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marketing research on day care centers. "I determined," she said, "that there was a need for quality infant care in Durham."

Toddlers Academy began in the living room of her home. Eventually she added an addition to her home that provided for 30 children. That addition became too small and in 1976, construction started on a new facility.

"It was one of my three children who came up with the name, Toddlers Academy," she said. Two of her children, Valerie and Marian, are in college. While the other, Dwight is a senior at Hillside High school.

"All three of my children have worked in the day care field, helping out year-round," she added. "It is my husband, David, who has been the backbone of the operation. We built the building ourselves; there was no contractor. My husband was involved in the construction. Toddlers Academy is definitely a family business."

Mrs. Whitted believes that one characteristic that distinguishes Toddlers from other day care centers is the attention to each child.

We feel that every child

is special and each child has to be happy," she said. "Our employees must love children and it is very important that they know every child. No appointments are necessary for parents to schedule a conference. I'm here 95 per cent of the time, and parents are welcomed to come in anytime."

Toddlers Academy employs 19 staff members and is licensed for 82 children. "The Center's goal is to maintain a first-class establishment. We worked hard to get to the top, and will work as hard to stay there. I feel that we are good, but there's room for improvement by keeping up with the new developments in day care and changing with the needs of the community as well with children.

"I have spent most of my time in day care and raising my family," she said. Her hobbies include "a love for jazz and symphonic music, reading and entertaining."

Mrs. Whitted is emphatic when she speaks of her career in day care. "I do love my work and I love children," she said. "I enjoy helping people, especially senior citizens and little children."



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