Frequently Asked Questions About Our Waitlist Application Process

Do U-M faculty, staff and students have priority for enrollment?
Yes, waitlist applications are prioritized in the following order:

a. Siblings of currently enrolled children*

b. Children of current U-M faculty, staff and students**

c. Children of non-affiliated families from the community

* This means that many infant spaces are filled with new babies of families who already have a child enrolled with us.

**UMHS, Medical School and School of Nursing affiliates have higher priority at the Health System Children’s Center.

How do you determine my child’s place on the waitlist?
When a space becomes available a child’s place on the waitlist is determined by:

1. age-eligibility for the class,
2. current U-M affiliation and
3. date of waitlist application

How will I know when a space is available for my child?
When a space is available and we are at your child’s name on the waitlist, we will email you to determine your interest in the particular opening. You will be given an opportunity to visit the center to speak with the director and visit the classroom to see if the available space and center fulfills your family’s needs.

When are openings generally available?
Many children are enrolled at the beginning of the academic year. However, openings can occur throughout the school year.

What happens if I’m not ready to accept a space when it is offered to me?
If you decline an enrollment offer, you may choose to remain on the waitlist and your application date will not change.

What is the capacity of the U-M Children’s Centers?
Capacity by Center and Age Group

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Why are there fewer infant and toddler spaces than preschool spaces?
State of Michigan licensing rules limit class size of each age group. Infant and toddler classes are limited to 12 or fewer children while preschool classrooms range between 16 and 24, depending on the age range of the children and the size of the classroom.
Although we have 11 infant/toddler classrooms and 13 preschool classrooms, we have room for 40 infants and 73 toddlers vs. 304 preschoolers.

**Where can I find care while I wait for an enrollment opportunity at one of the U-M Children's Centers?**
Visit the University of Michigan Work/Life Resource Center website where you can find other valuable information about care options in the community.

**Who should I contact if I have questions?**
You are welcome to contact Judy Powers at any time at jpowers@umich.edu or 734-763-3947.