their education is important. Also this will benefit our society! Everyone should be able to have the opportunity to be educated.

#79 I think childcare should be here.

#80 Please help those people (Sic.)!

#82 YC NEEDS CHILDCARE!! (Sic.) P.S. The high school has childcare

#85 Childcare should be provided FREE (Sic.).

#86 Childcare is essential to the operation of a community college!

#89 Childcare would help my friends and sister get an education!!!

#100 Even though I don't have children, I think that the childcare center would be a huge asset to everyone at this college.

#101 I feel that having a childcare facility will really benefit the parents attending college or planning to attend

#104 Childcare is very important to me. If it were up to me, I wouldn't work so I would look around very good drop in to observe at any time of the day to make sure my child is being cared for and is happy. (Sic.)

#105 Yavapai College Students, myself included would love childcare. It would help to know our children are close by and are being take care of. Our children are a huge part of our lives and having childcare would make education more attainable.

#107 I would not likely use these services myself since my husband and parents take care of our children while I'm in class. And I have decided to have a trusted friend watch them when my husband is working and my parents are on vacation.

#118 A very great need!

#124 Children are our future.

#125 I do not know if this would apply to me. My child is Special Needs. Speech impaired and very busy. I do need help though.

#133 I am in huge support of childcare programs on campus. Many friends, co-workers & acquaintances do not attend college but they can't afford day care. This is a terrible not for thing for both mothers and fathers. Please increase childcare on campus – willing to help Allie Olson 300-3087

#149 Many women would attend college if childcare was available for little or no cost on campus.

#150 A concentrated effort is needed to help the many young people achieve higher education.

#155 We should have had this a decade ago or earlier. It, the facility, should have been included as part of the budget for new construction.

#157 Please utilize funds for more evening classes to 1800 hours rather than using it for this!

#160 It's time Yavapai College join the new millennium! Glendale Community College has had day care center since the early 1990's! Let's get with it!

#164 Providing childcare for staff and students at low (or "no") cost is a service YC should offer!

#166 More and more you see single parent mothers and they want to come to school because of childcare related concerns.

#183 This is a desperate need!

#184 This would be incredibly helpful for many people. Yavapai College is so diverse in age.

#192 A 'community-based' school such as YC must have childcare available to aid single mothers in particular. There are many women with children that are trying to

improve their lives and the life of their children AND (Sic.) be a contributing member of society. YC should facilitate the education of such people.

#194 Childcare would greatly assist many students who have difficulty finding quality affordable childcare during class times.

#199 I see the problem mainly with single mothers.

#202 It would be a great benefit to offer services in the evenings to accommodate students attending evening classes. Most preschools / day care providers are unavailable past 6 PM and this limits students who work during the day and are only able to take the evening classes.

#205 I do plan on having children in the near future and would need some kind of childcare in order to keep working.

#211 Help promote better education for parents by supplying our children with convenient day care where parents can check in on their children and feel comfortable and safe about their welfare.

#215 Higher education is increasing importance in the livelihood of people today. (Sic.) I feel that anything that can be done to help people attend college should be done. Childcare is a major factor in deterrence of many people due to cost or convenient places and times.

#216 This would help a lot of people.

#218 Depending on how YC is funded, State / local / Federal, then I would consider dollar amount to pay. The center needs to be open ½ hour before all classes being (@6:30 AM) to ½ hour after classes end (@10:30 PM) in order to accommodate and promote family enrichment. Also – early childhood Education Dept. could use this as internship, hands on. The possibilities are endless. Remember this is for the students not employees.

#219 It is hard to understand why YC is only institution in Arizona not offering this service.

#220 I think it is an outrage that a new childcare facility is not a part of this multi-million dollar expansion. Keeping women down cannot benefit our community!! Do you not realize how many young mothers are working in minimum wage jobs because they lack an education? Please!!! Give us a chance!! Thank You.!!

#222 Childcare is needed

#235 You're about 14 years too late to help me.

#243 I think it would be great to have a childcare center, so those people have a chance to go to school.

#246 No children, not applicable.

#250 I do know 3 moms that would most definately {sic} come to YC if they had childcare. Elsewhere it is so expensive. These moms want to get an education to better themselves and the lives of their children. I feel if YC has on-campus childcare, you will see an astounding increase in “parent” enrollment. This program sounds wonderful.

