

Questions to Consider before You Choose the Parent & Baby Co-op:

SPACE: Do you feel comfortable committing the time and energy necessary to maintain the site as a safe, useful child-care space? It's important to consider the space, costs, and commitment, and your schedule, flexibility and time.

COSTS: If you plan to hire a provider, how much are you willing to pay? Compare costs carefully. What would a family-home, center, or nanny-care cost compared to the Parent and Baby Co-op?

VALUES: When participating with other families, individual family concerns and work activities may influence each other. Will this interaction be comfortable?

COMMITMENT: Regardless of what type of child care you choose, combining parenting with university life is a balancing act. Participation in the Co-op will require ongoing personal involvement beyond what is asked by many care arrangements. Consider your values, needs, and options. Will participating in the Co-op work for you?

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Work-Life Resources is a program of Human Resources dedicated to helping individuals and departments find ways to balance family needs with workplace and educational responsibilities.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

McKenzie Parent and Baby Co-op Room

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES



What Is the Parent and Baby Co-op?

The Co-op is a small room on campus, dedicated to providing a child-friendly space for faculty, staff and student parents to set up and manage their own childcare arrangement. It can also serve as a lactation support space, although a pump is not provided. It is private and is outfitted with a sink with hot and cold running water, a changing table, small refrigerator, microwave, crib, toys and other amenities to support the care of babies and nursing mothers.

The room can accommodate children six weeks to one year old, with a maximum of three children and their caregivers using the space at any one time. Participating parents manage the Co-op and are responsible for recruiting other parent participants and interviewing, hiring, and supervising childcare providers.

Where Is the McKenzie Parent and Baby Co-op Located?

The McKenzie Parent and Baby Co-op is located on the first floor of McKenzie Hall in Room 161.

How Can I Get Involved?

The room operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible by registering with the work-life resources administrator in Human Resources, 463 Oregon Hall. Interested parents can contact the administrator by phone at 346-2962 or by email: klogvin@uoregon.edu.

Parents' Responsibilities

In addition to establishing the care arrangements, parents are also responsible for maintaining the facility, including all equipment and toys. Parent participants supply their

own paper towels, hand soap, and other consumable supplies and clean the room on an as-needed basis.

What to Expect From Us

The work-life resources administrator registers participants, provides authorization to obtain keys from the Department of Public Safety, and works with the parent users and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to ensure that health and safety requirements are established and maintained. Please immediately notify the work and family services administrator of any major repairs needed.

The work-life resources administrator can also serve as a resource to parents by providing guidance in facility preparation and organization and in establishing parental administration of the program.

When Your Term is Complete

Thoroughly clean and organize the space to prepare for the next users. Notify the work and family services administrator and return your key to the Department of Public Safety. Complete and return a comment card to Human Resources about your experience using the Co-op.

Important Phone Numbers

Work-Life Resources:

346-2962 (463 Oregon Hall)

McKenzie Parent and Baby Co-op:

346-6114

Department of Public Safety:

346-5446 (1319 E.15th Avenue)

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