

Davis Opens Child Care Referral Service

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Lifestyles Editor

Dianna Davis, owner of Baby Love, is helping with the growing problem of finding quality child care.

Baby Love is a child care referral service located at the Eastway Executive Office Building, 3125 Eastway Drive.

"I started the business about a year ago because I saw an increasing need for this type of service," said Davis.

Baby Love provides parents with information on in-home care, full and part-time sitters and temporary or permanent child care services.

"We do not appoint a parent with a sitter we simply give the information to the parent in respect to what they are looking for. If they are looking for someone in a particular neighborhood or with a certain educational background, we can provide that for them. The parent makes the decision as to who will keep their child."

A yearly fee of \$25 is charged for using the service. That charge will increase to about \$40 if special services are required.

"We try to send the same sitter to a home so that the children will have a sense of security."

Baby Love also provides nannies. "Some people don't realize that nannies are not housekeepers. If someone can afford a nanny they usually have a butler and a maid," said Davis.



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The business offers many employment opportunities for those interested in becoming sitters. Housewives, students

and retirees make up the majority of the sitters. North Carolina law says that a

person can keep up to two children, other than their own, in their home without being regis-

tered. A registered day care home can keep up to five children in the home.

"There is a \$10 yearly fee for a person to list with our service. The babysitter and the parent make arrangements concerning the hourly or daily rates. There are lots of opportunities for a person to make money if they decide to keep children in their home," she added.

The service is especially helpful to people who have recently moved to Charlotte and surrounding areas. Persons who work split shifts or a night shift have also found this service very helpful.

Dianna and her husband, William, are the parents of a 4-month-old daughter, Reilur Melissa and they are aware of the needs and concerns of other parents.

"I know how hard it is to function when you're worried about the well being of your child," she said.

Davis, 28, is a native Charlottean and she attended Carolina School of Broadcasting after high school. She has also taken classes at CPCC and received computer training from Broadway and Seymore.

Prior to starting the business she worked at Piedmont Natural Gas, White Business Machine, WGIV Radio and the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Davis currently has two part-time employees but she will be expanding in the near future.

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Black Social Workers Conference

By M.L. LaNey
Post Staff Writer

On September 30 and October 1, 1988, the Metrolina Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers will host the North Carolina State Association Of Black Social Worker's 14th Annual Conference at the Best Western McDonald's Inn.

The conference theme is "Challenging Our Past: Future Issues." Several workshops including, AIDS In The Black Community" and "Give Me Shelter: The Problem of Housing" will take place during the two-day conference.

Madine Hester Falles, Executive Director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League will be the opening plenary speaker on Friday at 1:00.

Dr. Robert Hill, a nationally recognized expert on the black family will be the Human Service Award Banquet speaker on Friday evening at 7:00.

Dr. Hill, a sociologist and research consultant, currently resides in Washington, D.C. He has published numerous articles in the both scholarly and popular journals.

His works include, "The Black Middle-Class Defined" in Ebony (1987) and "Economic Policies and Black Progress" (1981).

An engaging and informative speaker, Dr. Hill has taught at several colleges and universities throughout the Northeast.

The Human Service Award recipient, Dr. Iris B. Carlton-LaNey, is an assistant professor of social work at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She presently serves on the Mecklenburg County Human Services Council, the Region F Aging Advisory Committee and several other committees and boards.

The Human Service Award is presented annually to those individuals, who exhibit exemplary behavior, serving as role models for black youth and provide services to a significant number of people.

The conference will culminate with a luncheon at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The luncheon speaker is Attorney James Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson's career reflects his commitment to social justice, a quality that parallels the Association Of Black Social Worker's efforts to promote the welfare, the survival and liberation of the Black community. The conference promises to be both educational and invigorating.



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