

July 11, 2016

Dear Parent(s),

For starters, we thank you for your commitment to the Childcare Center at Mount Mary University. For many years, we have been happy to offer quality childcare services to our Mount Mary families.

Over the past several months, the University has completed a detailed and thorough assessment of campus services to ensure that all of our offerings are aligned to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Several campus centers, including the Childcare Center, were reviewed within a framework of mission fulfillment and resource allocation.

After careful consideration, including feedback from the Mount Mary community in a May 2016 survey regarding usage of our childcare services, and in consultation with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, we have decided to not re-open the Childcare Center for the 2016-2017 academic year. Effective July 15, 2016, the Center will officially be closed.

Mount Mary is offering transitional support to the parents who planned to enroll their children in the Center for the 2016-2017 academic year, as we know that quality, accessible childcare is of the utmost important to parents.

Enclosed with this letter, please find an outline on licensed group care childcare centers located within a 2 mile radius of the Mount Mary campus. We have provided information on these centers, including the center name, address, and contact information. Please note that we are not promoting any of these centers, and that it will be your responsibility to contact these centers to inquire about available services. The state of Wisconsin also offers support on finding childcare; you can contact your Child Care Resource and Referral Center for more assistance at 888-713-KIDS or [info@supportingfamieliestogether.org](mailto:info@supportingfamieliestogether.org). Please also know that state licensing information, including violations of state regulations, is publicly available on <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/licensed/index.htm>.

Additionally, in order to best support you in this transition, Mount Mary will reimburse you for the cost of your childcare (up to the amount you would have spent with the Mount Mary Childcare Center) for one month of care, from the dates of **Monday, August 29, through Friday, September 23, 2016**. In order to receive this reimbursement, please submit a copy of your childcare receipt to me no later than October 10, 2016.

Please forward any questions about the closure of Mount Mary's Childcare Center to me at [olejnic@mtmary.edu](mailto:olejnic@mtmary.edu) or 414-930-3372. We hope that you will also help us in thanking the Childcare Center staff for their commitment to excellence throughout the past several years – we know that they have touched the lives of many children and their families, and appreciate their many efforts.

Sincerely,

Sarah Olejniczak  
Dean for Student Affairs