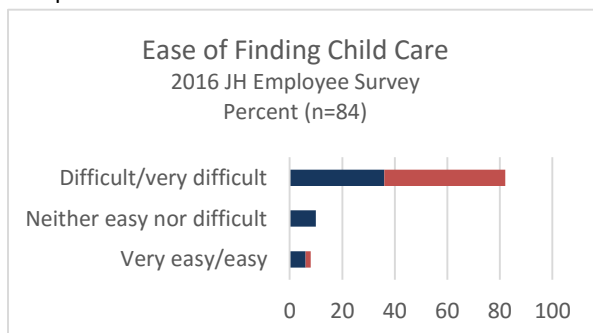


Intergenerational Day Program

To address the day care needs of working families and the increasing social isolation of our vulnerable seniors, the Jefferson Healthcare (JH) Population Health Department is working with a number of community entities to explore the feasibility of a community-based Intergenerational (IG) Day Program. The IG Program would consist of a day care with preschool and a senior day health program. The day care would consist of 3 classrooms for ages 8 weeks to 5 years, able to serve up to 36 children per day. The neighboring senior day health program would serve 10-12 seniors per half-day with recreation, exercise, nursing care, and consultation for rehab services. The seniors and children would have separate but overlapping curricula to allow meaningful engagement. Partnering with the Olympic Area Agency on Aging, the Port Townsend School District, and local community groups, JH plans to coordinate the development of an IG Program in our county.

Critical Need for IG Day Program

An estimated 821 children in Jefferson County live in families where all parents work, yet known available day care covers only 190 children. Over 1700 Jefferson County residents are over 80 years old. Jefferson County has no senior day health programs to provide socialization, nurse oversight, nor group caregiver respite. A 2016 survey of JH employees demonstrated that employees have difficulty finding and affording day care services. They reported limiting work hours to care for children and aging parents and voiced a need for socialization and respite care for aging family members and patients.



Community Benefit

We anticipate a number of economic and health benefits associated with this project.

- Improved senior participant quality of life and health outcomes with associated cost-savings.
- Improved readiness for kindergarten.
- Improved employee recruitment, retention and decreased absenteeism.
- Greater collaboration and empathy between community age groups and organizations.
- At least 12 jobs, mix of entry level and skilled, would be added to the community.

Next Steps

Community Collaborations

In 2017, JH began soliciting input and interest from community stakeholders to determine interest levels regarding the IG program. Key informants have expressed interest in participating in the programs at varying levels. We will now be confirming partners who may opt to manage the programs, provide a location for the program, and/or support the programs financially. Solidifying roles and relationships between these organizations to develop a management structure will progress through 2018.

Capital Development

We anticipate creating a 501(c)(3) to facilitate identification and application for start-up grants and community funding. Start-up costs will require identification of community funding sources and grants. Revenue from programs will fund the majority of operational costs but any needed ongoing supplemental support will need to be identified over 2018.

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