

# The Early Childhood Care and Education Capital Fund – Impact Report

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The primary purpose of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Capital Fund Program is to expand quality early learning facilities.



# The State's Investment

In the March 2021 special election, Rhode Islanders overwhelmingly voted in support of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Capital Fund, providing over thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) in grant funding for physical improvements to existing child care spaces and for the development of new licensed early childhood care and education facilities. LISC administered this general obligation bond-funded grant program on behalf of the Department of Human Services.

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Over \$13.2+ million in matching grants to support [early learning facility projects](#) supporting greater access to [safe, high-quality early learning opportunities](#) along with planning and capital funding needs

Additional \$1.7+ million to support administration, including [technical assistance, training, and project development](#) consulting

Funds were available for a [period of three years](#), starting in 2022 and ending in October of 2024

All funds were [fully expended](#)



# Timeline

## March 2021

- Early Childhood Care and Education Capital Fund approved by Rhode Island voters (public support was strong, with nearly 67% voting to affirm)

## April 2021 – February 2022

- LISC contract with DHS in negotiation and executed

## February 2022-May 2022

- Rules and regulations developed and promulgated
- Program design and application developed
- Program launched
- Informational sessions held
- Training on *Child Care Facility Design and Project Development*

## June 2022 – September 2022

- Wave 1 application window closes
- Awardees notified and contract agreements developed
- Ongoing technical assistance

## October 2022 – April 2023

- Wave 1 grantee applications executed
- Wave 2 application window closes
- Awardees notified and contract agreements developed
- Ongoing technical assistance with Wave 1 awardees (including some completed groups)

## May 2023-October 2024

- All funds allocated (and subsequently expended)
- Ongoing technical assistance including monthly check-in
- Project construction and completion

## November 2024 – December 2025

- Compliance closeout
- Impact reporting
- Educational campaign to advocate for future funds



# Application Data, Technical Assistance, and Award Overview



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Interested programs had a two-part application: an initial Letter of Intent (LOI), and if deemed eligible with an appropriate project, an application form that was reviewed and approved by committee.

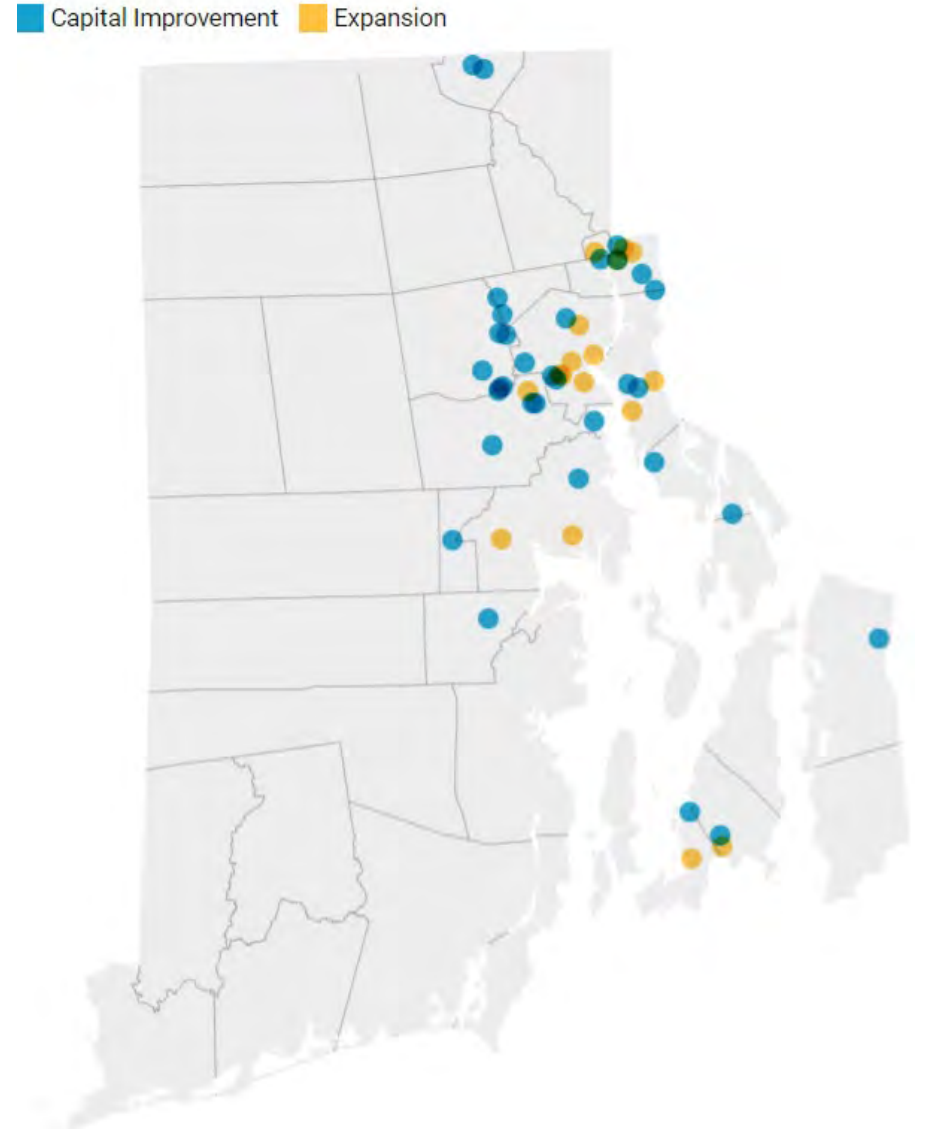
# Applicant Overview Data

139 Letters of Intent (LOI) totaling more than \$40 million in grant requests

- 64 proposals for \$6.5 million in capital improvement projects
- 70 proposals for \$32.9 million in expansion projects
- 4 proposals for \$675,900 for both improvements and expansion

69 Applications totaling over \$35 million were received

- 33 applications for \$5.3 million in capital improvement projects (28 center-based; 5 home-based)
- 36 applications for \$29.7 million in expansion projects (23 center-based; 1 for-profit developer)





# Technical Assistance Overview

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LISC's Rhode Island Child Care & Early Learning Facilities Fund (RICCELEFF) staff provided the state's child care and early learning centers with **technical assistance** on all aspects of facility design and development, including guidance on:

- Navigating physical space challenges related to licensing and quality improvement
- Creating financing and fundraising plans to turn project dreams into realities
- Assessing the feasibility of proposed construction and renovation projects

Throughout the ECCE Capital Fund program, **more than 2,200 hours of technical assistance** were provided to home-based and center-based child care facilities.

# Project Development Consultants

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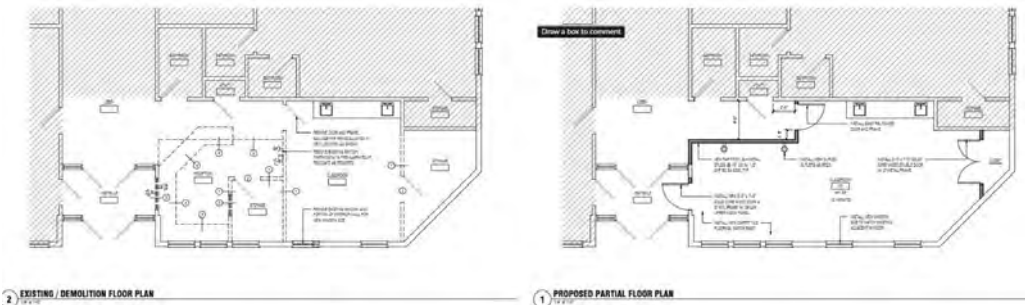
studioMLA/Ashley McGraw Architects

Union Studio

JP LaRue, Inc.

