

The Early Childhood Care and Education Capital Fund – Impact Report

A photograph of a modern early childhood education classroom. The room features a large mural on the left wall with the text "THE WORLD IS YOUR PLAYGROUND; GO EXPLORE" in white and orange. The mural is set against a background of abstract, colorful shapes in shades of blue, green, and orange. The room is well-lit with natural light from large windows on the right. In the foreground, there is a wooden shelf holding several stuffed animals, and a blue couch with several pillows is positioned near the windows. The ceiling has a modern, recessed lighting design.

THE WORLD IS YOUR
PLAYGROUND;
GO **EXPLORE**

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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.

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



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

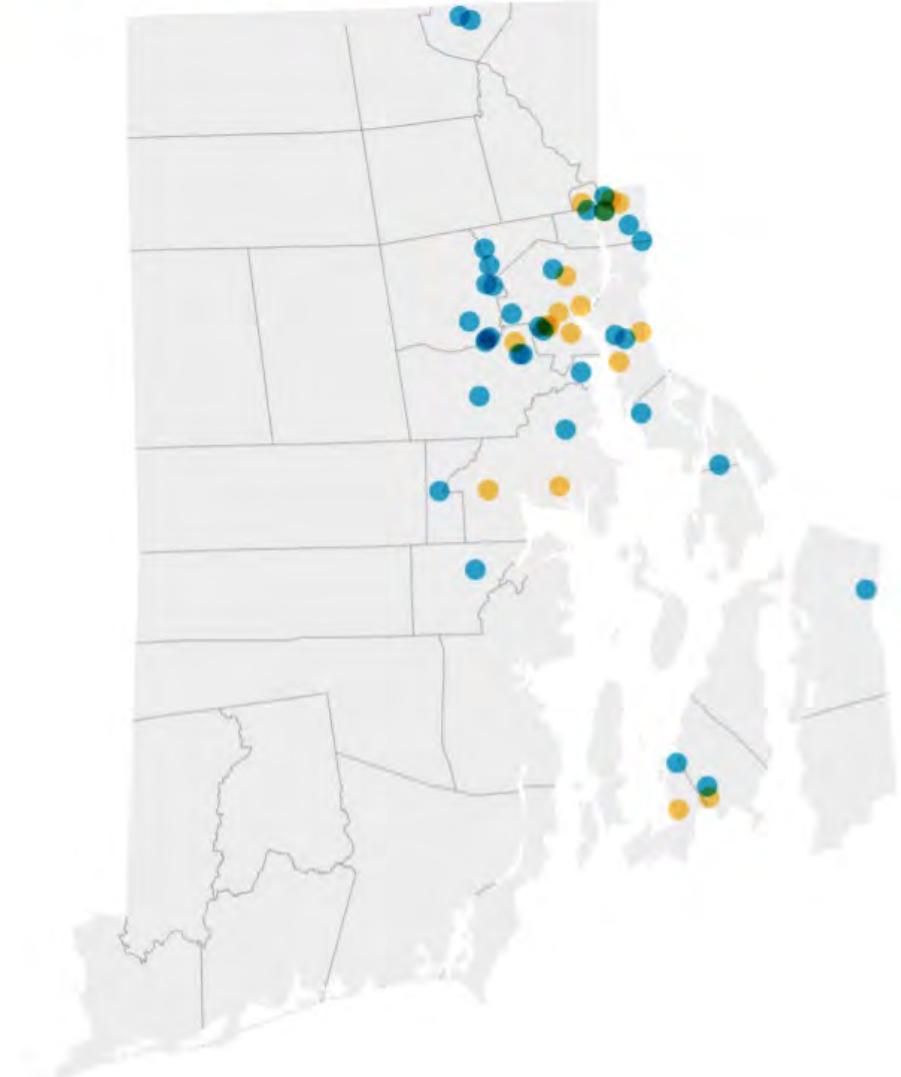
139 Letters of Intent (LOI) totaling more than \$40 million in grant requests

- 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)

■ Capital Improvement ■ Expansion



Technical Assistance Overview

LISC's Rhode Island Child Care & Early Learning Facilities Fund (RICCELFF) 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

Filarski Architecture*

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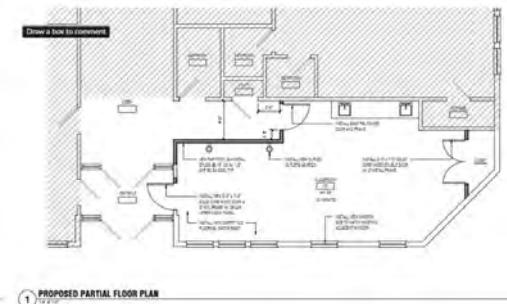
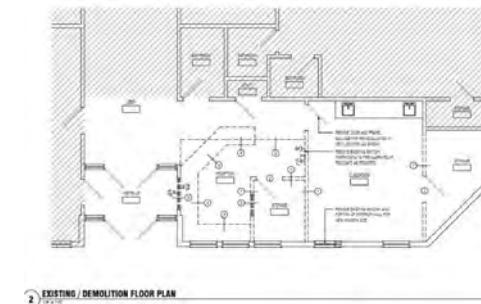
studioMLA/Ashley McGraw Architects