#251 Yavapai College needs childcare.

#252 This would also benefit students taking early childhood education classes for hands-on.

#253 Childcare should be a priority for our students as well as faculty & staff. Many people miss classes when holidays & teachers in the public school system occur while our classes continue. Also I have heard there is a problem for single parents who have no relative/friend safety net when children are ill.

#255 Most overdue! I would have utilized exclusively when last child was preschool aged.

#260 Childcare would be a deffinant {sic} plus on campus!

#262 Thanks

#266 I think that childcare at Yavapai College is ultimitly {sic} necessary. People who are the parent or gardian {sic} of any child deserve an education also! Please do institute a childcare center here at Yavapai. It is something that needs to be done!!!

#269 This would be a great service to the community provided the facility and staff were adequate.

#283 PV Mostly – check on-line most messages discuss why they didn’t earlier and why they were on-line.

#284 Kind people & enthusiasm to be around kids.

#288 I think this is a fine idea assuming that students not using this service don’t have to pay a higher fee to attend.

#289 I have no kids but I have peers that do and childcare on campus would really help them.

#291 Fully support childcare at YC, it would be a great attribute.

#292 It would be good to have childcare facilities for those with children. They deserve a chance @ a college education.

#293 Even though I don't have children I think childcare is a very good idea. I do think the childcare issue effects {sic} many people who want to attend college. I know that I've thought about what I would do if I had a child in the near future. Having this available would be a big help.

#294 Some of my fellow students have had to miss school because they had no childcare for there {sic} child they have missed school. It is such a stressfull {sic} thing for the student having to worry about were {sic} there {sic} child can stay so they can make it to there {sic} next class.

#295 While I would not personally utilize a childcare service at Yavapai College, I strongly believe that one should be available to those who need it.

#298 I feel that daycare would help greatly for those trying to go to school w/ kids.

#300 Childcare is a great idea for the college to undertake. I couldn't imagine the struggle of being a parent going to full time college.

#301 I once was in school full time as a mother of young children to get a Nsg degree and it would have been very helpful to have childcare at the college. I know of several young women who have small children that would be more motivated if childcare was available, including single moms.

#302 It is important to get community feedback because there are many people who can't go to school because of kids.

#303 I am older than most students (50) but surmise that many young mothers could further their educations if childcare were available.

#304 Although I do not have an immediate {sic} for childcare to allow me to attend classes, I do support the idea. I think it will benefit the college, community and students.

#305 I plan on having kids and I think childcare is very important to any single parents who want to further their education to provide for their children.

#306 This idea is extremely valuable for single parents who could not attend school without this service.

#307 I believe that this college should have this childcare center. This is a commute {sic} college and it would be a lot easier {sic} on some people if we did have this facility.

#308 I have no children.

#309 I am planning on having kids, starting this year so I can see that this would be useful for me soon.

#310 I do not have children, but I do know many people that cannot attend because they cannot get childcare outside of college. This would be a great idea and it would make the campus for everyone and not those who can find childcare elsewhere.

#311 A childcare center is a great and needed idea.

#312 While I don't have kids I know this to be an issue in our town. I speak a lot to folks in community & they mention it to me.

#313 I think it is a great idea to provide daycare. Comm. College serves so many working people and everyone could use a little help.

#315 I think childcare would be an excellent idea and it would greatly help the students who need it.

#316 There not much {sic} kids here in YC so not much for a childcare.

#317 Must have childcare.

#318 Nope

#319 We need this for single parents and full time students. It would help tramendsley {sic}.

#320 Creating childcare would expand opportunity to people that are currently limited.

#322 This is a good idea! Only by helping people in need will they be able to fully realize their potential.

#324 YC should offer childcare so all members of the community can get an education.

#326 If I had children, childcare services would be greatly appreciated.

#327 I don't have kids, but I'm sure there are many single parents on campus who would be much more successful if such a program was instated.

#329 I do not have kids but I do support childcare @ Yavapai.

#332 Childcare is most likely important, and I believe it should be offered at a resonable {sic} fee.

#333 If I did have children I would greatly appreciate some sort of childcare, and I know my friends that have children would benefit.

#334 The Army (I served for 3 years) found that it increased retention after providing care.

#341 Childcare at college is a wonderful idea.

