



## Benoit-Brown Children's Center

*Woonsocket, Rhode Island*



Building Exterior

Originally built in 1990, Woonsocket Head Start's Benoit-Brown Children's Center was designed for child care use from the ground up. While state of the art at the time, regulations and standards have shifted over three decades and all buildings require regular maintenance and upgrading to continue to operate as efficiently as possible. Understanding this, Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association (WHSCDA)'s Benoit-Brown Center prioritized a complete interior renovation in 2017 to upgrade the facility.

With the exception of some playground and HVAC upgrades, no major renovations had been made to the center since its original construction. This renovation project included overall upgrades and cosmetic improvements to classrooms, children's bathrooms, offices and the kitchen. Other reconfiguration benefits included creating better sight lines and supervision, improving access to the outdoors, redesigning spaces to better serve infants and toddlers, upgrading the efficiency of fixtures, maximizing available square footage, repairing the roof, adding compliant safety surfacing and simple cosmetic changes, all to help ensure the continued quality of programming.

The construction was completed throughout the summer and reopened in time for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.



### PROJECT DETAILS

<b>Year Completed</b>	2017
<b>Construction Type</b>	Renovation of existing child care space to improve overall condition and flow of space
<b>Total Development Cost</b>	\$448,000
<b>Sources of Funds/Capital Stack</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LISC Predevelopment Grants</li> <li>▪ LISC Loan</li> <li>▪ Private Funding</li> </ul>
<b>Square Footage</b>	7,000 SF
<b># of Children</b>	74 improved slots
<b># of Classrooms</b>	4 infant/toddler classrooms 2 preschool classrooms
<b>Construction Cost/Child</b>	\$6,054/child
<b>Construction Cost/SF</b>	\$64/SF



Classroom Interior - During Construction



Classroom Interior - After

### TIME FRAME