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

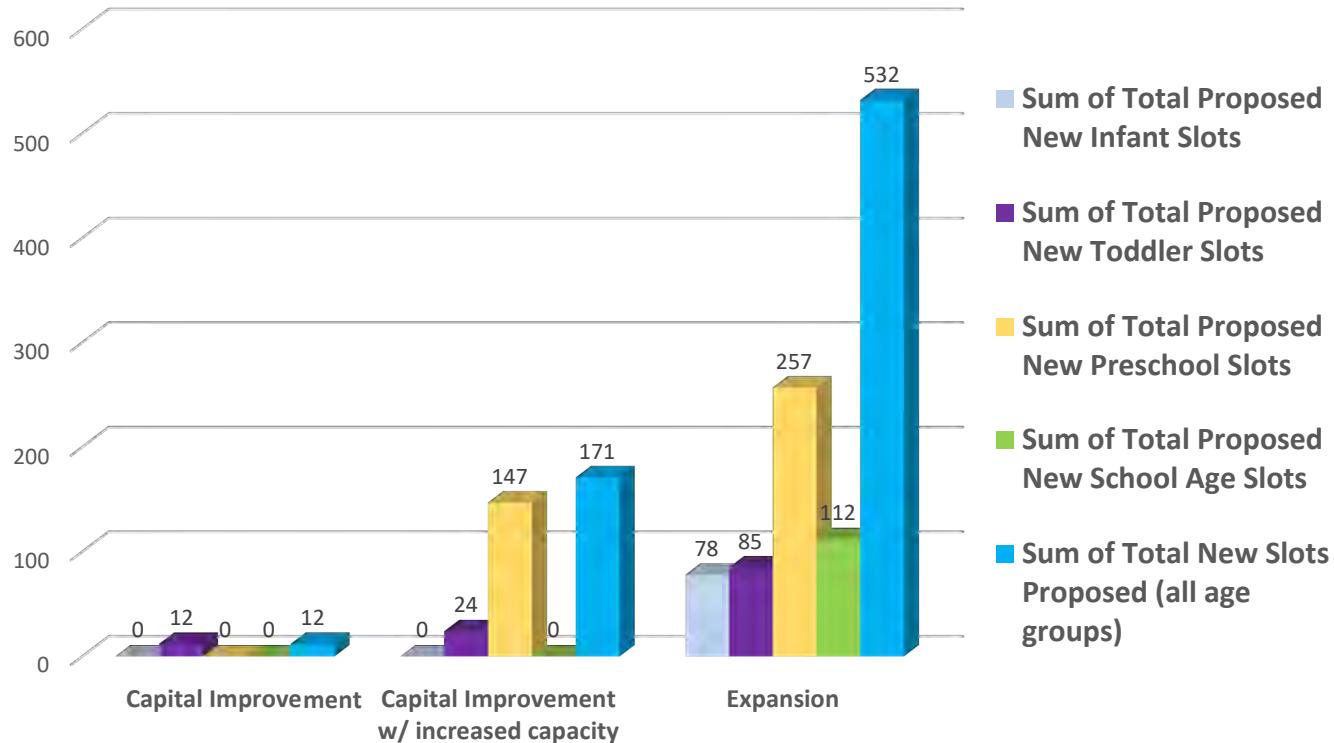
Nearly \$32 million leveraged

■ Capital Improvement ■ Capital Improvement w/ increased capacity ■ Expansion



Child Care Capacity Expansion

Proposed New Slots By Age Group





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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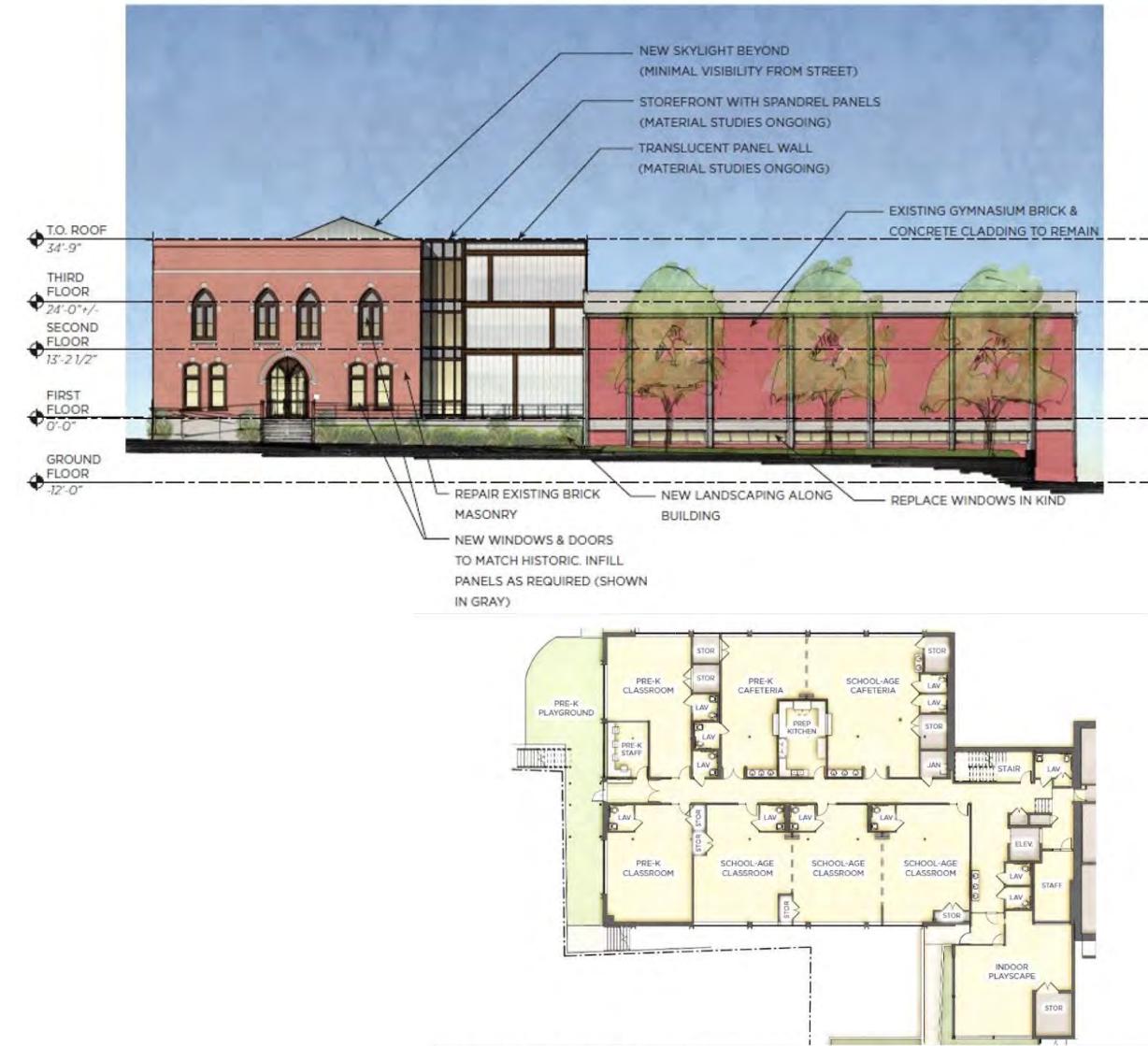
Provider Type Non-Profit / Incorporated

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



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NEWPORT COUNTY
GROUND FLOOR ENLARGED PLAN
JULY 2023

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