*\*LISC 2019 Child Care Design Workshop for Architects, Landscape Architects, and Designers attendees*

A portion of the administrative budget included funds to deploy specialized designers for the purpose of predevelopment and project planning for groups looking to take on an improvement or expansion project. This was available to all providers and did not require being a grant award recipient. Project development consultants worked with 19 programs (at 25 sites), including 3 that were ECCE Capital Fund grantees.



# Award Overview

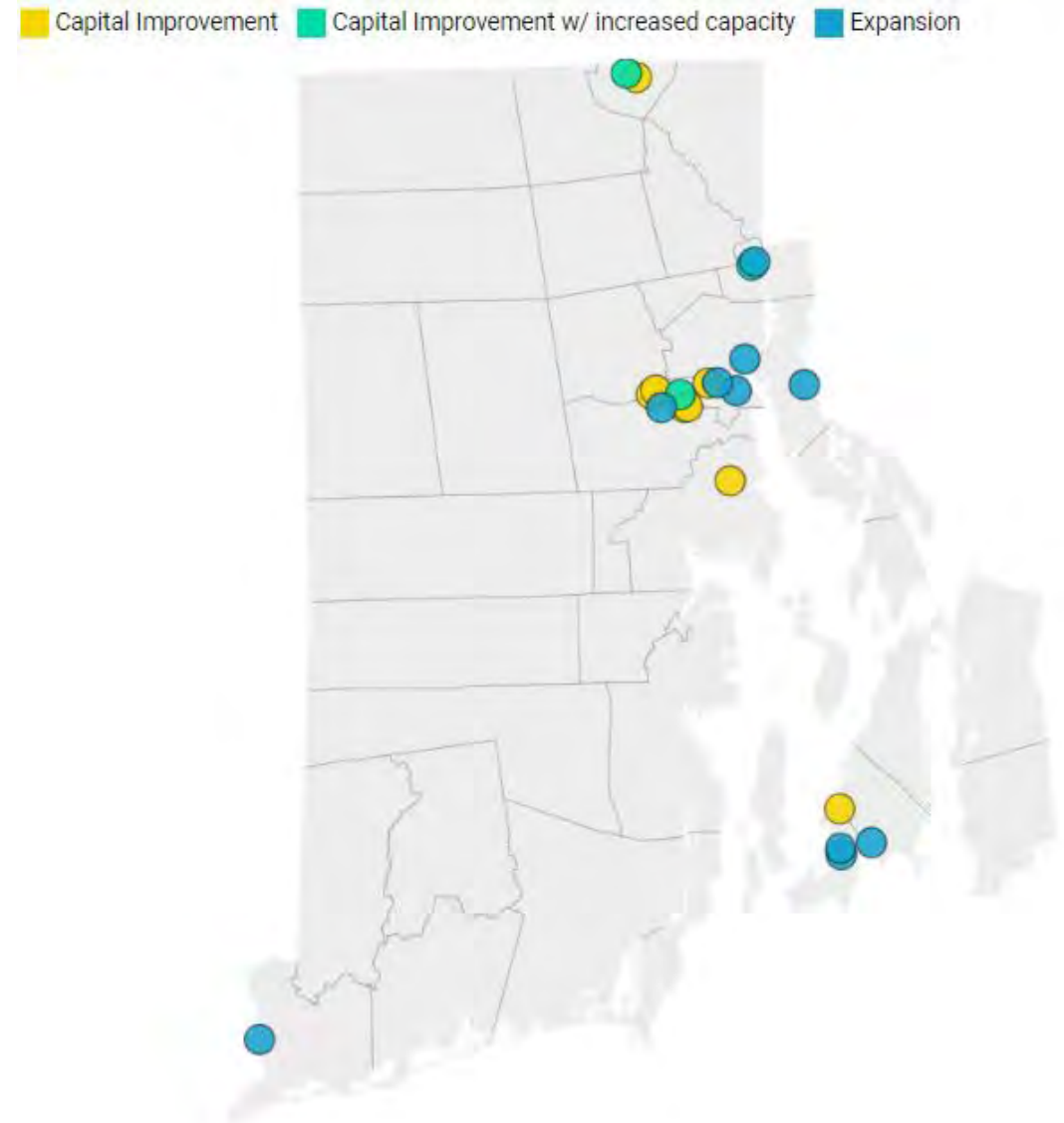
There were a total of 22 projects awarded

11 expansion projects received more than \$12.1 million

11 capital improvement projects received more than \$1.1 million. These projects focused on improving health and safety, reconfiguration of space, and overall quality improvements

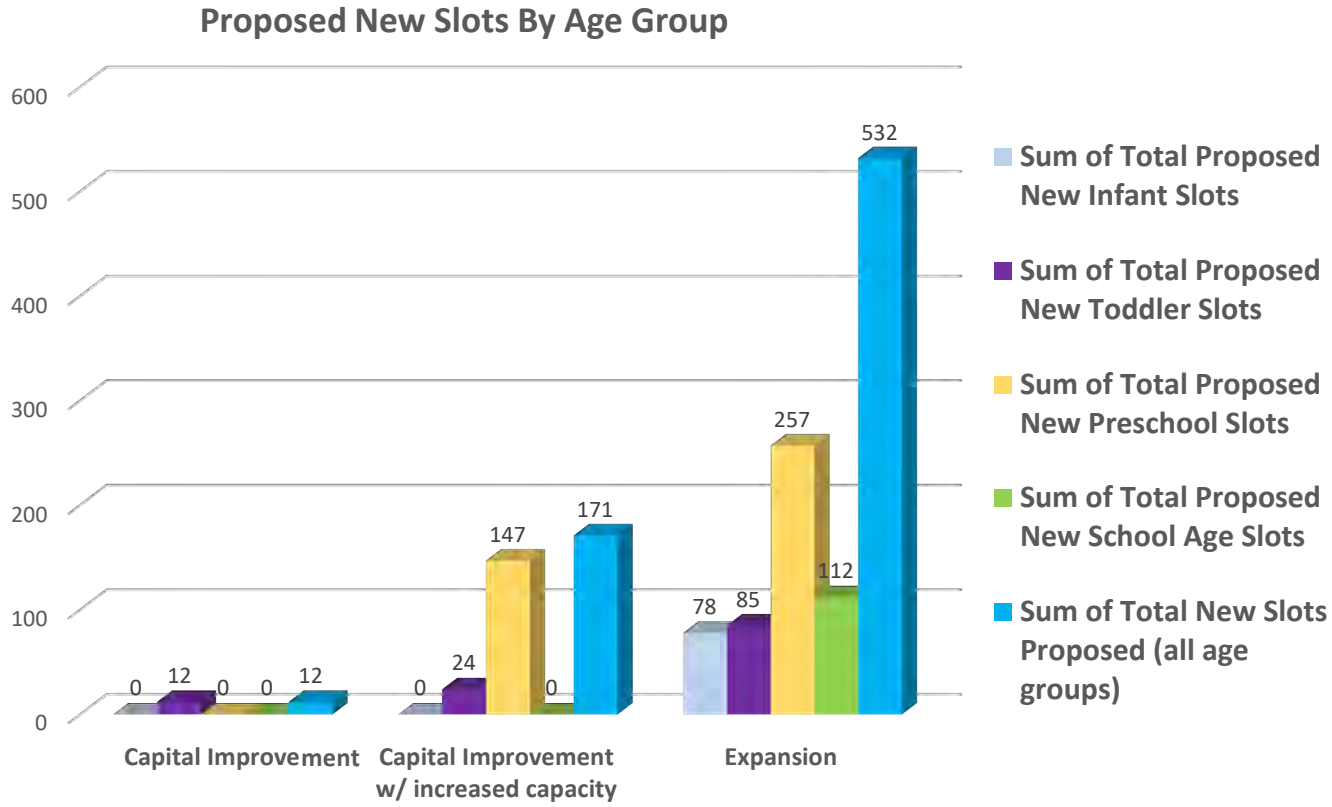
715 new slots have been or will be created

