



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 13, 2007**

DATE: October 31, 2007

SUBJECT: U-3133-05-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW (CARRY-OVER) for The Child & Family Network Centers, child care centers located at 1712 and 1718 S. Taylor St. (RPC #27-007-086)

Applicant:

The Child & Family Network Centers
3701A Mt. Vernon Ave.
Alexandria, Virginia 22305

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew, subject to all previous conditions, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (November 2010).

ISSUES: None.

SUMMARY: This is a use permit review for two adjacent child care centers operated by The Child and Family Network Centers in the Virginia Gardens Apartments complex. The centers are located at 1712 and 1718 S. Taylor St. Each center provides care for 16 children ages three (3) to five (5) years old, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No issues have arisen since the centers were approved, and the applicant is in compliance with all county codes and use permit conditions. Therefore, staff recommends that the County Board renew the use permit for the two child care centers, subject to all previous conditions, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (November 2010).

BACKGROUND: The County Board approved the subject use permit in October 2005 for the Child and Family Network Centers to operate the child care center for 16 children at 1718 S. Taylor St. The Child and Family Network Centers is a non-profit organization based in Alexandria, Virginia that provides child care and other family services to low-income families. This site was the first center the organization operated in Arlington County. The child care

County Manager: _____

Staff: Colin Dentel-Post

PLA-4818

program is offered free of charge to families who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program under USDA standards. Three teachers care for the 16 children at the center. No complaints or issues were reported in the center's first year of operation, and the County Board renewed the use permit in October 2006.

In September 2006, the County Board approved a use permit amendment to add a second child care center at 1712 S. Taylor St. for an additional 16 children. The second center, located directly adjacent to the first, operates an identical program during the same hours. Three additional teachers staff the second center.

DISCUSSION: The two child care centers have operated successfully in compliance with the use permit conditions and applicable State and County codes over the past year. There have been no incidents since the last review of the center at 1718 S. Taylor St. or since approval of the second center at 1712 S. Taylor St. A recent staff site visit found no issues.

Since the last review (October 2006):

Use Permit Conditions: The applicant is in compliance with the use permit conditions.

Community Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement has not received any complaints.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office did not report any concerns.

Police Department: The Police Department did not report any concerns.

Child Care Office: The Child Care Office reported that the applicant has operated successfully without issues or complaints.

Civic Association: The Douglas Park Civic Association was notified of the upcoming use permit review. To date, staff has not received comments from the Association.

CONCLUSION: Staff recommends the use permit be renewed, subject to all previously approved conditions, and with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (November 2010).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| October 15, 2005 | Approved use permit (U-3133-05-1) for a child care center for 16 children at 1718 S. Taylor St. with a County Board review in one (1) year (October 2006). |
| September 16, 2006 | Approved use permit amendment (U-3133-05-1) for a second child care center for 16 children at 1712 S. Taylor St. with a County Board review in thirteen (13) months (October 2007). |
| October 14, 2006 | Renewed use permit (U-3133-05-1) for a child care center for 16 children at 1718 S. Taylor St. with a County Board review in one (1) year (October 2007). |
| October 13, 2007 | Deferred use permit review (U-3133-05-1) to the November 13, 2007 County Board meeting. |

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Child Care Ordinance, Community Code Enforcement Office, Environmental Health Bureau, and the Fire Marshal's Office, including securing the appropriate assembly permit, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
2. The applicant agrees that parents of children receiving care shall escort their children both to and from the center at all times.
3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
4. The applicant agrees that center staff will escort the children to the playground utilizing the sidewalk between the center and the playground area.
5. The applicant shall designate a neighborhood liaison to communicate with nearby residents and neighbors to address concerns that may be related to the Virginia Gardens child care center use. The name and telephone number of the liaison shall be submitted by the applicant to the Zoning Administrator, as well as the Douglas Park Civic Association.