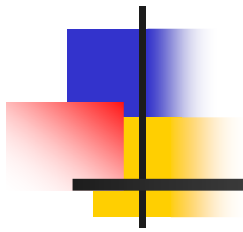


Baby Gator

Child Development and Research Center



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Baby Gator History



- 1969: “Baby Gator Nursery” established as a parent co-op
- 1979: Florida Statute 240.0952 mandated the establishment of “Educational Research Centers for Child Development” at each FL university to care for children of students, faculty and staff, provide internship programs and support research
- 2004: Name Changed to Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center; Logo trademarked



The Mission of Baby Gator is...

- To provide quality care and early education
- Foster a life-long love of learning
- Generate research
- Support professional development





Baby Gator's Goals

- Baby Gator shall be a nationally known and respected model-demonstration center providing quality childcare and early education, family support, teacher training and research participation
- Baby Gator shall support recruitment and retention efforts of UF by assuring availability of quality care for the young children of UF employees

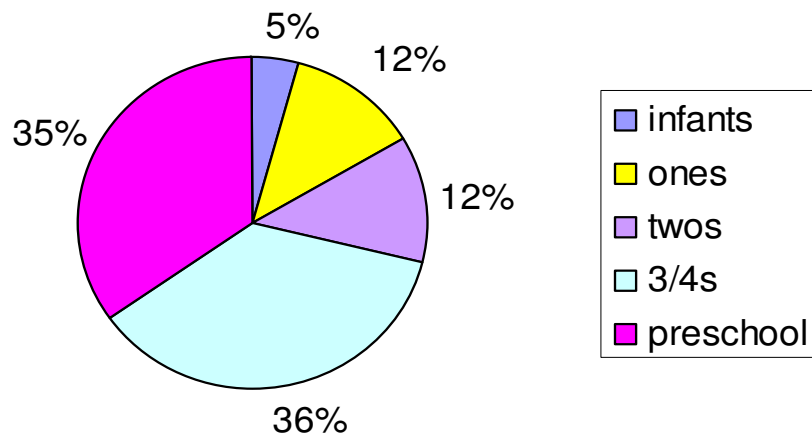


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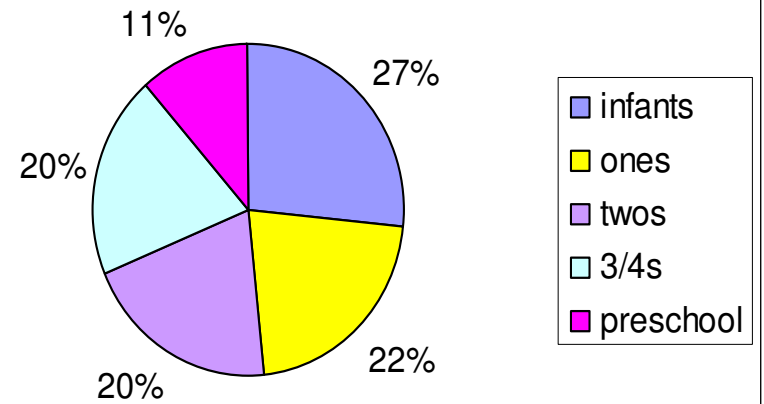
- 6 Tiny Gators (6 wks-12 mo)
- 16 Little Gators Ones (12-24 mo)
- 16 Little Gators (24-36 mo)
- 47 Growing Gators (3-4 years)
- 46 Future Gators/ VPK (4-5 years)