Nearly \$32 million leveraged





# Child Care Capacity Expansion





# Awardees

Boys Club & Girls Club of Newport County, Inc. (\$500,000)  
Boys & Girls Club of Northern RI – Cumberland and Woonsocket (\$410,000)  
Children's Friend and Service – Parcel 9 and Friendship (\$2,888,993)  
Clark Street Daycare (\$75,000)  
Comprehensive Community Action – Atwood Ave (\$88,050)  
Comprehensive Community Action – Gansett Ave (\$36,580)  
East Bay Community Action Program (\$248,400)  
Dr. Day Care (\$600,000)  
Early Foundation Academy (\$141,190.94)  
Genesis Center (\$32,319.62)  
Joyful Hearts Discovery Learning Center, Inc. (\$80,000)  
Kathleen Plasse, Kathy's Daycare (\$35,700)  
Little Learners Academy (\$700,000)  
Martin Luther King Center (\$137,096)  
Meeting Street (\$2,062,869.18)  
Montessori Community School of Rhode Island (\$309,201.26)  
My Second Home Daycare (\$40,000)  
New England Fitness and Wellness, Inc. (\$1,000,000)  
Newport County YMCA (\$3,780,000)  
Over the Rainbow Learning Center (\$25,500)  
Westbay Community Action (\$10,600)





# Project Overview





# Boys Club & Girls Club of Newport County, Inc.

*Newport, RI*





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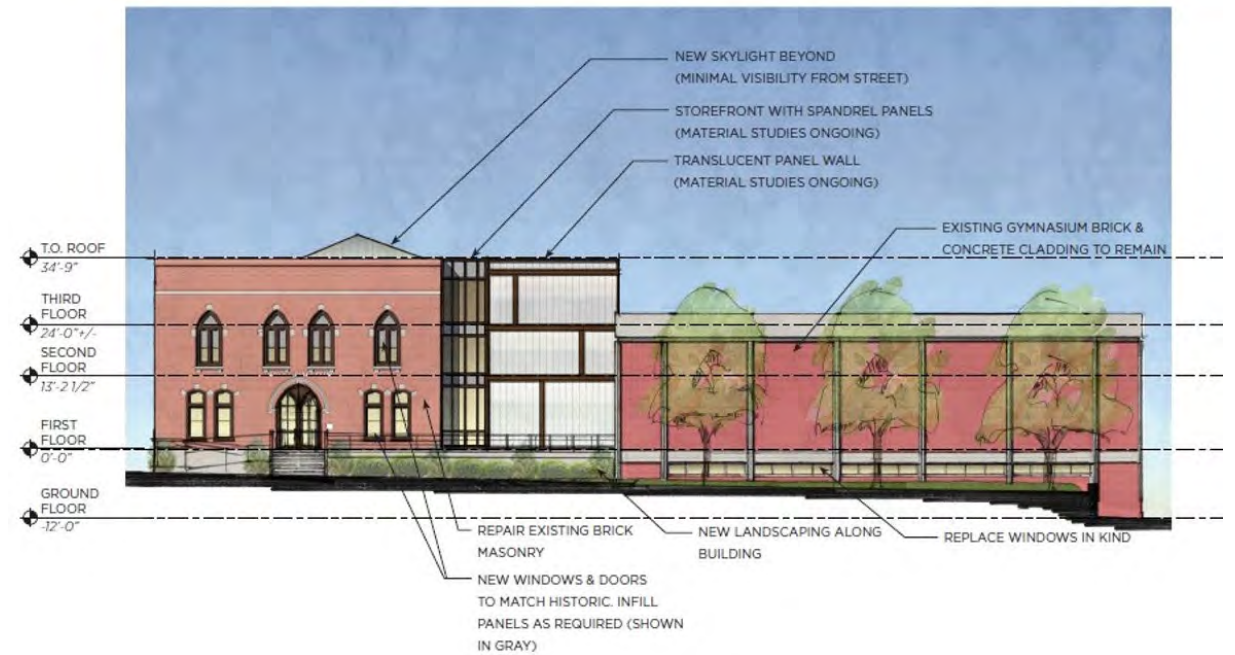
**Provider Type**    Non-Profit / Incorporated

**Capacity**            18 Preschool (new)  
                             102 School-age (new)

**Project Description**    Reconfiguration of 3,000 square feet of the central Clubhouse at 95 Church Street into program space, adding 3,500 square feet, and restoration of the third floor. This will include a new elevator, connecting all floors, making the added space ADA compliant. This project was for design and pre-development only.

**Grant Award**            \$500,000

**Total Development Cost**            \$1,000,000



# Boys Club & Girls Club of Newport County, Inc.

*Newport, RI*

Before Construction





# Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island

*Cumberland-Lincoln, RI and Woonsocket, RI*

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND



# Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island

Cumberland-Lincoln (CL), RI and Woonsocket, RI

Provider Type	Non-Profit / Incorporated
Capacity	18 Preschool (new) Cumberland-Lincoln site 72 Preschool (new) Woonsocket site
Project Description	Renovation of existing space for two new preschool classrooms at Cumberland-Lincoln Site  Addition of plumbing in four new preschool spaces at the Woonsocket site
Grant Award	\$225,000 – Construction at CL \$185,000 – Bathrooms at Woonsocket
Total Development Cost	\$225,000 – CL \$185,000 – Woonsocket

Before – Classroom at CL



After – Classroom at CL



After – Children’s Reading Space at CL



# Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island

*Cumberland-Lincoln, RI*

Mid-Construction Classroom



Mid-Construction Hallway Connection Between Classrooms



After – Classroom



After – Connection Between Classrooms





# Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island

*Woonsocket, RI*

Mid-Construction Preschool Sinks and Toilets



After – Preschool Sinks and Toilets





# Children's Friend & Service Alves Center (Parcel 9)

*Providence, RI*





# Children's Friend & Service Alves Center (Parcel 9)

*Providence, RI*

**Provider Type** Non-Profit / Incorporated

**Capacity** 2 Infant (new)  
20 Toddler (new)  
30 Preschool (new)

**Project Description** Creation of a new early care and education center (Parcel 9 of Route 195 Redevelopment District) as part of a mixed-use development (approximately 131 units of rental housing in 2 five-story buildings, commercial, and community spaces) in partnership with Pennrose, LLC as site developer. New center includes a total of 7,087 sf.

