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Local hospital center earns praise
— MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center's Early Education Center was recently named the 2016 Day Care Center of the Year by the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.

The award was given based on nominations from parents of day care children throughout the region. More than 400 parents submitted letters and testimonials to the council.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition from the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.," said Margaret Slomin, director of preschool, day care and therapies at the hospital. "Each and every staff member is dedicated to nurturing, supporting and enriching the lives of the children in our care."

The center, which has locations on the hospital's main campus and Spackenkill Road in Poughkeepsie, serves children from six weeks to five years old. Staff members at the center all hold degrees in early childhood education and are certified in CPR and first aid and trained to administer medication.

The center practices the principles of developmental play, which allows children to engage with their environment and exposes them to a variety of learning opportunities and experiences.

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. works to promote affordable and quality childcare, provide information and support to families, and strengthen the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties. For information, visit childcaredutchess.org.

A member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network, MidHudson Regional Hospital offers a 243-bed facility, a level II trauma center, the Redl Center for Cancer Care and Center for Robotic Surgery. For information, visit MidHudsonRegional.org.

Feds replace of for-profit

Independence of previous watchdog was questioned

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WASHINGTON - The Education Department has appointed a new lawyer to oversee the turnaround of schools once owned by Corinthian Colleges Inc., after an Associated Press review that found trouble at the schools and questioned the previous monitor's independence.

Corinthian Colleges was one of the largest chains of for-profit colleges when it collapsed in 2015 amid allegations of fraud. The episode raised questions about whether the government should set higher standards for colleges accepting federal aid.

The agency said Friday that Clark Kent Ervin, an attorney at Squire Patton Boggs LLP, will oversee the business practices of Zenith Education Group, an offshoot of a student-loan debt collection firm that took over Corinthian's operations. His new role makes Ervin the government's eyes and ears within Zenith, which receives tens of millions of dollars in federal student grant and loan dollars.

Ervin is a former inspector general of the Homeland Security and State departments who was ousted from his Homeland Security job in late 2004 after delivering reports highly critical of the agency under the Bush administration.

Unlike the lawyers he will replace as monitor, Ervin does not appear to have a background representing for-profit col-