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

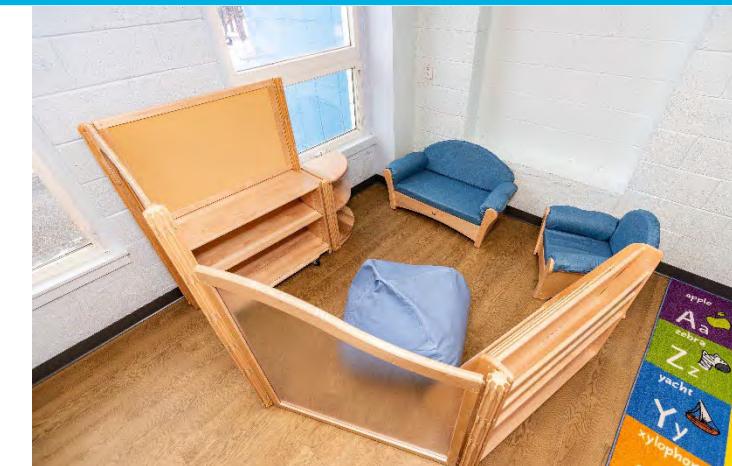
Before – Classroom at CL



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



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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



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



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

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



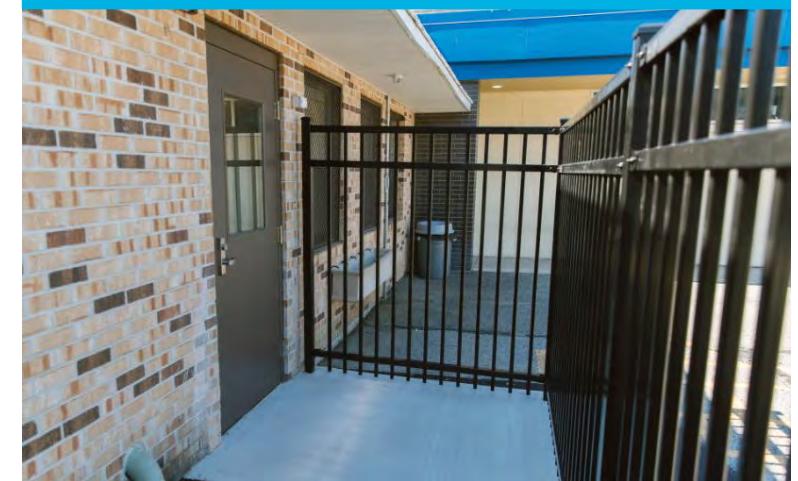
After – Children's Bathroom



After – Outdoor Play Space



After – Access to Outdoor Play Space



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Clark Street Daycare, Inc.