**Grant Award** \$2,246,993

**Total Development Cost** \$2,489,768 for the child care portion  
\$29.9 million mixed-use development

Before



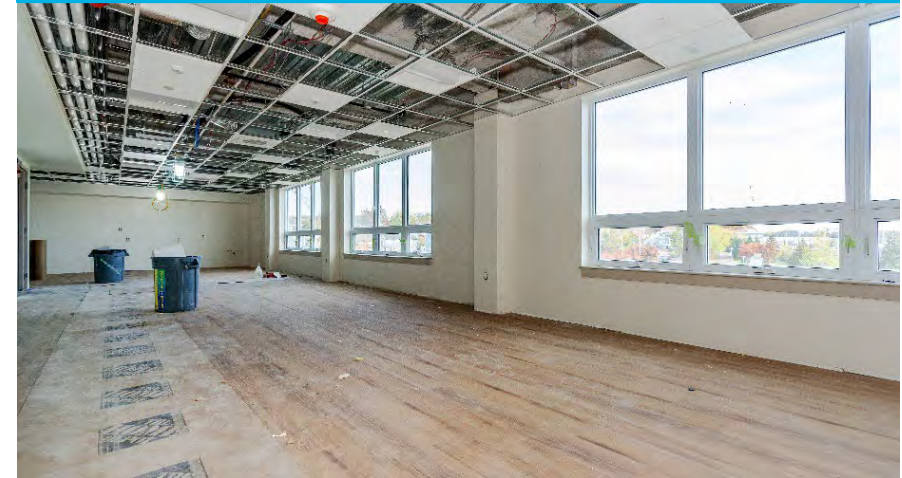
Exterior Mid-Construction



Exterior Near Completion



Mid-Construction Classroom



After – Classroom





# Children's Friend & Service Alves Center (Parcel 9)

*Providence, RI*

After – Preschool Classroom



After – Infant/Toddler Classroom



After – Outdoor Play Space





# Children's Friend & Service at Friendship Center (Point Street)

*Providence, RI*





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*Providence, RI*

**Provider Type** Non-Profit / Incorporated

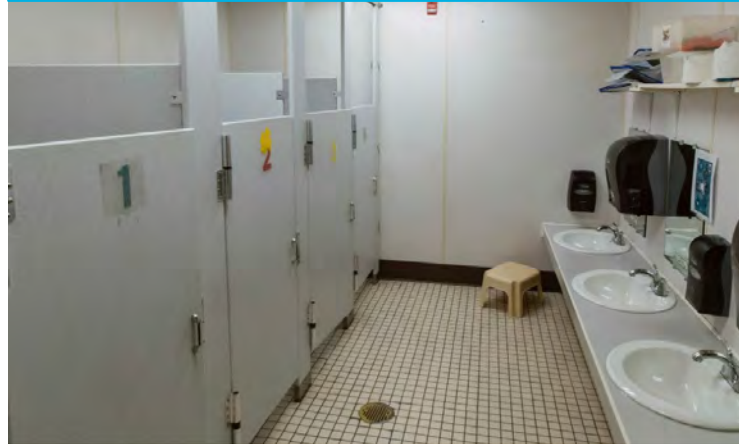
**Capacity** 16 Infant Toddler (new)

**Project Description** Expansion of/addition to existing site, conversion of two pre-k classrooms into I/T classrooms at Friendship Center due to heightened need for this age group. Planning included.

**Grant Award** \$642,000

**Total Development Cost** \$642,000

Before – Child's Restroom



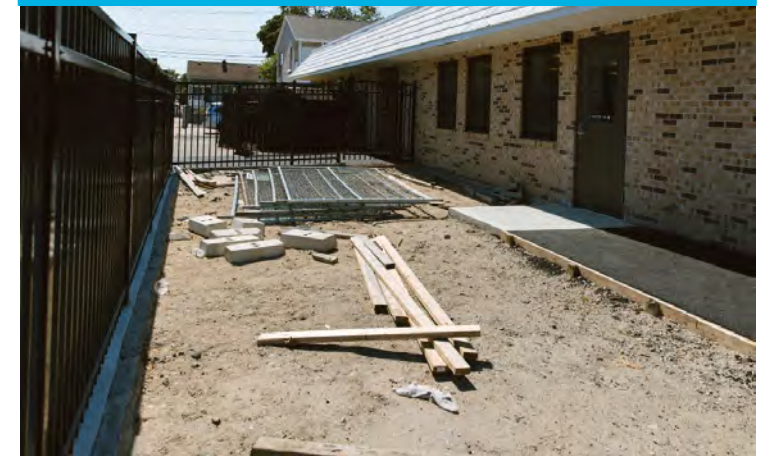
Before – Proposed Play Area Expansion



Before – Proposed Classroom Conversion



Mid-Construction Play Area





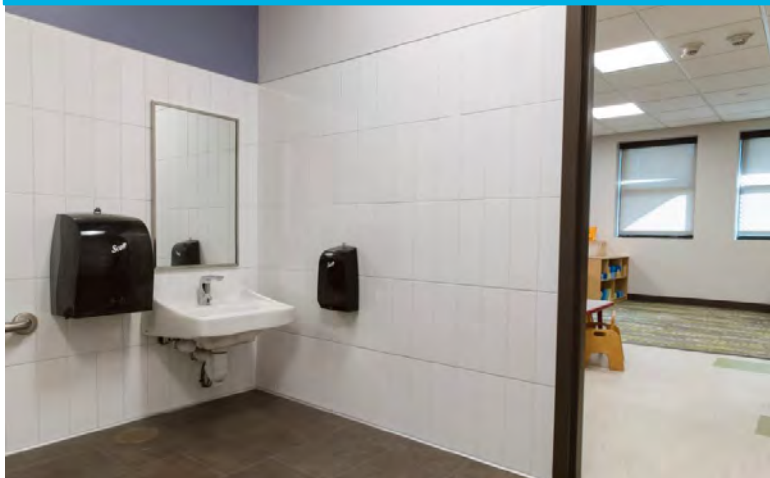
# Children's Friend & Service at Friendship Center (Point Street)

*Providence, RI*

After – Infant/Toddler Classroom



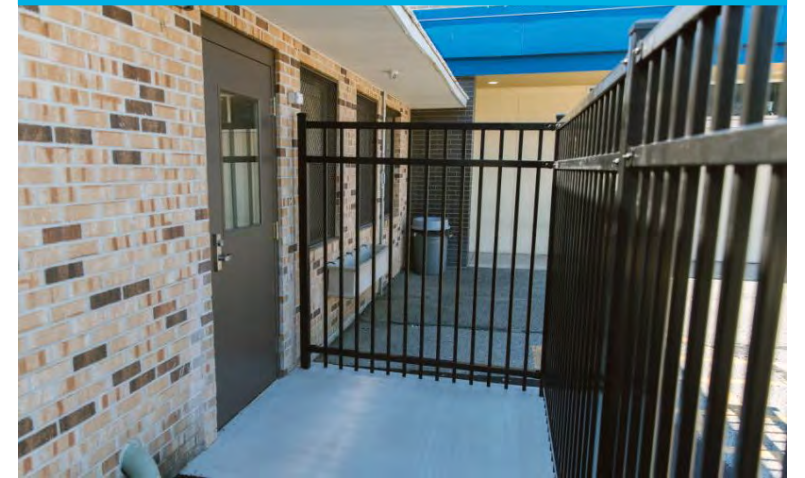
After – Children's Bathroom



After – Outdoor Play Space



After – Access to Outdoor Play Space





# Clark Street Daycare, Inc.

Westerly, RI





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Westerly, RI

**Provider Type** For-Profit/Incorporated

**Capacity** 4 Infant (new)  
4 existing slots improved  
121 existing capacity

**Project Description** Expansion of existing infant classroom to create four additional infant slots (mirroring the opposite side of their space that houses an 8-infant classroom)

**Grant Award** \$75,000

**Total Development Cost** \$142,805

Before



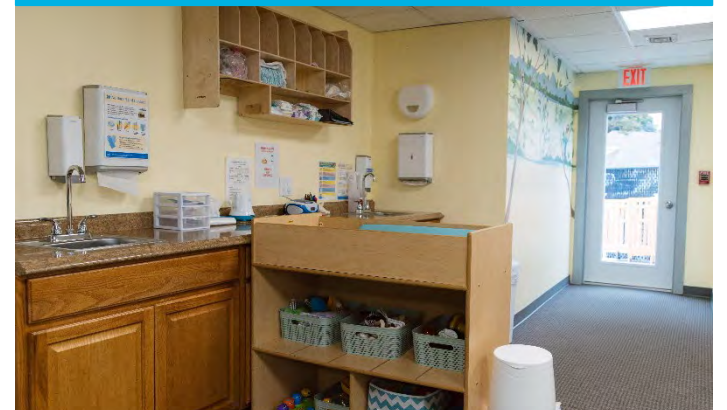
Mid-Construction – Direct Access



Before



After - New Direct Access from Inside





# Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

*Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue*



ALICE J. SIMONS BUILDING



# Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

*Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue*

<b>Provider Type</b>	Center-based
<b>Capacity</b>	197 licensed capacity

<b>Project Description</b>	Replacement of 35-year-old roof which has been found to have significant issues including delamination and breakdown of materials
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<b>Grant Award</b>	\$88,050
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Before