#342 I think childcare would be great!

#344 I think childcare would be a welcome addition to the Yavapai College campuses.

#355 This would be a wonderful addition that would help a great deal!

#361 I really want to go to school, and if there was childcare on campus I could. I really want to be able to get a degree but right now I can't because I have 2 kids and no convenient childcare.

#363 I know that many people have been in my classes & feel that if childcare were available – it would be easier & faster for them to get their degree & better their lives.

#367 I think it would be fantastic to have a drop-in childcare center! It would certainly attract a group of students who currently cannot attend YC.

#371 Need to provide at low or no cost

#380 In addition to needing childcare in order to attend Yavapai College classes, students with young children also need a safe place for their children to stay while parent(s) do necessary research in Yavapai College Library, often at night & on weekends. Library employees, busy with professional responsibilities, cannot provide this service.

#383 I think childcare would help many students because they will be able to attend more classes.

#389 I have family who want to move here to go to school who cannot because they have children & no daycare.

#395 I think a daycare center is a great idea because education is important. I would support a tuition hike to help pay.

#405 This is an idea that needs to materialize. As a community college, Yavapai should be offering childcare for its students. I have had to miss classes because my children were not permitted to come with me and I have no alternatives. I strongly encourage you to use the childcare facility as a means for ECE & education students to earn credit while gaining practical experience with children!

- #408 As I do wish to have children sometime in the future, I would think a childcare service would be most helpful for future YC students/parents.
- #410 A childcare center would be a benefit to the Early Childhood Education program as well as benefit parents who would like to attend classes.
- #411 Very good idea working to provide a {sic} education for all
- #412 This would be very beneficial to our school.
- #413 The problem is not that childcare is not available, it certainly is; it's that most parents I know are way too protective of their children, so they refuse to leave them w/ anyone.
- #417 Many of my students (over the time I have taught) have had to drop/withdraw from classes due to problems with finding childcare – especially childcare they can afford.
- #424 Good idea - - I think this would be very beneficial.
- #431 Although I, nor anyone else I know, need childcare, {sic} I think that childcare at Yavapai would be a great idea. It helps the parents who need it, as well as teachers here who are parents. It also helps the college because I do believe more parents would attend.
- #438 Long overdue need.
- #447 Although I don't know people who don't attend Yavapai because of childcare, I have met numerous individuals in the same boat I am. It would be a TREMENDOUS convenience to have a childcare center here on campus {sic}. Not only do I attend classes here, but I am also a student employee. Having a center on campus would allow me to drop in on my little guy on breaks between classes or between work & class, which would make our hectic schedule a little easier.
- #448 I think what you're doing is great! This has long been needed at Yavapai!
- #449 As an employee at YC library – Prescott campus, I have witnessed the frustration of students with young children who have no place for their children to go while the student attends classes. The library has a policy regarding unaccompanied children age 12 or younger – not permitted in the library. What can a parent do under the circumstances? Leave the child alone outside the classroom? Let the child sit in the YC snack bar alone? Drop the class? I sincerely hope the Family Life Center is a great success.
- #453 I think that a childcare facility would be very important to Yavapai College. It would allow all mothers to gain a degree, especially those single mothers coming out of high school.



- #455 Sounds like a great idea.
- #458 I'm a mother to be, so I don't have any experience with children.
- #459 This would be a great opportunity for single parent returning {sic} to school and I think it a great idea!!!
- #462 Support for women's curriculum/education & childcare is equal opportunity ---
- #467 I think Yavapai College should provide childcare services because of the demographics of our student population. The majority of our student population are middle-aged women coming back to school. Also, if faculty & staff could use the services also it would show that the college values families.
- #469 I have heard many requests over the years for daycare on campus.
- #470 I do see a problem were {sic} someone would be unable to attend college because of lack of childcare.
- #472 This would be a great asset to the school and would benefit many families.
- #486 Thank you, thank you.
- #487 I also have a 5 yr. old.
- #492 Childcare would be beneficial to the quality of learning and the education for the students who have children.
- #501 I think it would be really nice to have childcare.
- #509 Deffinatly {sic} childcare! It's a must!!
- #513 If I had children that needed childcare the opportunity would be very helpfull {sic}and would most definentely {sic} make it an option to attend Yavapai classes!
- #515 Good idea.
- #516 Well needed service.
- #518 This is a much needed program.
- #531 Kids are in there {sic} teens.
- #539 None @ all.