Westerly, RI



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Westerly, RI

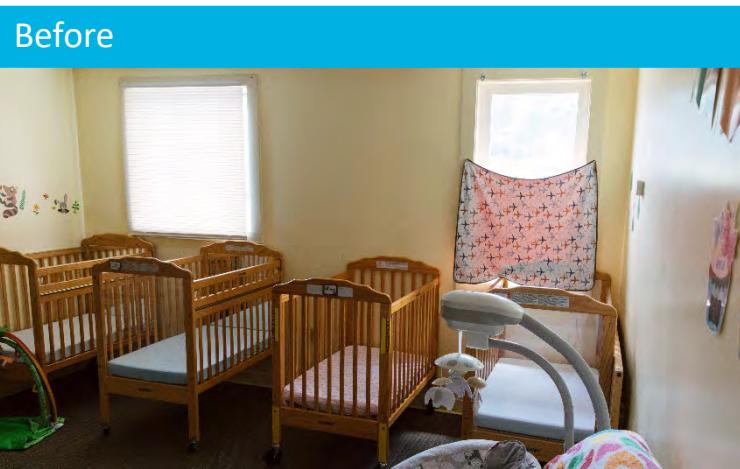
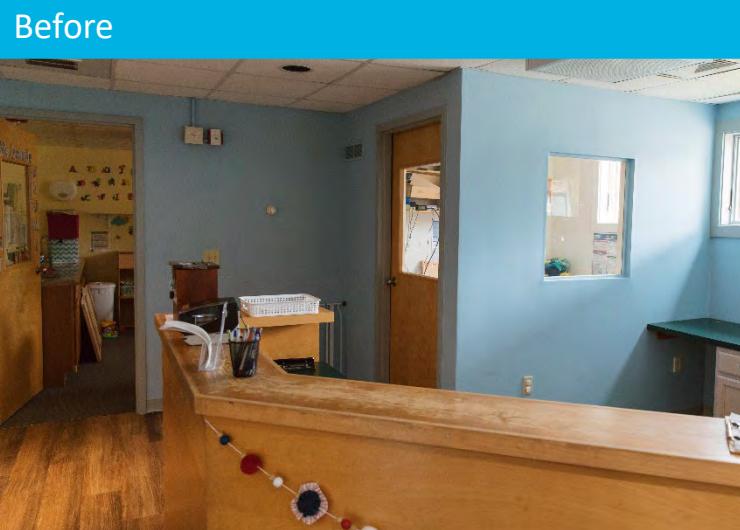
Provider Type For-Profit/Incorporated

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



Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue



Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

Cranston, RI – Atwood Avenue

Provider Center-based

Type

Capacity 197 licensed capacity

Project Description Replacement of 35-year-old roof which has been found to have significant issues including delamination and breakdown of materials

Grant Award \$88,050

Before



After



Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

Cranston, RI – Gansett



Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. (CCAP)

Cranston, RI – Gansett

Provider Center-based

Type

Capacity 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



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Central Falls, RI

Provider Type For-Profit/LLC

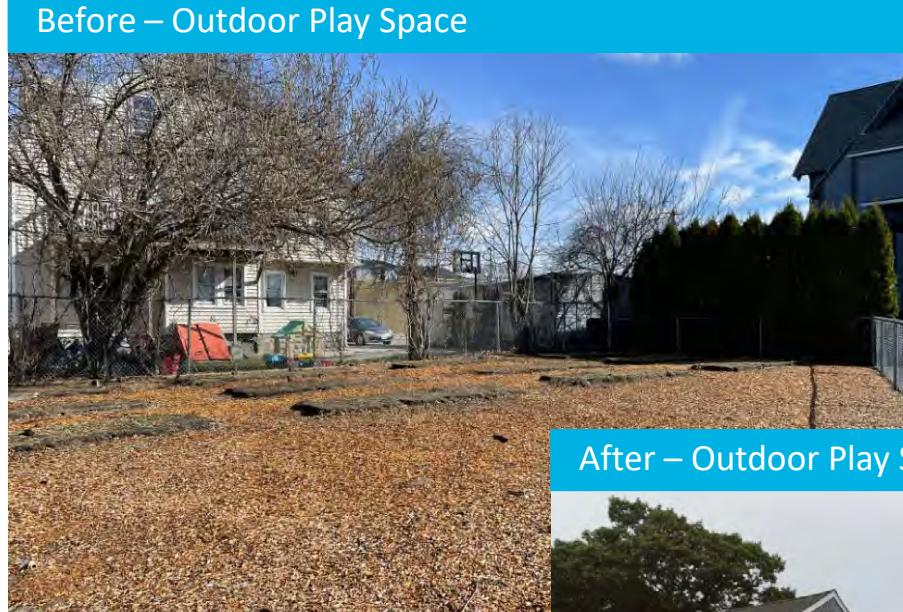
Capacity
12 Infant (new)
12 toddler (new)
38 Preschool (new)
62 licensed capacity