After





# Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

*Cranston, RI – Gansett*





# Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

*Cranston, RI – Gansett*

<b>Provider Type</b>	Center-based
<b>Capacity</b>	58 licensed capacity

**Project Description** Replacement of the playground fencing and purchase/install vehicular barriers as part of larger playground renovation

**Grant Award** \$36,580

Before



Mid-Construction



Before



After





**Dr. Day Care, Inc.**

*Central Falls, RI*





# Dr. Day Care, Inc.

Central Falls, RI

Provider Type	For-Profit/LLC
Capacity	12 Infant (new) 12 toddler (new) 38 Preschool (new) 62 licensed capacity
Project Description	Acquisition of vacant building in order to develop child care space
Grant Award	\$600,000
Total Development Cost	\$934,061





# Dr. Day Care, Inc.

*Central Falls, RI*

Before



Before



After – Infant/Toddler Classroom



After – Pre-K Classroom





# East Bay Community Action Program

*Newport, RI*



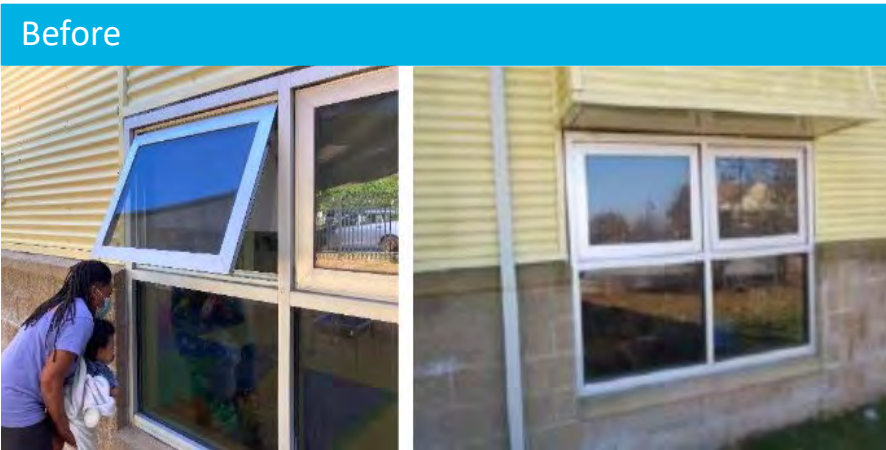
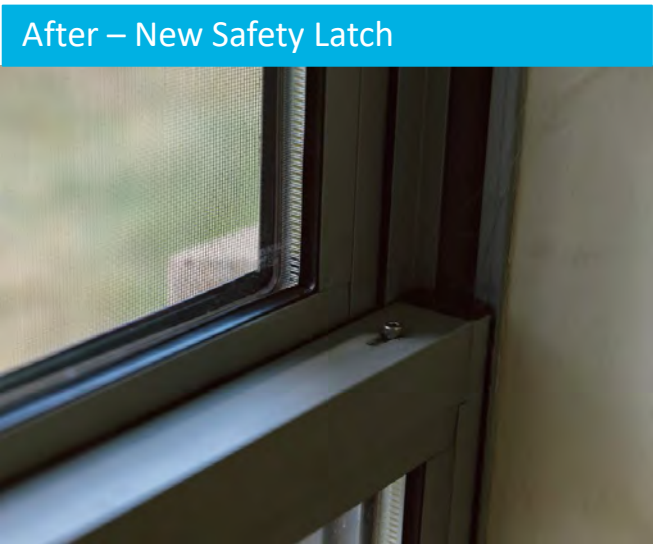


# East Bay Community Action Program

Newport, RI

<b>Provider Type</b>	Center-based
<b>Capacity</b>	154 licensed capacity
<b>Project Description</b>	Replacement of failing roof on 12-classroom center at John H Chafee Blvd in Newport and replacement of windows that have created a safety hazard on the outdoor play space

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$248,400
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# Early Foundation Academy, LLC

*Cranston, RI*



**Early Foundation Academy**



Preschool and Daycare Center

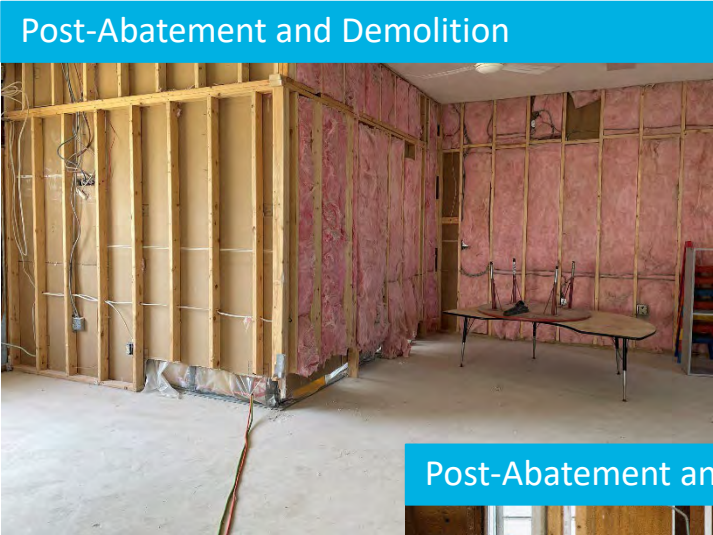
[www.earlyfoundationacademy.org](http://www.earlyfoundationacademy.org) Tel: (401) 286-9587



# Early Foundation Academy, LLC

Cranston, RI

Provider Type	For Profit/LLC
Capacity	36 Preschool (proposed new) 42 licensed capacity
Project Description	Development of a new high-quality space to add to existing facility which will include additional classroom spaces, and a staff lounge/family resource and meeting area for a total of additional 4,000 square feet of early learning space. Project included roof replacement, hazardous materials abatement, and demolition. Predevelopment (funded through other sources) included legal fees, site engineering fees, environmental review, and environmental abatement for unforeseen health and safety improvements needed.
Grant Award	\$141,191





# Genesis Center

*Providence, RI*





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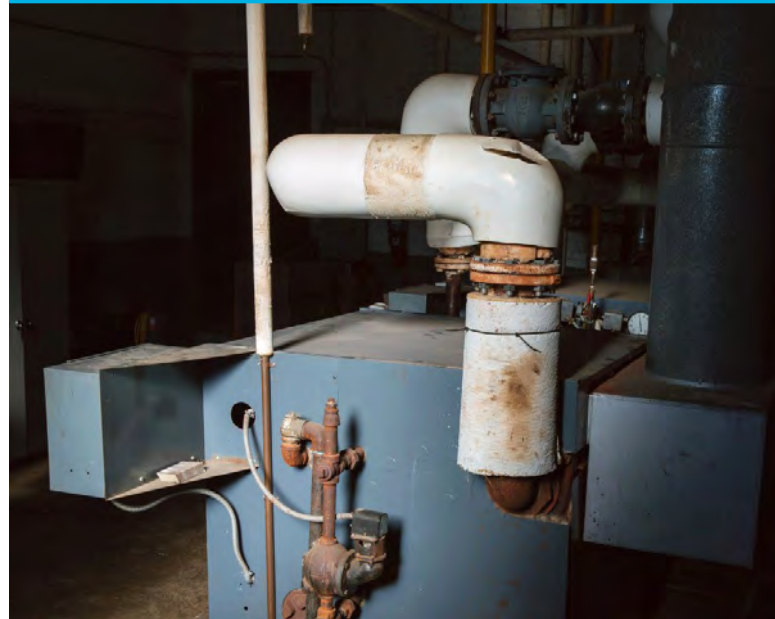
**Provider Type** Center-based

