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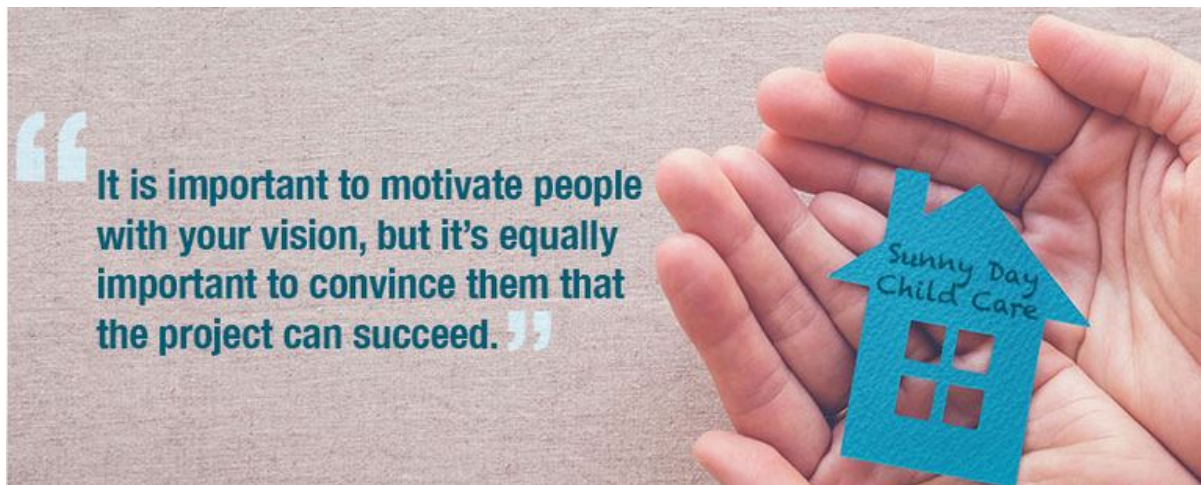
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News from the Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund



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## Our Third Online Workshop - *Child Care Center Facilities Development & Financing* - is Now Live!



Our third online module, *Child Care Centers Facilities Development and Financing*, is now available! This new self-guided, interactive workshop has been developed for child care center directors, owners, education coordinators, facility managers, school leaders, and others who work with educational facilities.

One of the biggest hurdles in developing an early childhood center is knowing where to start. This module will focus on:

- Identifying the essential steps in the real estate and financing process
- Understanding the importance and components of early feasibility and planning
- Building an appropriate project development team

- Selecting and acquiring a site
- Raising money
- Completing construction

The essential concepts outlined will help you better understand your readiness for moving forward with a facility project. And if you are ready, make sure to utilize our Technical Assistance services to help you begin the process. This course comes with 3 professional development hours approved by the Center for Early Learning Professionals. Enjoy!

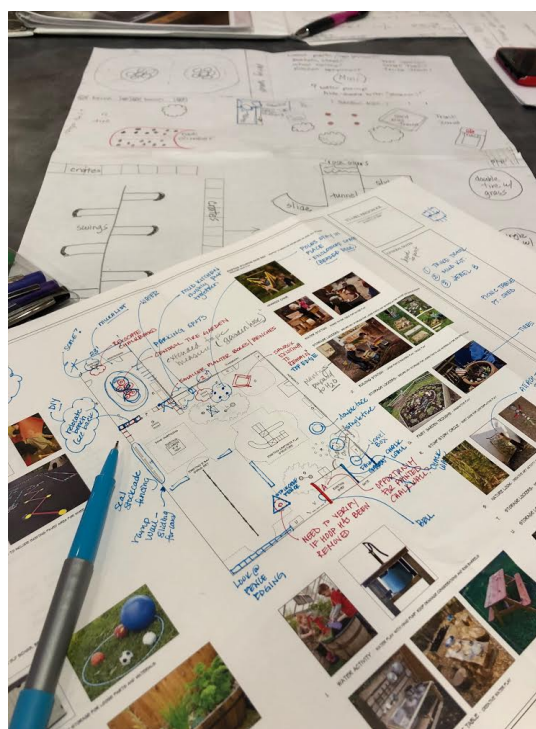
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## Update on our Outdoor Play Interventions- Design and Redesign

We are excited to share an update on the [Outdoor Play Interventions Project \(OPIP\)](#), our strategy to aid in the development of low-cost, high-value, simple design interventions for outdoor spaces utilizing architectural design, LISC technical assistance, fundraising, and volunteer coordination.

