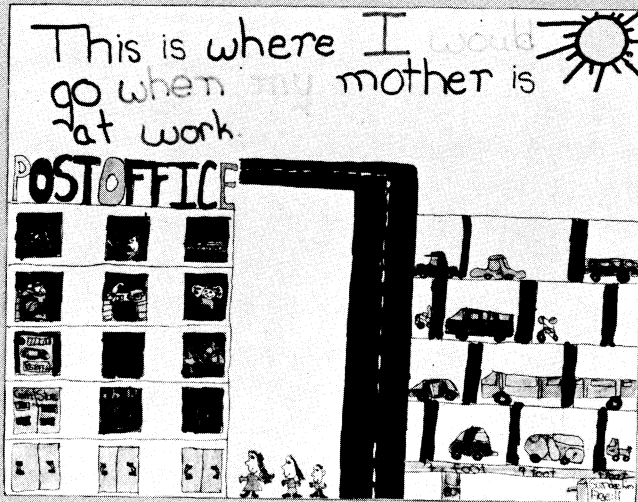


## LRR FOCUS: Childcare at the S.F. General Mail Facility: Sound Familiar?



- 32% of parents are single and head of household
- 52% have two or more children, mostly between the ages of 2-1/2 and 5 years
- 85% of parents with a sick child either stay home if single or trade off with their spouse
- 62% are happy or somewhat happy with their present arrangements
- 36% have missed 1-5 days work because of childcare problems
- 70% would use a childcare center at or near their workplace if it cost less
- 88% felt a nearby childcare center would decrease parental stress

### **and while we're on the subject . . . Did you know that:**

- Approximately 80% of women in the workforce are of child-bearing age and of those, 93% are expected to become pregnant at some point in their working lives.
- Today, childcare costs are the average family's fourth highest expense—after shelter, food, and taxes.

*These numbers are from the SFGMF Childcare Project Survey.*