



Center for Southeast Asians

Providence, Rhode Island



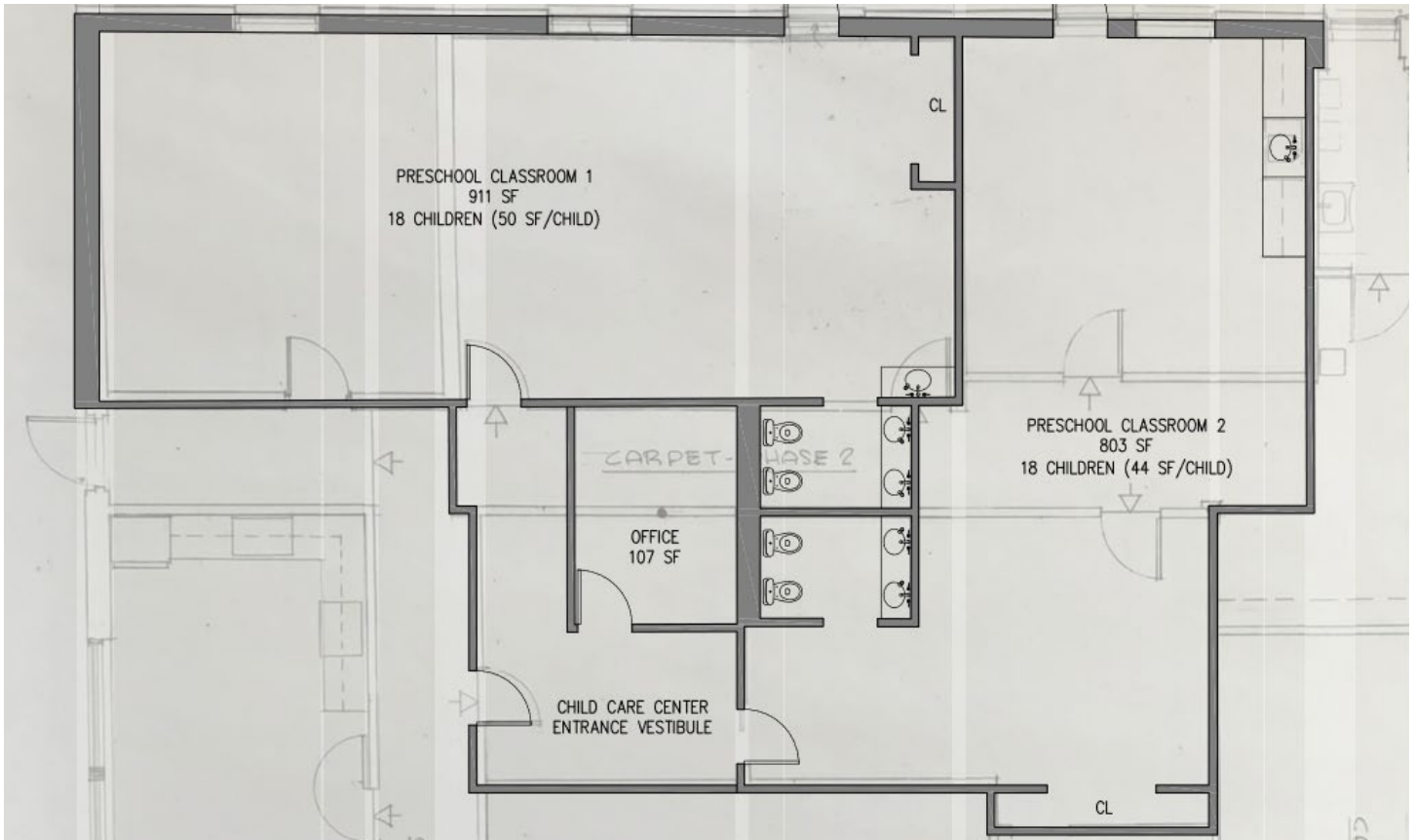
Building Exterior

The Center for Southeast Asians (CSEA), located in Providence, is a community-based organization working to promote the prosperity, heritage and leadership of Southeast Asians in Rhode Island. The center owns a single story building that is currently less than half occupied with programming on most days. The building, located in a key neighborhood on a bus route and near complementary activities, is an ideal location for early learning programming.

The addition of early learning classrooms to the CSEA site would not only maximize building potential but would provide an important service to the community and CSEA clientele in a facility where families already feel welcomed and are comfortable receiving services. Efficiently utilizing the site could also have the added benefit of generating additional revenues, critical in a shrinking resource environment. Trying to determine the best way to serve their clientele while also striving to find other ways to generate income, the CSEA began plan development for adding on-site child care that could 1) help stabilize the agency and 2) provide a much needed service for participants, as well as the local community.

The concept plan reconfigures a portion of the building, creating two preschool classrooms with toilet facilities in the classrooms, direct access to a newly created outside play space and a separate and secure entry to the child care wing. All of this would occur in a portion of the building that is currently empty the majority of the time.

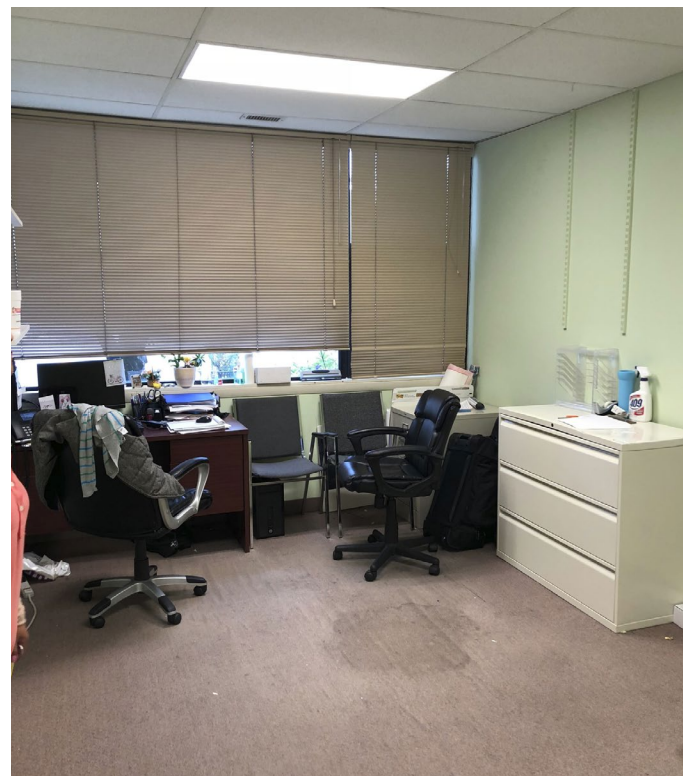
This project is an ideal way to facilitate partnerships between high quality early learning providers who are ready to expand and community-based organizations with available space. Rather than entering the early learning programming arena, something CSEA is not experienced in, they could instead rent the space. This would generate revenue for them, provide needed space for an established provider and offer child and family programming under one roof.



Proposed First Floor Plan

PROJECT DETAILS

Year Completed	Not complete, conceptual only
Construction Type	Interior renovation
Estimated Development Cost	\$449,280
Square Footage	3,744 SF
# of Children	36
# of Classrooms	2 preschool classrooms
Construction Cost/Child	\$12,480/child
Construction Cost/SF	\$120/SF



Interior - Existing