

Memorandum

Community Services



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Tom Canasi, Community Services Manager, (480) 350-5305

Date: October 30, 2007

Subject: Kid Zone Enrichment Program Update

The Kid Zone Program has been recognized for providing the highest quality early childhood enrichment programs. This program provides before and after school childcare in schools throughout Tempe. There are currently 19 after school sites and 19 before school sites that are licensed by the Arizona State Department of Health Services. The program is committed to providing a safe and nurturing atmosphere for all children.

Kid Zone had a waiting list at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. A waiting list of 166 full time participants was in place on October 24, 2006. Enrollment at the same time was 1,857 participants. The key issue impacting enrollment and creating the wait list was adequate staffing. Council approved a supplemental request for additional staffing resources. As a result of Council action, Kid Zone currently has no wait list for full time participants and only two students waiting for part time enrollment. In addition, Kid Zone has reached the highest enrollment numbers in its history. As of October, 2007 there were 2,221 participants.

The table below represents a comparison of enrollment and wait list for the month of October, 2006 and October, 2007.

	Enrollment	Full Time Wait List
2006	1,857	166
2007	2,221	0