

## ◻ WORKPLACE CHILD CARE ◻

**I**n 1981 the Treasury Board authorized the establishment of five child care centres in federal buildings as a pilot project. These are non-profit, parent-run centres for which departments have provided space and fit-up free of charge, with other costs being paid by parents.

In introducing its new National Strategy on Child Care in December, 1987 the federal government said that it would consider the establishment of a significant number of new child care centres in appropriate federal buildings over the next few years and that consideration was being given to funding the fit-up costs of these new centres.

Treasury Board staff are now developing a policy for Federal Public Service day care centres which will eventually be submitted to Ministers for approval.

The staff associations and management of the Department of External Affairs are studying the feasibility of establishing one of these centres in the Pearson Building. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has indicated his support. Approximately 70 people attended an open meeting in the departmental auditorium on February 1, 1988 to discuss day care in the workplace and the possibility of forming a parents' association to look further into the idea and eventually to manage the centre if and when one is set up. At a subsequent meeting an association was formed and an executive elected to which further members will be added. Present members of the executive are as follows:

President	Lucie Allaire
Vice-President	Angela Bogdan
Treasurer	José Herran-Lima
Secretary	To be nominated
Member	Valerie Bryce

### Committee Directors

Site Selection	
and Preparation	Heather Brooker
Needs Survey	Heather Brooker
Fund Raising	José Herran-Lima
Administration	
and Constitution	Gordon Morrison
Communications	Lucie Allaire and Angela Bogdan

Parents returning from abroad who are interested and willing to assist are invited to get in touch with a member of the executive.

On the management site, Howard Singleton (ABDS) is responsible for the project ◻

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### DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH SPOUSES

If you are not yet on our mailing list and would like to be, please complete the form on page 20 and return it to ABB.

If you already participated in this program and live in the National Capital Region, you will have received the following in recent months:

December 9, 1987 — a notice seeking submissions for contracts for upcoming workshops and information sessions which will be offered by the Posting Services Centre.

January 15, 1988 — a letter seeking submissions for the contract as Editor of *Liaison*.

- February 10, 1988
- a reminder concerning spousal employment
  - notices of French and English courses offered to spouses of rotational employees
  - a noon-hour workshop on building your personal inventory
  - workshops offered this spring by the Posting Services Centre for spouses interested in employment.

### COMMUNITY COORDINATOR PROGRAM

The following coordinators have been appointed since the publication of the last issue of *Liaison*:

- ATHENS — Marthe Béchar
- BELGRADE — Angela Davies  
Tasma Ramsey  
Loral Spence ◻