

news

NHTSA



Published by
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration

U.S. Department of
Transportation
Washington, D.C.

NHTSA News is a semi-monthly publication prepared for all agency employees by the Executive Secretariat, Room 5215, Nassif Building, 426-2876. Distribution is on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

Editor M. J. Noll

September 1978

Volume 4
Number 17

Almost the End of Summer



Relaxing around the fountain in the Nassif Building courtyard is a favorite lunchtime pastime of many NHTSA and DOT employees.

Look and Learn Before Driving

At some time or other you'll probably find yourself in the driver's seat of an unfamiliar vehicle.

But don't just slide behind the wheel and drive off. Take time first to familiarize yourself with the vehicle as an accident prevention measure. You should at the minimum check the following:

The location and function of each instrument, switch and control device. Be sure you are able to reach the lights, defroster and windshield wiper quickly. Searching or fumbling for a particular knob or button takes your attention from the road and may cause you to lose control of the vehicle.

Seat and mirror position. While driving, you should be sitting high enough to see well over the steering wheel and hood and should be able to

see the ground 12 feet in front of the vehicle. If you have any difficulty seeing 12 feet ahead or reaching the brake pedal or clutch, use a seat cushion for extra support. Rear and side view mirrors should be tilted at an angle which allows you to view rear and side traffic by shifting your eyes rather than your head or body. Adjust mirrors after adjusting seat position.

Safety belts and head restraint. For best protection, a lap belt should fit snugly across your hips when buckled. A shoulder belt should have just enough slack to allow placement of your fist between the belt and the center of your chest. Head restraints, designed to prevent neck injuries should be adjusted high enough to make contact with the back of your head, not the base of the skull.

Day Care Center Now in the Neighborhood



The 6- to 9-year-old Summer Day Camp students enjoy the slide in the HUD Center playground.

For a working woman, the pain of childbirth is often miniscule compared to the monumental problem of finding adequate care facilities for her off-spring while she is on the job.

She is not alone. Current statistics show that about 5-1/2 million women currently in the labor force have one or more children under the age of 6.

Some mothers fare better than others--grandma or Aunt Jane happily agrees to take on the task, or they stumble upon a good housekeeper or care facility. For others leaves of absence from the job seem to become common practice and a morning headache a routine matter.

Fortunately, something is finally being done. For the 2-1/2 to 5-year-old child whose mother or father works in the South-

west area, the HUD Day Care Center offers a welcome alternative.

The facility, which opened its doors on June 5, is located in the basement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It also has for its use a fenced in playground between HUD Central Office and L'Enfant Plaza, which includes a path for big wheels, jungle bars, a slide and swings. The Center is now open from Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Center can accommodate an enrollment of up to 60 children. When it reaches full capacity, the staff will consist of a Center Director, three teachers, a day care assistant, two aides, two student aides, and a

housekeeper aide. Their curriculum is tailored to the needs and abilities of the individual child and aims towards strengthening the child's attention span, listening ability, concept formation, relationship recognition and differentiation, judgment and language skills. Although the Day Care Facility was primarily established for the children of HUD employees, up to 35 percent of the children enrolled may have parents working at other Federal and private agencies.

The Center charges a weekly tuition for its services which has been set according to its operating costs. This tuition ranges from \$28 to \$45.50 per child for HUD employees and \$35 to \$45.50 for non-HUD



Duck-Duck-Goose is a favorite game of the young set. Here teacher Barbara Haub races Natasha Washington to the empty spot in the circle, while assistant Elaine Riddick and the other children cheer them on.

employees, depending upon the total income of the family. Only HUD employees are accepted in the lowest fee category, as these fees must be heavily subsidized and they also have priority in all fee categories. All 2-1/2 year olds must be toilet trained. A flat fee of \$45.00 is charged for all two year olds, which the Center is currently accepting. The two year olds do not need to be toilet trained.

All tuition fees include a hot lunch and two snacks daily.

Since the Center has not yet reached full capacity, it will currently accept children on an emergency basis for a charge of \$10 a day. However, acceptance is at the discretion of the Director who must determine if there is an appropriate staff ratio.

The fee schedule for non-HUD employees is:

Family Income	Weekly Fee
Under \$25,000	\$35.00
\$25,001-\$35,000	\$41.00
Over \$35,000	\$45.50

Prior to enrollment in



Day Care Center Director Doris Howze is a cooperative patient for Doctor Crosby Treadwell.



