Hospital is planning day care center

By next spring, Botsford General Hospital employees will have "The BOS" to take care of their children white they're working. BOS — Botsford On-Site — Is a pro-posed 2,000-square-foot day-care cen-ter on the hospital grounds. It's sched-uled for construction later this year, said Steve Faine, assistant administra-tor of the Farmington Hills osteopathic hospital.

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"It's a new benefit that the hospital

(hospital) corporation. It will be il-censed and tailored for employees."

The proposed day-care program will have an advisory board comprised, in part, of bospital employees and representatives from On Site Child Care Services — a relatively new Detroit area firm that provides day-care services to corporations, Falne said.

Although the Farmington Hills Plan-ning Commission reviewed day-care site plans Nov. 14, Botsford officials have since changed those plans. Origi-nally, the hospital was going to put up a modular type of building for the day-care center. "But it would have been as costly as a new building." Faine said.

SO IT'S back to the drawing board. Faine said he is unsure whether the change in plans will cause a delay in the expected construction schedule. Flans initially called for opening the day-care center in March or April 1986. The project's price tag, including the cost of the building, toys and playground coulument will be approximately \$100,000-\$200,000, Faine said.

The proposed any-care center with the more than a baby-sitting service. On Site Child Care Services' plans include having group and individual educational play. "They are putting heavity trained staff in there — people with master's degrees in early childhood,"

Faine said.

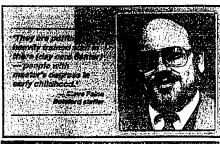
The child-services company earlier this year conducted a survey of hospital employees to determine the type and hours of day-care services needed. Participating employees will pay a weekly fee for services. Initially, the day-care center will enroll approximately 33-40 children, including bables. "We know we have that demand on the day shift. Actually, we could go up to 100 (children)," Faine said.

ALTHOUGH FAINE said he doesn't believe there's as a great a demand for day care on the night shift, the center will have the capability to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Eventually, a latch-key program – children attend the center after school until a parent or parents pick them up after work – might be considered, Faine said.

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Residents from the Botsford Hospital-owned Farmington Nursing Home also will be involved. They'll visit the kids. "It's good for them (nursing home residents). It gives them something to do. It's good for the kids, too," Faine visit a good for the kids, too," Faine visit.

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While the plan is to make the day-care center financially self-sufficient, Faine said that's not really possible if bables are enrolled because of the time and cost involved in caring for them. Hospital employees want day care for infants, though, Faine said.

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"Awareness, that's the key," said Kathleen Robinson, spokeswoman for the lung association.

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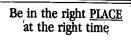
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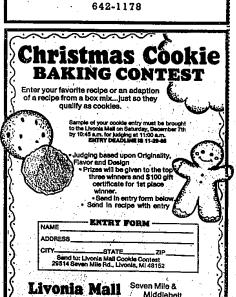


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