**Capacity** 53 licensed capacity

**Project Description** Non-functioning boiler repair

**Grant Award** \$23,000

Before



After





# Joyful Hearts Discovery Learning Center, Inc.

*Pawtucket, RI - Dexter Street*





# Joyful Hearts Discovery Learning Center, Inc.

*Pawtucket, RI - Dexter Street*

<b>Provider Type</b>	Center-based
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<b>Capacity</b>	56 licensed capacity
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<b>Project Description</b>	Purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment necessary to open classrooms and alleviate wait lists while planning is underway for overall space improvements
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<b>Grant Award</b>	\$80,000
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# Kathy's Child Care

*Woonsocket, RI*





# Kathy's Child Care

Woonsocket, RI

Provider Type	Home-based
Capacity	6 licensed capacity
Project Description	Porch replacement to address fall hazard identified through safety inspection

Grant Award	\$35,700
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# Kathy's Child Care

*Woonsocket, RI*

Before



Mid-Construction



After





# Little Learners Academy of Kent County, Inc.

*Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue*

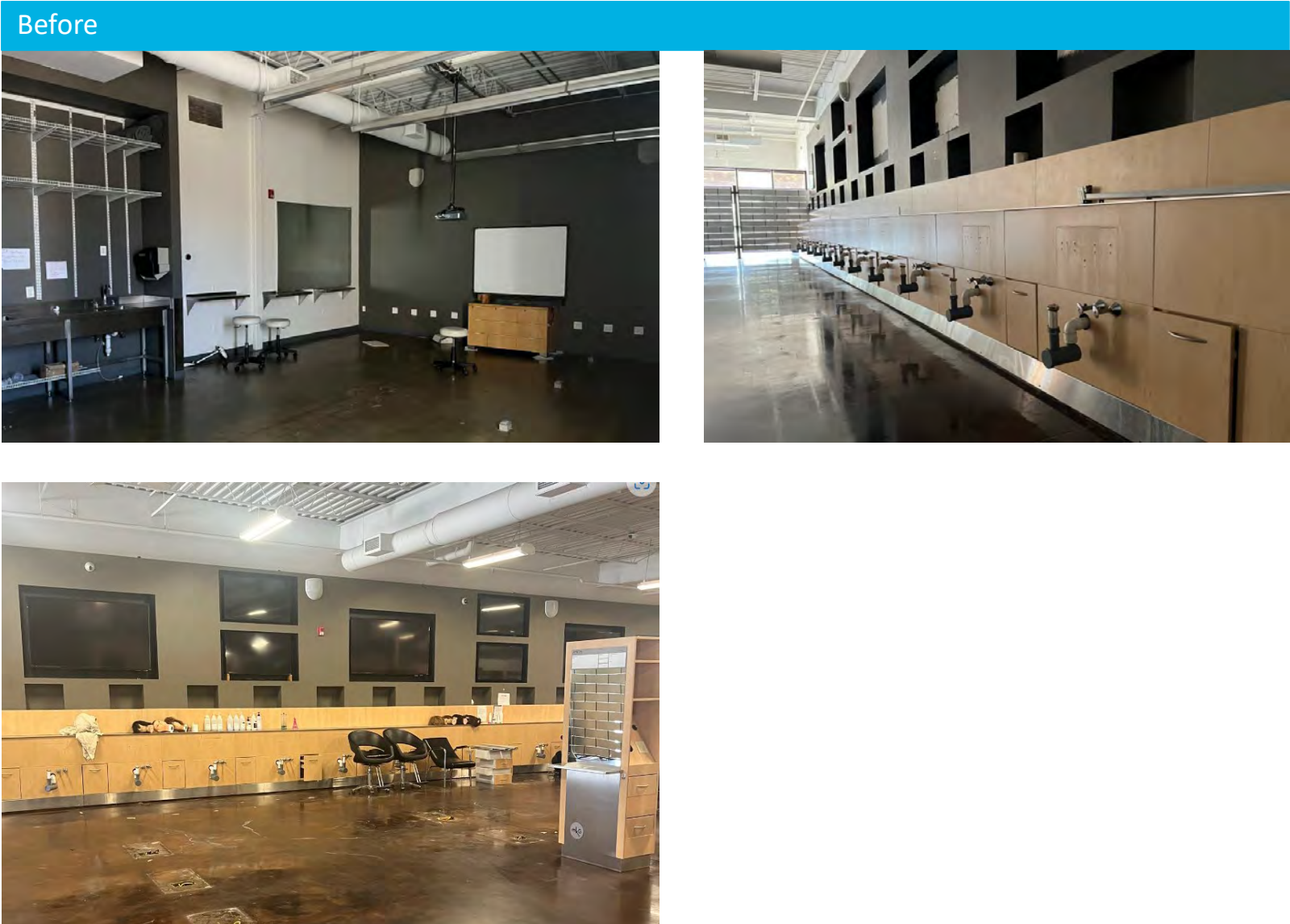




# Little Learners Academy of Kent County, Inc.

Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue

Provider Type	For-Profit/S-Corporation
Capacity	24 Infant (new) 24 Toddler (new) 58 Preschool (new) 10 School-age (new) 120 licensed capacity
Project Description	Expansion of an existing vacant commercial space to create a new child care center
Grant Award	\$700,000
Total Development Cost	\$1,000,000





# Little Learners Academy of Kent County, Inc.

*Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue*

Before – Egress to Outdoor Ramp



Mid-Construction - Ramp to Outdoor Play



After - Ramp to Outdoor Play



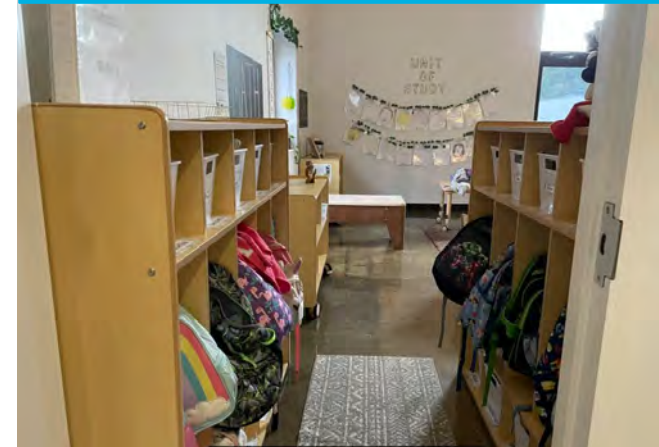
After – Reading Corner



After – Infant Classroom



After – Pre-K Classroom





# Martin Luther King Center

Newport, RI

PRE SCHOOL  
ENTRANCE





# Martin Luther King Center

*Newport, RI*

**Provider Type** For-Profit/Incorporated

**Capacity** 30 Preschool (new)  
56 licensed capacity

**Project Description** Improvements to create a new classroom for additional preschoolers (currently serving 30 preschoolers) which includes a new bathroom, safe secure porch entrance for preschool, and sprinkler system