Capacity vs. Need

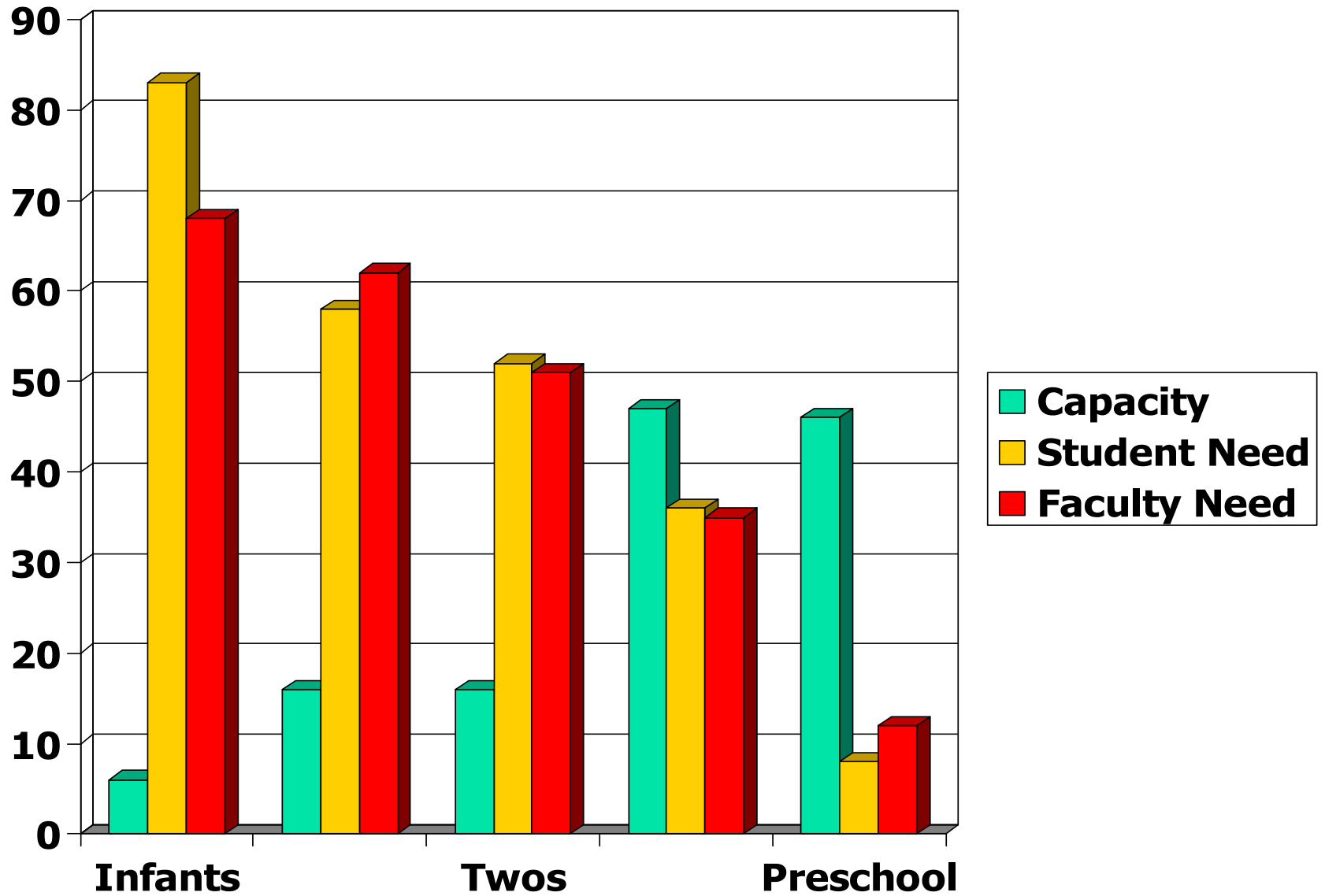
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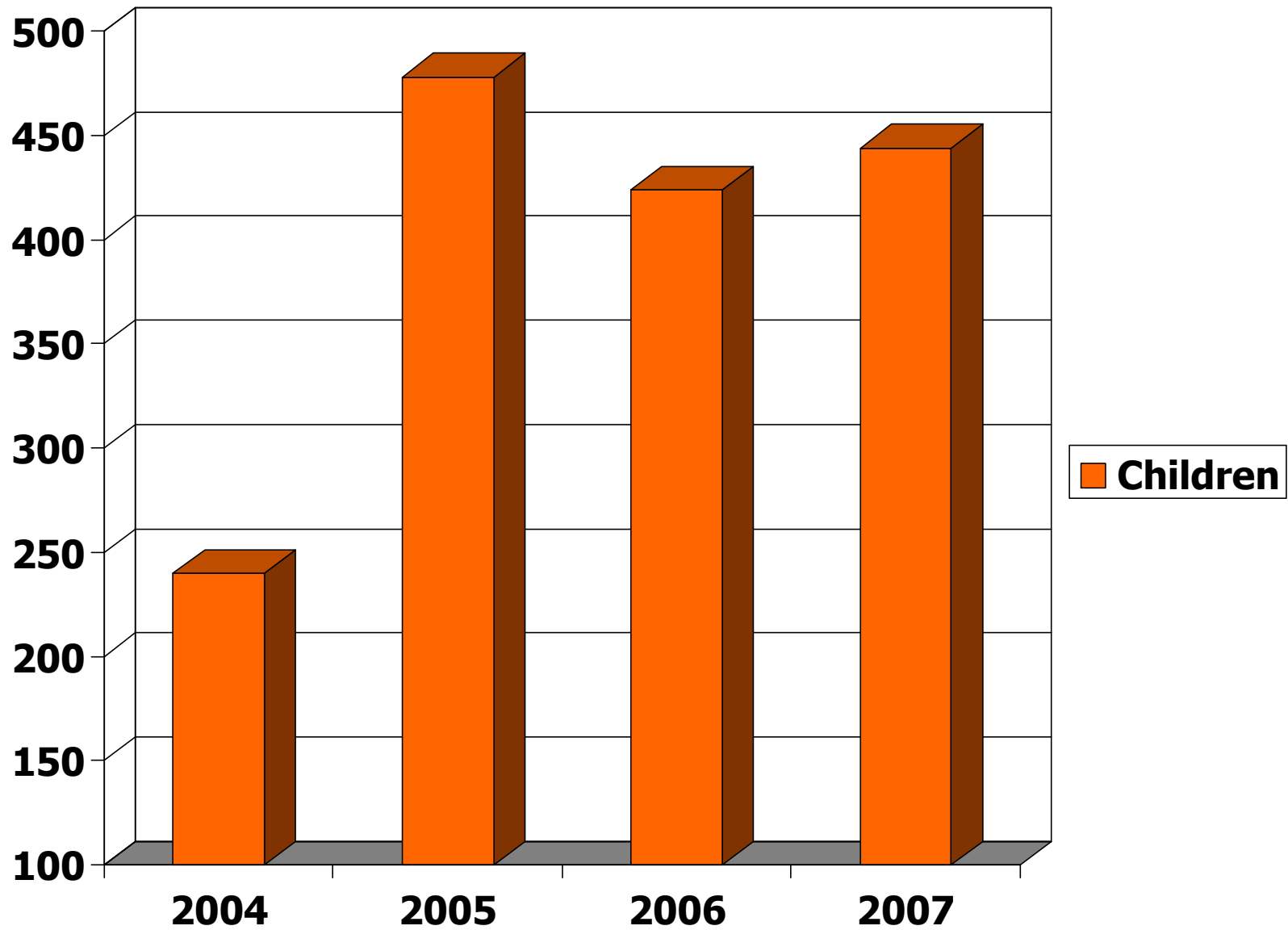
Current Need



