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**The WIZO Edelstein/Citrin Multipurpose DCC**  
**Gilboa St., Yavneh**  
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**Address:** 1 Hagilboa St., Yavneh

**Opening Date of the DCC:** October 8, 1975

**Opening Date that DCC became a Multi-Purpose Day Care Centre:** March 1, 2006

**Owned by:** Municipality of Yavneh

Lease expires in 2016, but it is expected that the lease will be renewed at that time and that

**Name of Director:** Yardena Yosef

**Name of Social Worker:** Tamara Chagai

**Number of classes:** 4

**Number of children:** 72:

**Multi-Purpose Day Care Centers:** Children who experience cultural or social disadvantages, or have experienced neglect or violence, find a safe warm and wholesome environment in the multi –purpose day care center. Multi-Purpose centers provide stability so that families can continue to live together without court intervention. These centers care for three month to young school age children from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. In multi-purpose DCC's there are additional services such as a social worker, psychologist and therapist who use art, music or animals in their work. Children are provided with basic needs, such as hot meals, shower and supper before they go home each night. Multi-purpose day care centers work towards improving the overall functioning of the family. This DCC is one of 18 Multi-Purpose Day Care Facilities operated by WIZO in Israel.

**Socio Economic Background of Families in the WIZO Edelstein/Citrin Multipurpose DCC:**

29 children come from homes where the parents work, 40 of the children come from homes which receive welfare services, and who have been referred specifically to attend a multi-purpose program with extended hours. 3 children come from families who do not require an extended day care program, but who nonetheless are involved with the welfare services. The economic level of the families is very low and has been characterized as a high risk population due to an element of crime in the area.

**Location:** DCC is located in a very old and established section of Yavneh, in an area called Neve Shazar.

**Staff:** 1 director, 1 social worker, 1 kindergarten teacher, 2 home room teachers, 9 early age assistants and 2 cooks

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**Staff training:** Staff has training in language enrichment programming.

**Activities:** Children are involved daily in a wide range of experiential activities to increase the development of the early age child and to enhance self-expression. Children enjoy the rich experiences of supervised play, music programs, guided imagery activities, nature program, science program, arts and crafts, and story time.

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### **Case Example # 1:**

This year Anat\* a 20 year old mother of 2 young children approached the DCC to enroll her children there. Her youngest child is only a baby of 6 months old, and her older child is a toddler aged 2 and a half years with severe delays in development, language and motor skills.

Anat\* had been in an abusive relationship and had recently left her husband. During her marriage, the abuse had escalated so much so, that she ended up in the hospital with serious injuries from her beatings. She currently resides with her mother who herself has a child in the same DCC. This is a true example of a multi-generational problem family.

The DCC staff attempts to build up Anat's\* self-confidence, to assist her to better parent her children and to empower her. All of these efforts are being made in order to enable her to build an independent life and to develop into a responsible and caring mother who will be able to meet her children's needs and to ensure that they receive the care and treatment that they require.

### **Case Example # 2:**

Orna\* a 21 year old single mother of a one year old was orphaned at a very young age. As a result of no other option, she grew up in a dormitory. Her extended family maintained limited contact with her throughout her youth. Due to her difficult childhood and the trauma associated with losing her parents at a young age, Orna\* turned to drugs as a means of coping.

Today, Orna\* is in treatment to stop her addictions from drugs. At the WIZO Yavneh DCC, she is being helped to raise her daughter in a safe and secure environment. Her progress is slow, but the DCC staff support her along the way. They see Orna\* taking the important steps that she needs in order to improve her and her child's lives. She attends all needed therapeutic and developmental activities with her daughter and has completed a personal empowerment program to give her foundation skills in order to begin the path to employment.

\*names changed to maintain confidentiality