

**Childcare Focus Group**  
**February 15, 2005**

- I. Mediator: Randy Refsland
- II. Welcome
- III. Introduction
- IV. Goals Strengths  
Weaknesses
- V. Questions
- VI. Is there really a need?
- VII. Findings to be printed in newspaper

**Childcare Strengths in the City of Milton**

- a. Caring Community
- b. Friendly
- c. Excellent Location
- d. School System
- e. Good Kids in the Community
- f. Current Day Cares are active in the Community
- g. Existing Day Cares are very good
- h. Community Support of Schools
- i. Volunteering Community
- j. Local Businesses show support to all
- k. Bus stops at Day Cares for convenience

**Childcare Weaknesses in the City of Milton**

- a. Lack of activities that are not athletics
- b. Lack of child care for parents who works 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts

- c. Lack of place for students before school
- d. Latch Key Kids
- e. Space Availability
- f. No Youth Center – Ownership of whose Issue it is
- g. “Bad” Day Care
- h. Money (Shortage)
- i. Quality and Quantity
- j. Transportation
- k. Child care for children with disabilities
- l. Staffing-Quality
- m. Summer Care
- n. Communication

### **Solutions for Childcare Issues in the City of Milton**

- a. Bring people back to Milton for Day Care
- b. Find out why people don't use local centers, There is room at the centers
- c. Make use of Chamber of Commerce etc. to make what is available known to Community
- d. Centralized “clearing’ house
- e. Coordination of services
- f. Restart “Y” before and after school programs
- g. Provide people who are new parents information about Day Care
- h. Newcomers group
- i. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant
- j. Youth Center
- k. Teen Center-Old College Gym
- l. A Team Effort is needed-City, School District, Township etc.