

Social services rate as resource

This is the first column in a new series on child care. Marcie Walker welcomes your input — questions, suggestions for columns, examples of good child care. Write her in care of the Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48009, or 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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When searching for the right child-care alternative for your needs, a good starting point is the Michigan Department of Social Services.

I recently called their local number for day-care licensing and found that they will send out listings of licensed child-care facilities for specified areas, as well as the names and numbers of licensed private homes. I asked for a list of such facilities in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

By the next day, I received a seven-page computer printout of child-

care facilities in those areas. The helpful printout includes such information as the age range, hours and days of operation, months of operation and capacity. Phone numbers and complete addresses are also provided. Prices are not listed.

Note, however, that while many centers list programs for infants/toddlers between the ages of two weeks and two-and-a-half years, this is merely an indication that they are licensed for that age group.

In reality, few centers accept infants under six weeks of age, and

many take them only at 12 months.

The agency also sent an alphabetized listing of registered day-care homes in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. The listing includes last name and phone number alone, but is also a good starting point if child care in a private home is your preference.

The number to call for Oakland County is 858-1612. For Wayne County, call 256-3814. Be sure to state the specific city or cities for which you seek information. Consider asking for information in neighboring communities, especially those on your way to work.

Marcie Walker, a Bloomfield Township resident, is the mother of one and one-to-be. Her doctorate has nothing to do with child care. Her column was prompted by her own research into area child care.



Adelaide's Lament

"Just from waiting around for that plain little band of gold, a person can develop a cold." Adelaide Rainford, "Adelaide's Lament" from "Guys and Dolls" is but one of the love songs on Farmington Community Chorus's

"Love Notes" playbill. Curtain for the spring concert is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, in the North Farmington High School auditorium. Tickets at the door.

AAUW honors Rosalie Perry

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women recognized one of its members by giving a grant to the AAUW's National Education Foundation in her honor.

The honoree is Rosalie Perry, a Farmington Hills resident and a teacher at William Grace Elementary School.

The grant is made possible by funds raised from the group's annual fall used book sale.

Perry was born in Van Wert, Ohio, graduated from Miami University in Ohio with a degree in education. She earned her master's degree from University of Michigan.

She became active in AAUW in Ohio.

After moving to Michigan, she became involved in Campfire Girls, served on PTA committees and was a Sunday School teacher.

She's been a member of the Farmington branch of the AAUW since 1969 and has served as Hospitality Chair, Women's Chair, and co-chair of the branch Gourmet Group.

Her professional memberships include the Association of Childhood Education International, the Michigan Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities and Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for teachers.

Her husband is David Perry. The couple have three grown children, Susan, Ginny and John.



Rosalie Perry

New referral device created for those with special needs

The Health Professional Advisory Committee (HPAC) of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes has developed a simple means of directing the parents of children with special needs to agencies and health organizations that provide the services they seek.

A small wallet-size card listing a variety of health and social services has been developed for the city of Detroit and Wayne, Monroe, Washtenaw, Macomb, Livingston, St. Clair and Oakland counties. The cards have been distributed to hospitals, public health department offices and a variety of health and social service agencies in each area.

Parents of children with special needs, such as birth defects or developmental delays, often have difficulty in finding the resources or services they seek. The card was developed by the March of Dimes

volunteer group with the intent of bridging this gap.

According to Darlene Blair, "Although there are agencies providing information, medical services, financial aid and referrals, the people who need these services aren't always aware of them and don't know where to go in their areas for assistance. That's why we developed these cards."

The cards are available to health, non-profit and social services agencies in the seven counties and Detroit for free. Cards may be obtained by contacting the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes at 423-3200 during business hours.

Those with hearing problems benefit from support groups

In an ideal world, all physicians would make all their patients "as good as new." In the real world, however, that isn't always possible. When a medical condition results in a chronic problem that persists despite therapy, patients can often benefit from support groups — people who are coping with the same difficulties, facing the same problems, experiencing the same frustrations.

The Michigan Ear Institute of Farmington Hills and Providence Hospital in Southfield, conduct several such groups for patients suffering from dizziness, acoustic tumor, facial paralysis, hearing impairment and those who have had cochlear implants.

The Dizziness Support Group began in November 1987, under Charles Stockwell, vestibular physiologist.

"People with chronic dizziness that is not amenable to medical treatment find it very disruptive to their lives," says Dr. Stockwell. "So group meetings are open also to friends and families to help them understand what the patients are going through."

Meetings are at 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile. Often there will be a speaker — a nutritionist to discuss special diets, a psychologist on the effects of stress on dizziness, a Michigan Ear Institute physician on the causes of dizziness. The program is followed by a question and answer session.

THE ACOUSTIC Tumor Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of the month in Michigan Ear Institute, 27555 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

"Acoustic neuroma is relatively rare," says Malcolm Graham of the institute. "Many people have never heard of it until their own is diagnosed. Talking to others who have had this type of tumor allows them to resolve some difficulties and gives them the strength and courage to go on."

The participants receive profes-

sional input about the problems related to acoustic tumor, such as hearing loss, facial paralysis, loss of energy.

The Facial Paralysis Support Group meets two to three times a year with specialist Jack Kartush. The group may hear presentations on topics such as a new medication, Botulinum, that can help the spasms and involuntary twitches that occur when partial recovery of a nerve occurs, or on the gold bar eyelid implant that makes it possible for a paralyzed eyelid to sit at a lower, more natural position.

The Hearing Impaired and Cochlear Implant groups are just getting started. "Learning to deal with hearing loss is a major problem for many people," says Dr. Graham. "The problem breeds isolation and people tend to withdraw from social

contact. It's that restricting of activities and withdrawing from people that needs to be worked against in the support groups."

More information on any of the support groups is available by calling the Michigan Ear Institute at 478-4622.

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