UNMET NEED, March 2007



Wait List History





Impact of a Lengthy Wait List

- Faculty comprise 48% of Wait List Families (218 children, March, 2007)
- Faculty have access to 20% of spaces (26)
- **Average Wait: 18-24 months**
- In 2005
 - 27% of survey respondents rated child care availability “poor”
 - 36% rated UF’s efforts to help faculty balance work and life as “unfavorable”



Proposed response to

- Identified unmet faculty needs
- Retention needs
- Recruitment needs





New Baby Gator Facility

- 40,000 sq ft
- 250 children, ages 6 wks to 5 yrs
- Mildly-ill child room
- Parent meeting room
- Observation rooms
- Faculty offices, classrooms, graduate/research work space



Potential Satellite Sites

- College of Medicine/ Shands
- Family Housing Villages
- Within-in colleges/department need-based classrooms

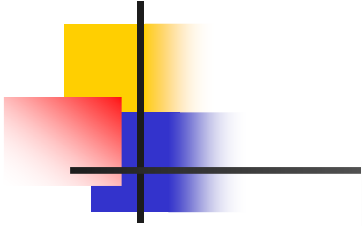
Request...



Development of a joint task force to address a viable plan for the care and early education of the children of current and future UF faculty.

- Accurate assessment of need
- Availability of space
- New construction
- Sources of funding
- Partnerships

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