Project Description Acquisition of vacant building in order to develop child care space

Grant Award \$600,000

Total Development Cost \$934,061

Before – Outdoor Play Space



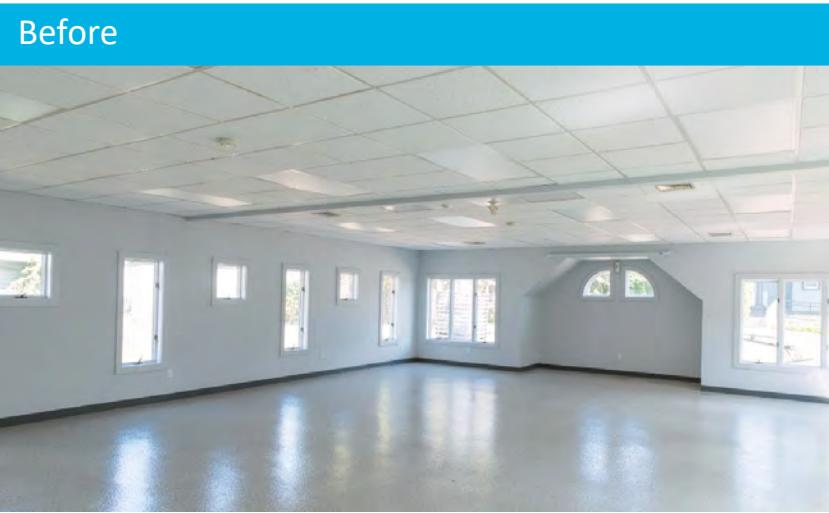
After – Outdoor Play Space



Dr. Day Care, Inc.

Central Falls, RI

Before



Before



After – Infant/Toddler Classroom After



After – Pre-K Classroom



East Bay Community Action Program

Newport, RI



East Bay Community Action Program

Newport, RI

Provider Type	Center-based
Capacity	154 licensed capacity
Project Description	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
Grant Award	\$248,400



Early Foundation Academy, LLC

Cranston, RI



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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

Post-Abatement and Demolition



Post-Abatement and Demolition



Genesis Center

Providence, RI



Genesis Center

Providence, RI

Provider Center-based

Type

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



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Pawtucket, RI - Dexter Street

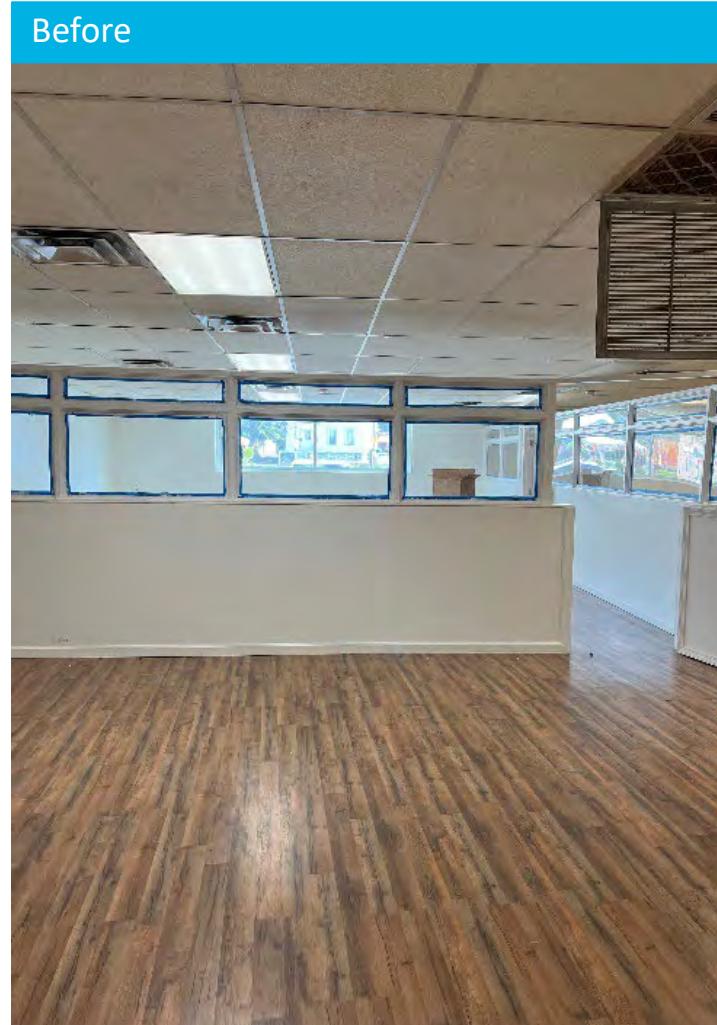
Provider Center-based

Type

Capacity 56 licensed capacity

Project Description Purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment necessary to open classrooms and alleviate wait lists while planning is underway for overall space improvements

