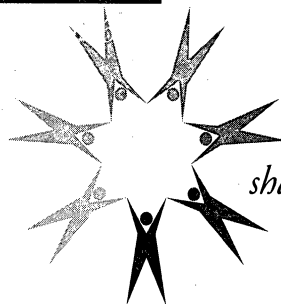


# Department of Human Service Programs



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April 18, 2001

Jill Herold  
Assistant City Manager

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Ellen Semonoff  
Deputy Director

FROM: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

RE: Council Order # 11 February 7, 2001; Awaiting Report # 1-160, March 19, 2001: Process for review of issues related to Extended Day Program, Community Schools, Youth Centers and After-school Childcare Programs.

Childcare & Family  
Support Services

Commission for  
Persons with Disabilities

Community Schools

Community  
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for  
Children, Youth and Families  
(Kids' Council)

Council on Aging;  
Elderly Services

Low Income  
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;  
Homeless Services

Office of Workforce  
Development

Planning & Development

Recreation

Youth

This year the City Council Human Services Committee has been examining issues related to programs serving children and youth in the after-school hours. After an initial meeting to review options for the Committee's work, the Committee heard from the Child Care Resource Center and the Human Services Department about programs and services as well as wait lists and resources for families seeking after-school care. The Committee then heard extensively about one program model, the Harrington Extended Day Program, with a presentation from the teachers and the evaluator about the program. The Committee indicated its interest in learning more about different program models for children's after school hours, focussed especially on issues of duplication of services, equity issues across neighborhoods and barriers to collaboration.

As a Department, we have been looking at some of these issues for our own programs. The directors of our Youth, Community School, Childcare and Recreation divisions have been meeting to try to address issues relating to staff training needs, program duplication and differentiation, space issues, school/after-school program interfaces and summer programming efforts. That process will be continuing over the next several months. In addition, with the new Agenda for Children Supervised Activities Coordinator beginning work this week, we expect to be engaged with her in a citywide analysis of needs and programs.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Human Services Committee in examining these issues. The members of the Committee have indicated a keen awareness of the complex issues that exist in analyzing the different program models, each of which has its own constituency. We would be happy to work with the City Clerk and the Chair of the Committee to arrange a schedule of meetings and to develop the topics to be addressed.





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*Robert W. Healy, City Manager   Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager*

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-160, regarding the process for review of issues related to Extended Day Program, Community Schools, Youth Centers and After-school Childcare Programs, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Attachment



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**Consent Agenda #6**

Awaiting Report Item Number  
01-160, regarding the process for  
review of issues related to  
Extended Day Program,  
Community Schools, Youth  
Centers and After-School  
Childcare Programs.

**In City Council April 23, 2001**

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