



Item : AF: A-8b

Thursday, May 24, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2012-13: KAREN A. SLATTERY EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT RATES.**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Provide approval of the proposed Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development fees.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Karen A. Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development combines research and teaching early child development with daily care for the children of students, faculty, staff and members of the public. The Slattery Center falls administratively under the aegis of the College of Education and is operated as an auxiliary enterprise. Financial support comes from several sources: user fees and appropriation of student fees. This presentation provides a brief comparison of Slattery Pre-School qualities compared with traditional child care facilities, a market comparison review and a recommended fee increase for 2012-13. These recommendations are a product of administrative review, parent advisory board approval and an advertised parental input meeting to develop the proposed fee structure for 2012-2013.

The recommendation is to increase fees for all age groupings by \$26 per month. This action is necessary to retain proper child group sizes and other quality components, provide for possible staff increases and support a contingency for facility repairs and emergencies.

This item was reviewed and approved by the BOT Audit and Finance Committee on April 19, 2012.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

The rate changes requested would become effective on August 1, 2012.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This action balances the budget of the Slattery ERCCD auxiliary for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Slattery ERCCD 2012-13 Fee Structure Power Point Presentation

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# Background

## The Karen Slattery Center

- ◆ Most Florida public universities have an Educational Research Center for Child Development (ERCCD).
- ◆ The FAU Slattery Center (ERCCD) provides Pre-School services to some 100 children, 3 mo.– 5 yrs., supports university teaching, practicums and research for all FAU colleges (esp. medical, nursing, science, education)
- ◆ Slattery operates as an auxiliary, self-generating revenue from parent and student fees as authorized in FS 1011.48 and FS 1009.24(12)(q).

# Demonstrating Highest Quality

- ◆ Slattery -accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- ◆ Slattery-Only 32 of 800 Palm Beach County child centers are NAEYC-accredited
- ◆ Slattery provides the State's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program for 4 year olds (VPK=3 hr/day).
- ◆ Slattery-highest quality rating in Palm Beach - Five Stars (50/50 pts.)

# Pre-School or Day Care Center?

	<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Day Care</b>
<i>Purpose</i>	<b>Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>Basic child care</b>
<i>Curriculum</i>	<b>National and state standards-based</b>	<b>Health Department regulations</b>
<i>Learning Activities</i>	<b>Purposeful learning play/activity/project</b>	<b>Unstructured play</b>
<i>Child Assessment</i>	<b>Provided</b>	<b>Not provided</b>
<i>Lead Teachers</i>	<b>College degree (AS,BS, MS)</b>	<b>High School &amp; CDA</b>
<i>Staff training</i>	<b>Rigorous/continuous</b>	<b>Basic/situational</b>
<i>Parental Involvement</i>	<b>Multiple venues provide involvement</b>	<b>Less involvement</b>

# Average Local Market (13 Providers, March 2012 survey)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Range/mo</u>	<u>Slattery/mo</u>	<u>n</u>
I	\$780-1208	\$1024	8
1's	\$628-1208	\$1024	11
2's	\$580-1162	\$894	13
3's	\$540-1162	\$790	13
4's	\$540-1162	\$544	12

- In random sample of 14 responding centers, 2 were NAEYC accredited

# 2012-13 Slattery Fee Recommendations

- ◆ **Adopt a \$ 26/month general fee increase for all age groups effective August 2012.**
- ◆ **Maintain the current annual registration fee policy**
- ◆ **Fee increase approved by Slattery Board**
- ◆ **Parent input session conducted**