Grant Award \$80,000



Kathy's Child Care

Woonsocket, RI



Kathy's Child Care

Woonsocket, RI

Provider Home-based

Type

Capacity 6 licensed capacity

Project Description Porch replacement to address fall hazard identified through safety inspection

Grant Award \$35,700



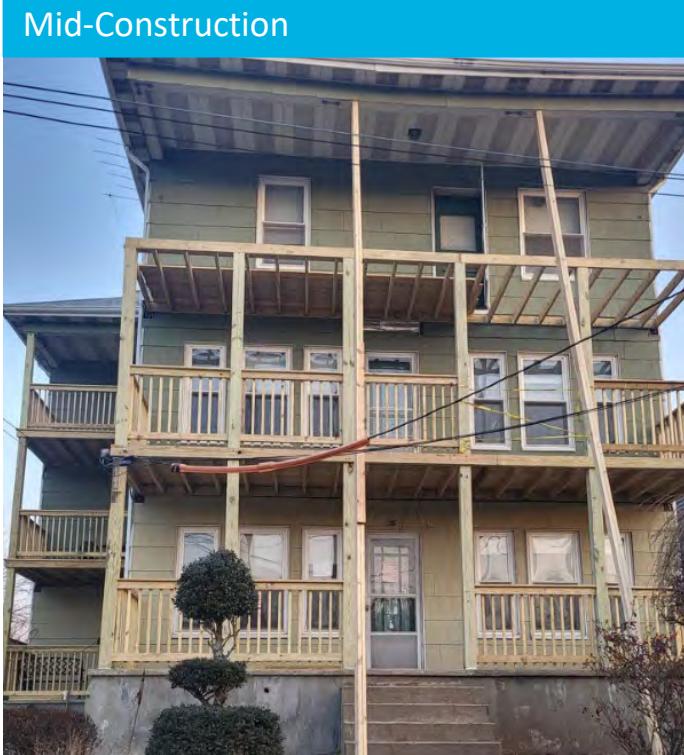
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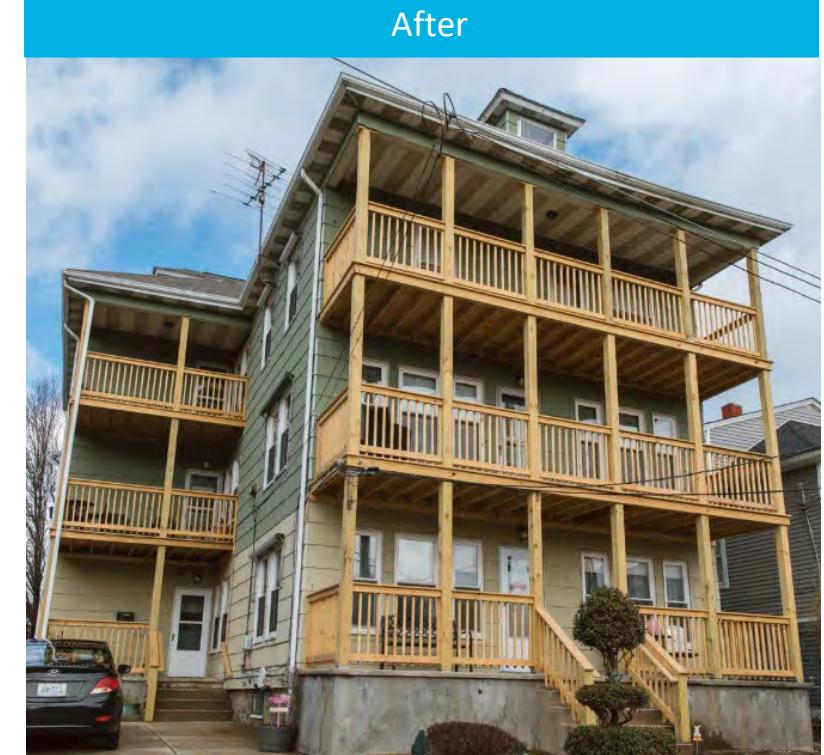
Before



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

Before



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

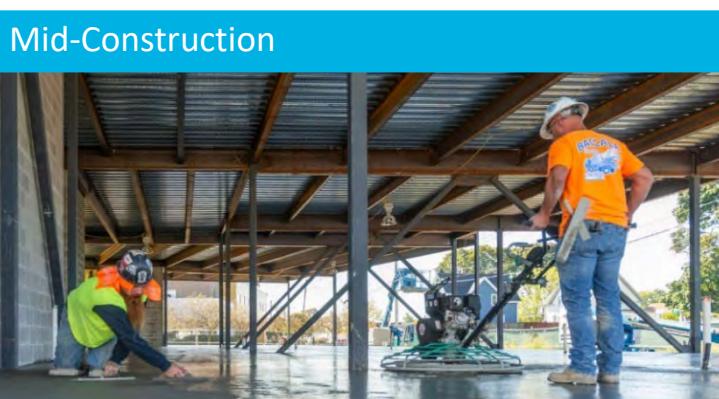
Provider Type Non-Profit / Incorporated

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

Provider Type Non-Profit / Incorporated

Capacity 16 Preschool (new)

