

Club Women Aid Child Care Center



Expanded Facilities, Services At Day Care Center Monday

EXPANDED FACILITIES and services at the Operation Independence Day Care Center, 1165 Balzar St., will be available to the public starting Monday, July 18, according to Mrs. Lubertha Johnson, OI project director.

Expansion of the program was made possible by a recent six-month grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C., to the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County through the Nevada Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

The additional federal funds will permit a staff of 19, including VISTA workers and Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees, to provide (1) an enlarged day care program for children with mothers who work or attend vocational training or other educational classes; (2) a child enrichment program designed to enhance the disadvantaged child's ability to learn; (3) a parent education and guidance program in child care; (4) social workers to help families avail themselves of community health and welfare services, and (5) continuing in-service training to staff members.

REGISTRATIONS for the Day Care Center will be accepted starting next Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 16, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the old Vegas Heights school building at Balzar and Concord Sts.

The following payment scale has been established: First child in a family--35 cents per day; second child in a family--25 cents per day; additional children in a family--20 cents per day.

These fees cover supervised care (including hot lunches, play and rest periods, and tested pre-school educational activities) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Equipment and materials will be the finest obtainable. Mrs. Myrtle Banks

will continue to supervise the day care staff.

Further information on the Day Care Center and other Operation Independence programs may be obtained at the center or by telephoning 649-1621 or 649-2137, Mrs. Johnson said.

Mrs. Johnson announced that Mrs. Mabel W. Hoggard, the first Negro teacher to be employed in the State of Nevada (1945), will head the child enrichment program.

Harvey Dondero, assistant to the county superintendent of schools, is chairman of the county board. Attorney Robert Reid and Highland School principal Earl Brunner are co-chairmen of the Operation Independence board of directors.

A second Child Care Center for the western area of North Las Vegas is being planned by Operation Independence in cooperation with North Las Vegas officials.

BENEFIT TEA--Pictured above are some of those who participated in recent tea sponsored by Operation Independence for benefit of welfare agency's Child Day Care Center. Photo at left shows (from left) Mrs. Robert Seaton, president, Las Vegas Chapter American Assn. of University Women; Mrs. Minnie Wilkins, Community Arts Committee arrangements chairman; Robert D. Mason, staff member, Day Care Center; Mrs. Luna Hayes, acting director, Nevada TB and Health Assn., and Mrs. Lubertha Johnson, director, Operation Independence. At right, standing in front of their top award-winning table display are Pathfinders Club members (from left) Mmes. Kate Tate, entertainment chairman; Lula White, parliamentarian; Isabella Ware, vice president, and Gloria Rome, president.

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