**Grant Award** \$137,096

**Total Development Cost** \$4,022,576

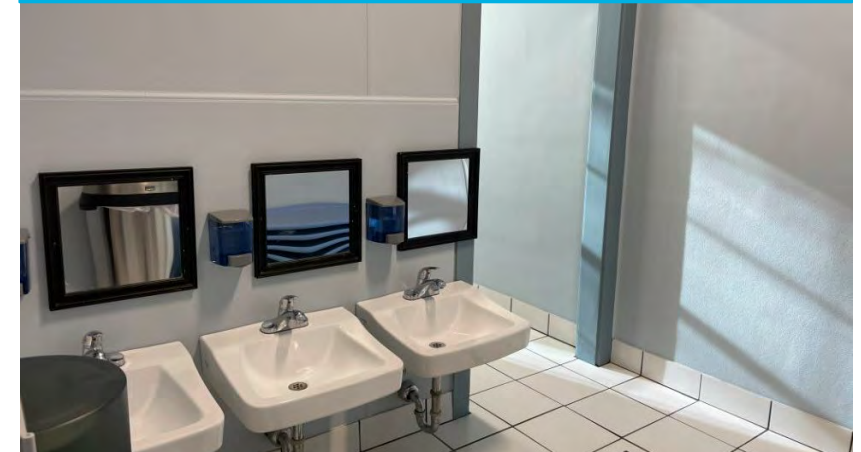
Mid-Construction Classroom and Restroom



After – Classroom



After – Restroom





# Meeting Street

*Providence, RI*

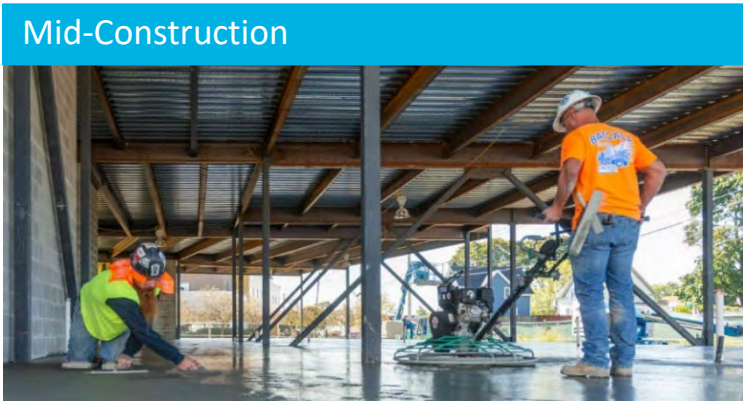




# Meeting Street

Providence, RI

Provider Type	Non-Profit / Incorporated
Capacity	8 Infant (new) 18 Preschool (new) 68 additional slots improved
Project Description	Construction of a new 28,000 square foot Center for Early Childhood Development (CECD) in South Providence to include 8+ classrooms, Young Learners' Library, Sensory Integration Gymnasium, Family Resource Center, and age-appropriate, inclusive, interior and exterior play areas
Grant Award	\$2,062,869.18
Total Development Cost	\$17,000,000 (including \$1.85M New Market Tax Credits)





# Meeting Street

*Providence, RI*

After – Toddler Classroom



After – Children's Restroom



After – Outdoor Play Area





# Montessori Community School of RI

*Providence, RI*





# Montessori Community School of RI

*Providence, RI*

<b>Provider Type</b>	Non-Profit / Incorporated
<b>Capacity</b>	16 Preschool (new)
<b>Project Description</b>	Total renovation of a newly purchased/leased site located at 78 Stanwood Street
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$309,201
<b>Total Development Cost</b>	\$309,201





