

## Mosaic Medical Center – Maryville

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### **Child Care Center celebrates first birthday with open house**

Mosaic Child Care and Education Center will be celebrating one year in operation with a birthday open house on Sunday, July 28, from 1-3 p.m.

When the doors opened on August 7, 2018, the Center had an enrollment of 78 children. Today, enrollment has grown to 98 including school-age children who are attending during the summer. An additional 35 openings are still available to interested families.

The Center serves children and families year-round from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is closed only on the six major holidays.

“The Center offers exceptional child care and educational opportunities for children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age, making it a perfect option for families with children of all ages,” said Pradnya Patet, Ph.D, the Center’s director. “The Maryville R-II school district provides transportation to and from the Center making it convenient for working families to pick up and drop off all their children at the same location.”

According to Patet, the advantages of a licensed, close-to-home child care facility are numerous. “Children benefit from the continuity of care they get from loving, caring and qualified professionals. The familiarity that a setting such as ours provides, from infancy to pre-K, helps them build the necessary confidence, create attachment bonds and offer peer interactions, as well as develop pre-literacy and pre-math skills to be successful in school and life.”

“Parents benefit, too, from having a reliable and dependable child care service and the peace of mind that their children are being cared for by experienced and qualified teachers,” Patet explained, “Beginning this school year, the Center will also provide parents an opportunity to get together for brief workshops focused on parenting topics. They will also have opportunities to discuss their child’s development and learning with the caregivers twice a year.”

A total of 30 staff members help care and educate the children, assuring that required child-to-teacher ratios are maintained, as well as providing administrative, nutritional and housekeeping support.

The open house will give families and potential families the opportunity to celebrate and tour the classroom and play spaces. Bounce houses, shaved ice, games, arts and crafts are planned as part of the first birthday party.

More information about the facility, curriculum and fees will also be available. The Center is located at 409 W. South Hills Drive, just to the west of Mosaic Medical Center – Maryville. For more details, please contact the Center at (660) 562-7920.