The younger children show off the pinwheels they made during the art session at the Center. Teacher Debra Frayer (left) and student aide Karen Foreman are in the background.

the Day Care Center, a child must have had a current physical examination and the parent must have submitted a health form completed by the child's doctor and other registration forms. The registration fee is \$10, and an advance payment for two weeks is also required.

Since HUD provides no operational funds, tuition fees must cover the costs of salaries, food and expendable equipment.

To help raise extra funds, which in turn mean better salaries for teachers and an infant and a scholarship program, the Center Board, comprised of HUD employees, plans to hold several fundraising activities. Watch for them starting this fall.

During July and August, the HUD Center also included an eight week Summer Day Camp Program for 6 through 9 year olds. This program provided an

enriching program for the school age children which was both educational and fun. Almost daily the children went on a field trip, visiting such places as the Smithsonian, the Wax Museum, the Aquarium, the African Art Center, the Hirshhorn Art Gallery, and the FBI. The program also included art and cooking instruction, swimming lessons, a course on safety and weekly visits to the library for a film festival. The Day Camp Group had its own instructor and was limited to 15 children.

For more information about the Center, and its programs call 554-2331. The Center Director is Mrs. Doris Howze.

All in all, for working parents in the Southwest area, the HUD Child Care Center is a focal point of interest.

Some applaud it as

(See Day Care on page 4.)

Personnel

Welcome Aboard

Barry D. Eisemann,
Computer Systems Analyst,
RD, 6-18.

Reeves E. Testerman,
Mech. Engineer Technician,
RD, 7-2.

Richard N. Woodruff,
Mech. Engineer Technician,
RD, 7-2.

Stephen V. Versace,
Program Specialist, RD,
8-7.

James F. Frank,
Research Psychologist, RD,
8-13.

'Bye and Good Luck

Robert L. Clayton,
Tech. Information
Specialist, AD, 6-17.

Michael R. Lane, Mech.
Engineer Technician, RD,
6-23.

Richard Nellius, Public
Information Officer, PACP,
7-1.

Paul H. Yoshida, Safety
Defects Engineer, NEF,
7-1.

David Zisser, Trial
Attorney, OCC, 7-15.

Congrats on Promotion

Peggy Proctor, Clerk-
Typist, OCC, 6-18.

William Branick,
Position Classification
Specialist, AD, 7-2.

David Gitterman,
Mathematical Statistician,
RD, 7-2.

Clayton Hall, H.S.M.S.,
TSP, 7-2.

Theodore E. Anderson,
Research Psychologist, RD,
7-16.

James F. Simons,
Economist, P&P, 7-16.

Bruce C. Spinney, Cost

& Lead Time Analyst, P&P,
7-16.

John R. Nelson,
H.S.M.S., Region IX, 7-30.

Job Openings

For complete details on these job openings, see the official vacancy announcements. Vacancy announcements are posted on the NHTSA Bulletin Boards at both the Nassif and Transpoint Buildings. They are also distributed to each Office Director.

General Engineer,
GS-801-13/14, RD. Opens:
8-24, Closes: 9-14.
NHTSA 78-87.

General Engineer,
GS-801-13/14, RD. Opens:
8-24, Closes: 9-14.
NHTSA 78-88.

'Round About NHTSA

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Clyde H. Roquemore on August 12, 1978.

Mr. Roquemore, who joined the National Highway Safety Bureau on July 23, 1967, as a Safety Standards Engineer, contributed to the development of some of the first safety standards issued by this agency.

He was continuously employed with this organization until date of death. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

Cathy Campbell, Clerk-Typist, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Participation, became the proud mother of a bouncing baby boy, Jason Noel, 5 lbs., 8 oz., on August 1. Congratulations, Cathy.

Getting the Message Across



Bill Miller, Traffic Safety Coordinator for the State of Idaho, points to his new special license plate which bears the important message "BUKL UP."

Although this is but one small way in which to get the message across, if it saves one person from death or injury, Mr. Miller feels it is worthwhile. As a former training officer for the State of Idaho Transportation Personnel Office, Mr. Miller is well aware of the importance of using every method of publicity possible to achieve results. And he does just that.

Day Care (from page 3)

innovative. For others, it's God's answer to a parent's prayer.

And for the children, it's a fun place to learn, play and socialize with other youngsters their age while Mom or Dad is at work in an office nearby.