# Montessori Community School of RI

*Providence, RI*

Existing Condition/Demolition



Mid-Construction





# Montessori Community School of RI

*Providence, RI*

After – Classroom



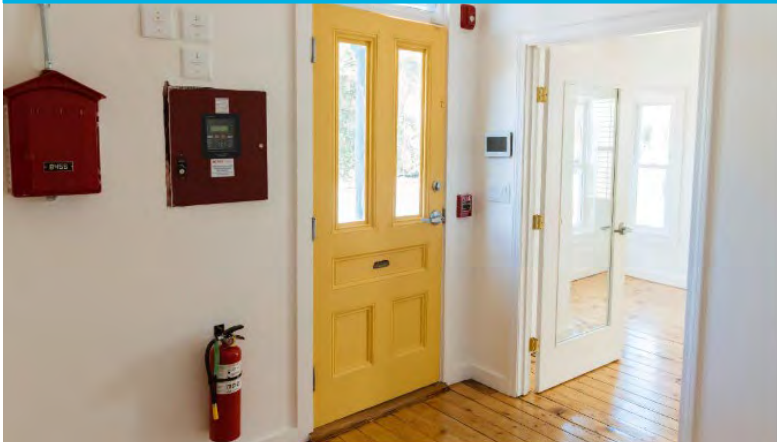
After – Restroom



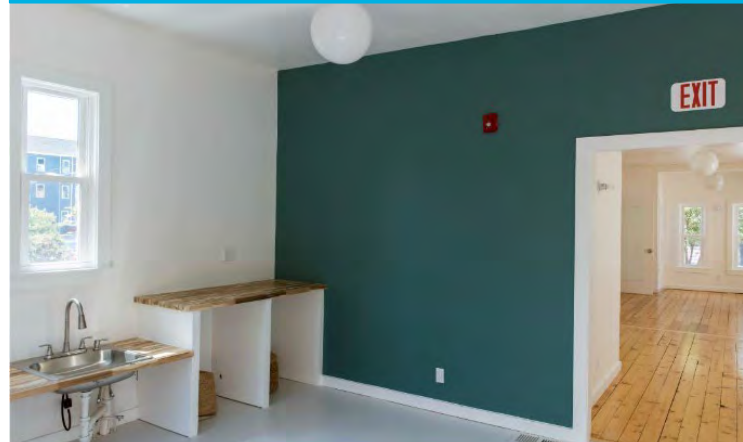
Ribbon Cutting



After – Front Vestibule



After – Classroom Kitchen





# My Second Home Daycare

*Cranston, RI*

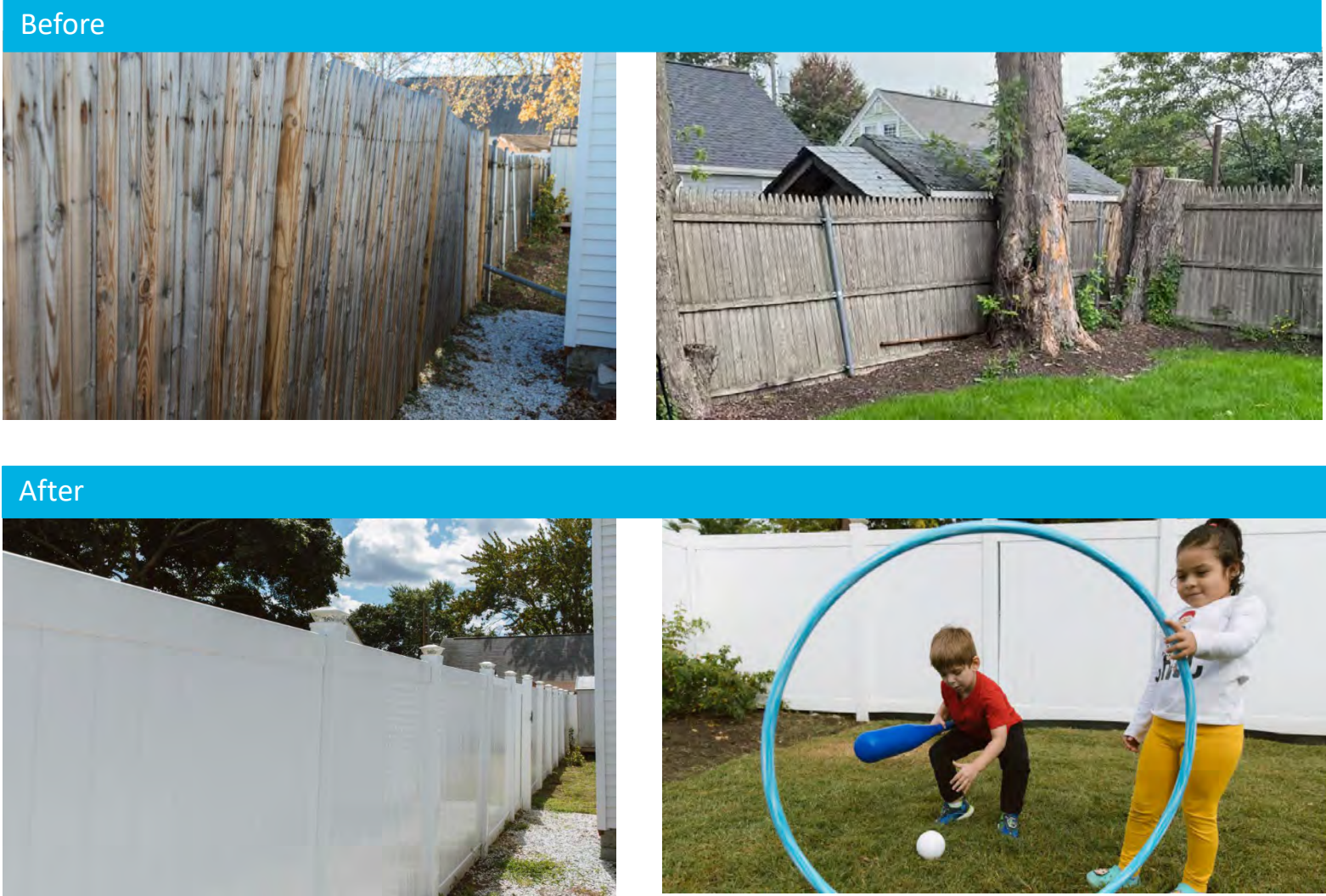




# My Second Home Daycare

Cranston, RI

Provider Type	Home-based
Capacity	6 licensed capacity
Project Description	Repair and replacement of damaged perimeter fencing and decking in outdoor play space
Grant Award	\$40,000





# New England Fitness and Wellness, LLC dba Healthtrax

*East Providence, RI*





# Littletrax – New England Fitness and Wellness, LLC dba Healthtrax

East Providence, RI

Provider Type	For-Profit /LLC
Capacity	16 Infant (new) 12 Toddler (new) 36 Preschool (new)
Project Description	Development of a new child care space through interior renovation at the existing Healthtrax site to include 4,500 square feet of indoor space and 2,400 square feet of outdoor space for child care use
Grant Award	\$1,000,000
Total Development Cost	\$2,450,000





# Littletrax – New England Fitness and Wellness, LLC dba Healthtrax

*East Providence, RI*

Mid-Construction





# Newport County YMCA – Twice as Nice Preschool

*Middletown, RI*





# Newport County YMCA – Twice as Nice Preschool

Middletown, RI

**Provider Type** Non-Profit / Incorporated

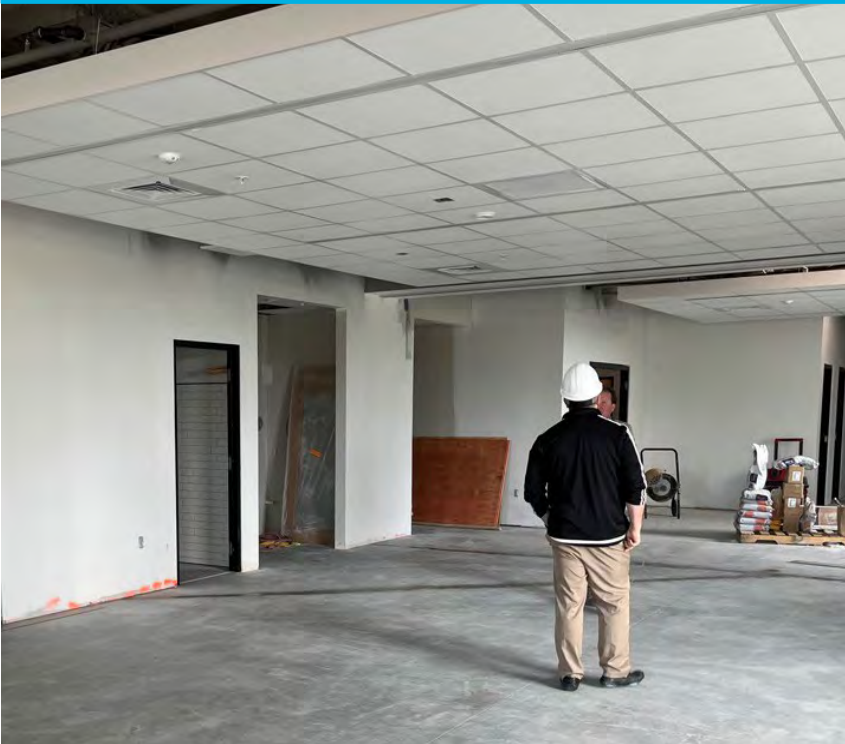
**Capacity** 16 Infants (new)  
13 Toddler (new)  
15 Preschool (new)  
50 existing slots improved

**Project Description** Child care center renovation and expansion includes adding a multi-purpose room; new classrooms - two infant classrooms, two toddler classrooms, three preschool/pre-k classrooms; renovation of all mechanical systems; additional parking; and improved ADA accessibility

**Grant Award** \$3,780,000

**Total Development Cost** \$5,000,000

Mid-Construction



Before



Mid-Construction



After





# Newport County YMCA – Twice as Nice Preschool

*Middletown, RI*

After - Front Entry



After - Toddler Room



After - Infant Room



After - Pre-K Room





# Over the Rainbow Center, Inc

*Johnston, RI*





# Over the Rainbow Center, Inc.

Johnston, RI

**Provider Type** Center-based

**Capacity** 9 Toddler  
36 Preschool  
45 licensed capacity

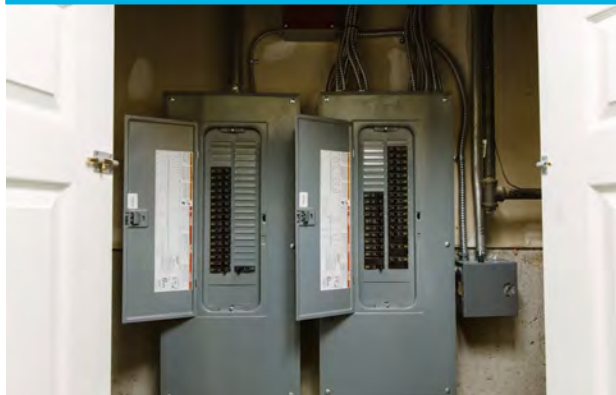
**Project Description** Upgrade out-of-compliance electrical system

**Grant Award** \$25,500

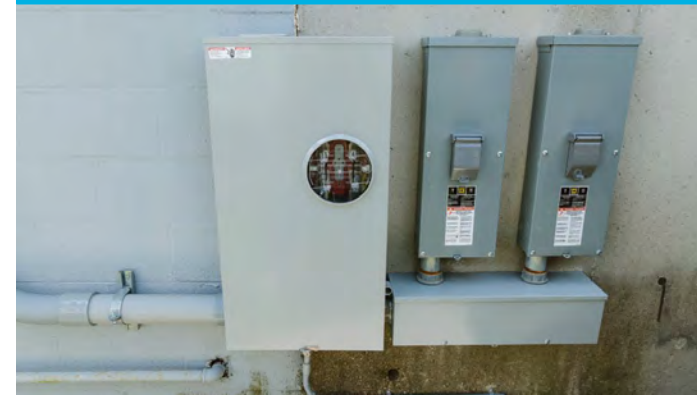
Before - Out-Of-Compliance Electrical Panels



New Inside Electrical Panels



New Outside Electrical Panels





# Westbay Community Action, Inc.

*Warwick, RI*





# Westbay Community Action, Inc.

Warwick, RI

**Provider Type** Center-based

**Capacity** 12 Toddler (new)  
97 licensed capacity

**Project Description** Installation of an ADA compliant ramp and platform outside exit/evacuation door in order to allow opening of new infant/toddler room

**Grant Award** \$10,600

Before



Mid-Construction



After





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The ECCE Capital Fund was an incredible investment in the State of Rhode Island's early learning system, thanks to the State of Rhode Island and its voters, and LISC's partnership with the Department of Human Services.





Thank you