#542 I think it would be beneficial {sic} to have a daycare that would be discounted to students who attend Yavapai, and reg {sic} price to non-students. It would make it easier for single parents, like myself, to attend more classes.

#546 Childcare is always a good idea, it encourages {sic} people to do something they might feel they can't otherwise!

#547 I feel that if high schools offer childcare, due to the importance of education, it would only be wise for all adult education facilities do the same.

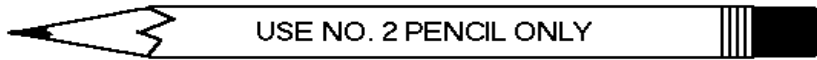
#553 I'm too busy to socialize so I don't meet too many people outside of school—and I just moved here 9 months ago and live with my nearly 80 years old mother. If I were to meet others I think there would be people w/children who don't go to school because of lack of childcare or ability to afford it!

## APPENDIX B

**Yavapai  
College**

**Child Care Needs Survey**

Yavapai College is conducting a needs assessment to help determine if child care services should be provided by Yavapai College. Please respond to this short survey and return it to the Yavapai College Office of Institutional Research, or place it in the box on the circulation desk in the Yavapai College library. All responses are confidential. Please use a number 2 pencil and fill in the appropriate response bubble completely.



**1. Check your status: [Select One]**

- 1 Full time student    
  3 Faculty/administration    
  5 ELT    
  7 OSA  
 2 Part time student    
  4 Faculty/instruction (ALL)    
  6 Administrative Management    
  8 PSA

**2. What campus/center do you primarily attend? [Select One]**

- 1 Prescott Campus    
  3 Prescott Valley Center    
  5 Sedona Center  
 2 Verde Valley Campus    
  4 Chino Valley Center    
  6 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Do you have any children under the age of 13?**

- 1 Yes    
  2 No [GO TO QUESTION 13]

**4. What are the ages of your children?**

	less than 1 year	1 year	2	3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13
Child 1	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 9
Child 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 9
Child 3	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 9
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*For five or more children, please list ages on back page in comments.*

**5. What is your relationship to these children?**

- 1 Single parent    
  2 Married parent    
  3 Grandparent    
  4 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. If child care services were available at Yavapai College, would you use these services for your children?**

- 1 Yes    
  2 Maybe \_\_\_\_\_    
  3 No \_\_\_\_\_

**7. What is the most you would be willing to pay for child care services at Yavapai College?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per child per hour

**8. Are you qualified for DES subsidized child care?**

- 1 Yes    
  2 No    
  3 Don't know

**9. Which of the following are important to you when selecting child care arrangements? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]**

- 1 Cost is affordable  
 2 Location is convenient  
 3 Care giver is licensed by the state  
 4 Ages of other children being cared for are the same ages as my children  
 5 Meals are provided  
 6 Program includes some planned learning activities  
 7 Provider is able to care for all of my children  
 8 Facility is DES certified  
 9 Other \_\_\_\_\_



10. Based on your current schedule, what days of the week do you/would you use child care?  
[MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

1 Monday     2 Tuesday     3 Wednesday     4 Thursday     5 Friday     6 Saturday

11. Recognizing that schedules change from semester to semester, which time (or times) would you probably use child care? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

- 1 All day (7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
- 2 Mornings (7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- 3 Afternoons (1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
- 4 Evenings (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 5 Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. How would you most likely use child care services that would be available at Yavapai College?

- 1 On a regularly scheduled, pre-arranged basis
- 2 On a non-scheduled, drop-in, as needed basis

13. Do you know of people who do not take classes at Yavapai College because they need child care?

- 1 No                       2 Yes

How many people \_\_\_\_\_?  
Estimated number of children under 13 \_\_\_\_\_

14. Additional comments:

You may return your completed survey in one of the following ways:

1. Return to Institutional Research, Yavapai College, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ 86301, or
2. Place in the box located on the circulation desk in the Yavapai College Library, or
3. Return to the individual distributing the survey.

Thank you for your help!



Please address questions or comments to Mr. Tom Hughes, Director of Institutional Research, at 928/776-2205 or tom\_hughes@yc.edu