A successful intervention project takes both a skilled designer and a motivated owner to develop a clear vision for the space. Our designers, **Tupelo Gardenworks** and **studioMLA**, have been working hard measuring sites, watching how children move in their space, developing concept drawings, and implementing owner feedback into final designs.

Our centers have been busy coordinating volunteer activities as we are currently narrowing down the interventions to build at each of our sites. We will be sharing those with you very soon in an upcoming eNews!



*A series of design changes at one of our sites.*

Two of our sites, The Genesis Center in Providence, and the Y's Owl Nursery School – Kent County YMCA in Warwick, have been selected to participate in the **Blue Across Rhode Island** initiative, a program of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, which provides more than 70 volunteers for a day of service on September 21, 2018. Visit [www.bcbsri.com](http://www.bcbsri.com) or search #BlueAcrossRI on social media to learn more about this amazing event that will take place at multiple locations across the state. You can follow our Blue Across Rhode Island journey on our Facebook page [here!](#)

## 2018 Women's Business Leaders Conference

*Friday, October 19th 2018, 8:00am to 4:00pm*



The Center for Women & Enterprise's (CWE) Annual Women Business Leaders Conference is New England's premier educational and networking event for entrepreneurs, owners and business professionals at all stages, WBENC-certified businesses, and corporate supplier diversity professionals.

Learn from expert speakers on a variety of educational and motivating topics related to personal & professional growth; starting, building and advancing your business; and Corporate Supplier Diversity trends.

For more information about sessions, speakers, and other Conference highlights, please click on the button below.

[Learn More About the Conference and the CWE Here](#)

## **New Webinar Training on September 11, 2018** *Introducing the Emergency Preparedness Manual for Early Childhood Programs*

Presented by the National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness, this webinar will explore the revised Emergency Preparedness Manual for Early Childhood Programs and can be used to help programs develop emergency plans to keep children, families, and staff safe if disaster strikes. The manual now addresses the needs of center-based programs and family child care providers. The webinar will include practice scenarios showing how early childhood care providers should respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

### **Topics for the webinar include:**

- Defining emergency preparedness, response, and recovery
- Requirements and recommendations for different types of early care and education (ECE) programs
- The importance of planning ahead
- Question and answer session with webinar presenters and participants

### **Target Audience:**

- Head Start program directors and staff
- Center-based providers and directors
- Family child care providers
- Anyone else involved in providing child care

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Did you know that your favorite Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund is on Twitter AND Facebook? You can follow us [here](#) and like our page [here](#) . Please let us know if there is something in particular you would like to see more (or less) of on our pages!

Over the next few months you may notice we will be adding to our usual posts of resources, information, and pertinent news with teasers for the upcoming **Blue Across Rhode Island** Day of Service event (mentioned above) which will take place on September 21st. We will be promoting our partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI to help transform two child care center outdoor play spaces with low-cost, small-scale solutions as part of our Outdoor Play Intervention Program ( [learn more about the program and all five of this year's program participants here](#) ).

We are asking for your help! Not only do we want to share updates on this program and highlight our partners with these posts, but we are also competing to win the Blue Across Rhode Island social media contest! That's right, like and/or share our posts that contain the **#BlueAcrossRI** hashtag, and you will not only help us share our message, but you could also help us win funding to be used for mini-grants to the early care and education community for the purchase of outdoor supplies!

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## About RICCELFF

*The Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund (RICCELFF) is an innovative public-private partnership dedicated to expanding access to quality child care and early education opportunities throughout Rhode Island. The RICCELFF provides the capital and technical expertise that child care and early learning centers need to improve the quality and capacity of their physical space. The RICCELFF provides a combination of training, technical assistance, grant funding and flexible, affordable financing for a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects including minor renovations or construction of new, state-of-the-art facilities and playground spaces. [Click here](#) to learn more about what the RICCELFF can offer your program.*

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