Project Description Total renovation of a newly purchased/leased site located at 78 Stanwood Street

Grant Award \$309,201

Total Development Cost \$309,201



Montessori Community School of RI

Providence, RI

Existing Condition/Demolition



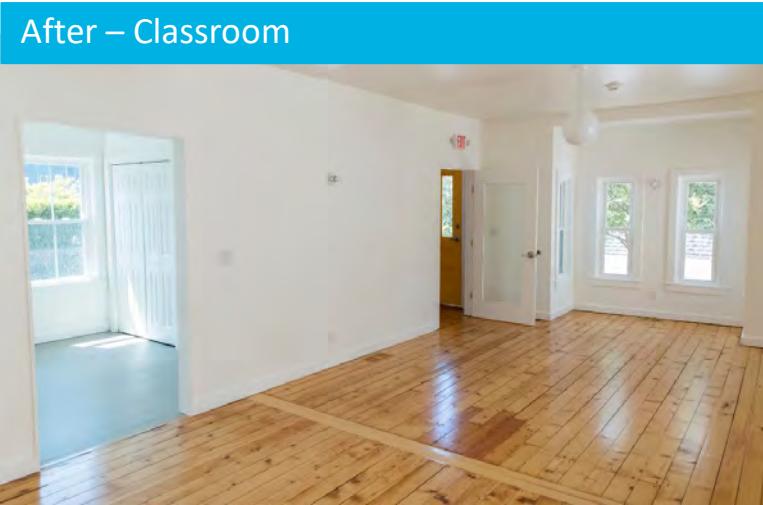
Mid-Construction



Montessori Community School of RI

Providence, RI

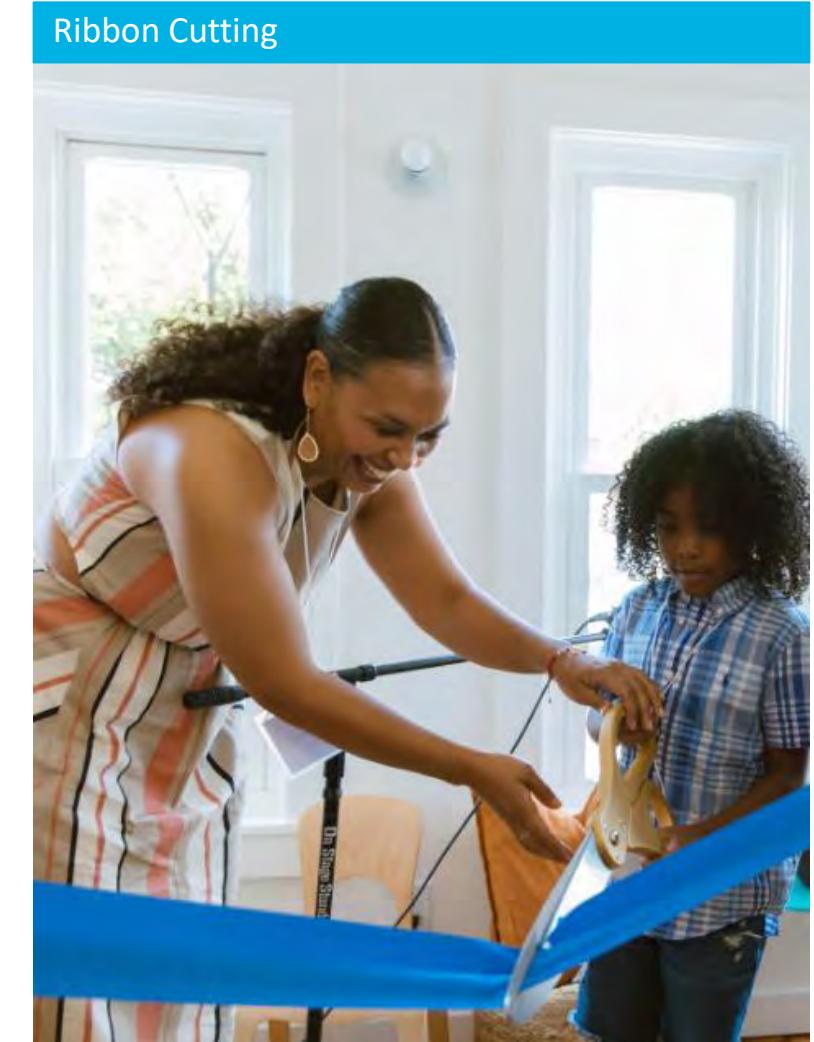
After – Classroom



After – Restroom



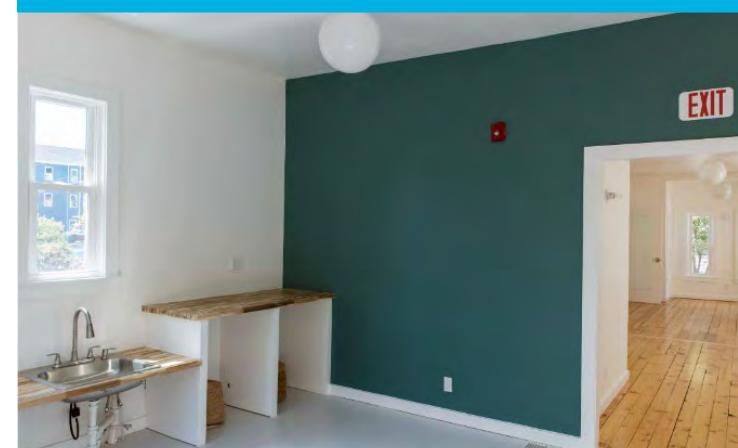
Ribbon Cutting



After – Front Vestibule



After – Classroom Kitchen



My Second Home Daycare

Cranston, RI



My Second Home Daycare

Cranston, RI

Provider Home-based

Type

Capacity 6 licensed capacity

Project Description Repair and replacement of damaged perimeter fencing and decking in outdoor play space

Grant Award \$40,000

Before



After



New England Fitness and Wellness, LLC dba Healthtrax

East Providence, RI



Littletrax – New England Fitness and Wellness, LLC dba Healthtrax

East Providence, RI

Provider For-Profit /LLC

Type

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

Before - Outdoor Play Space



After - Infant Room



After - Outdoor Play Space



After - Toddler Room



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

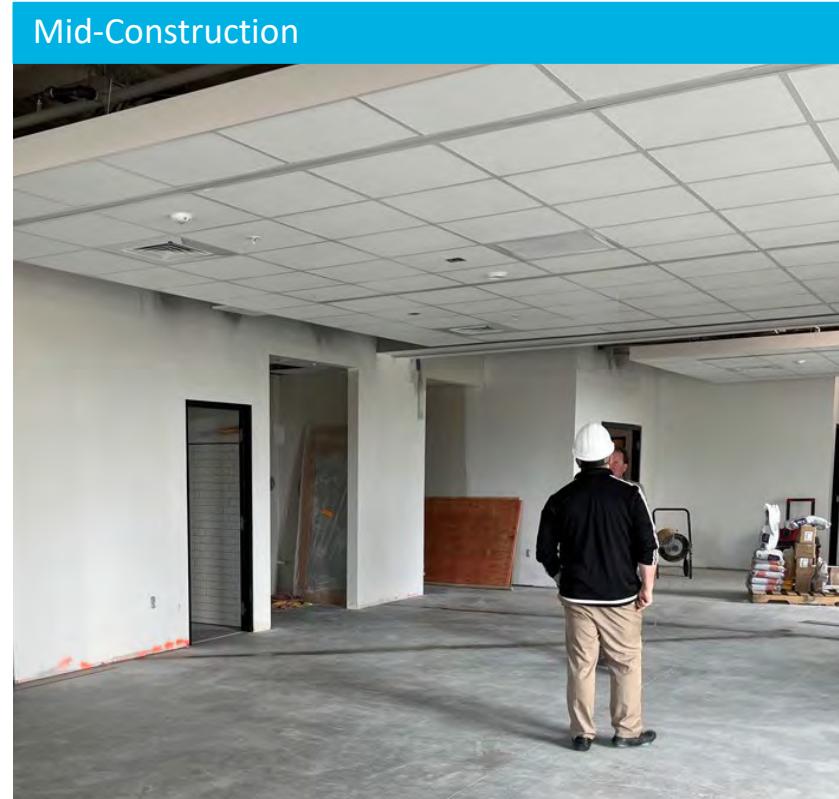
Provider Type Non-Profit / Incorporated

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



Newport County YMCA – Twice as Nice Preschool

Middletown, RI



Over the Rainbow Center, Inc

Johnston, RI



Over the Rainbow Center, Inc.

Johnston, RI

Provider Center-based
Type

Capacity 9 Toddler
36 Preschool
45 licensed capacity

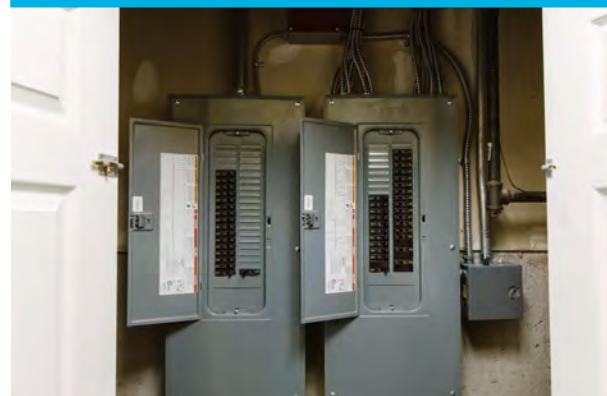
Project Description Upgrade out-of-compliance electrical system

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



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