

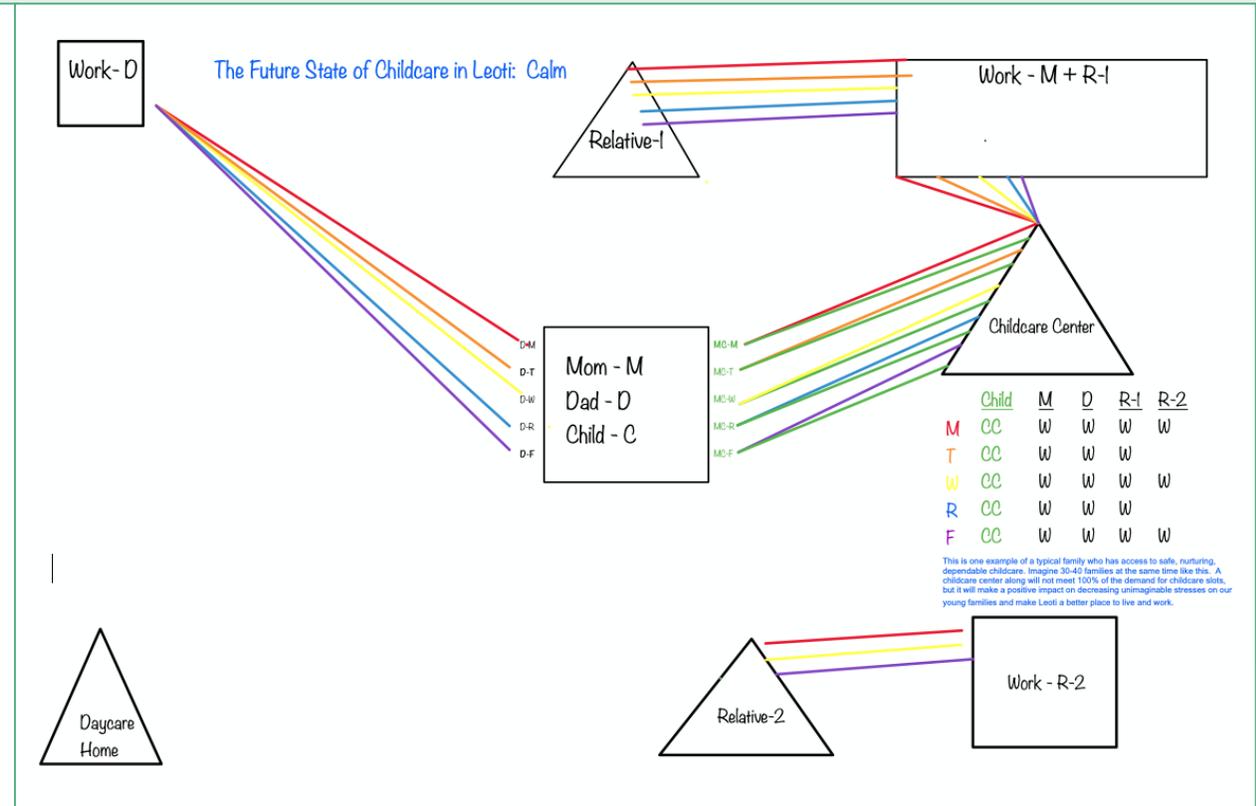
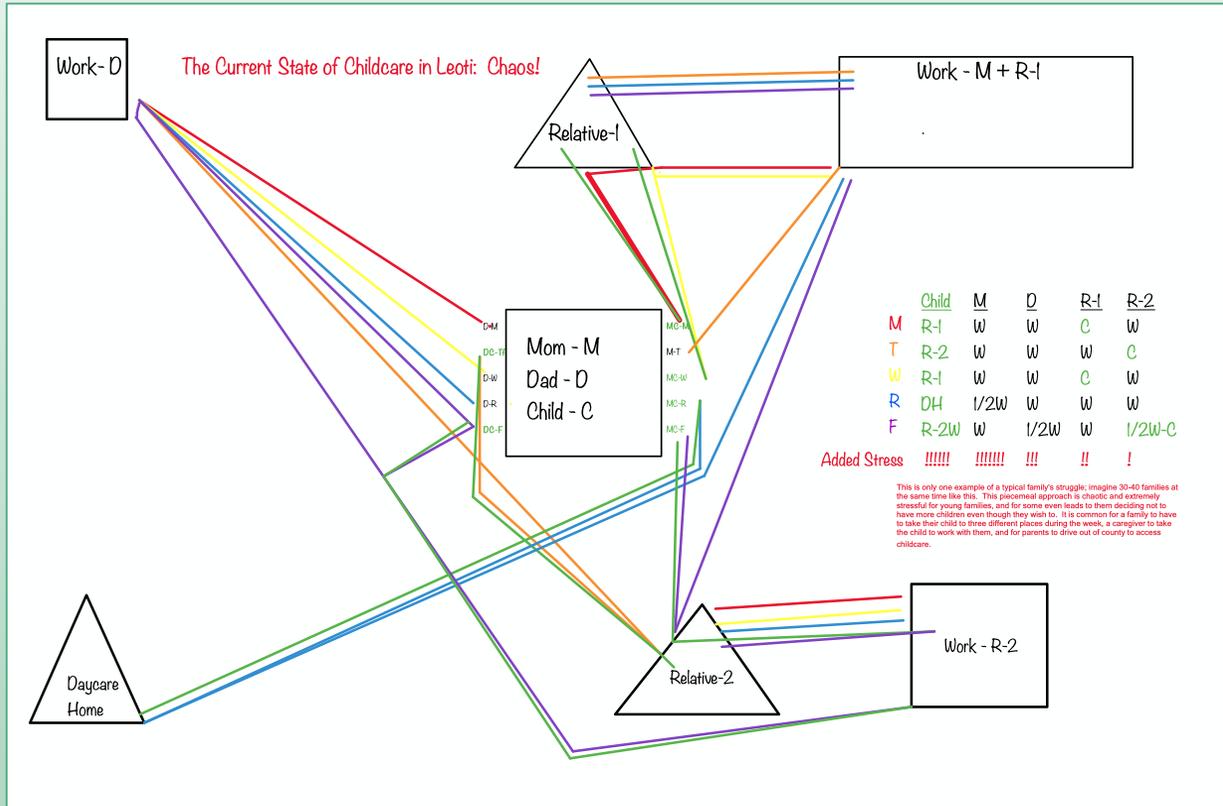
Bringing Childcare to Local Communities: How We Are Doing it in Wichita County

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STATE OF CHILDCARE IN LEOTI



Current: Families in Constant Survival Mode
 Child (C) – 3 homes, 1 workplace, always going somewhere different
 Parents (M, D) – care planned week by week, 3 homes, take off work often
 Relatives (R-1 R-2) – take off work often, cancel at last minute
 Employers (Work) – employees not productive, unreliable

Future: Thriving Families
 Child – one dependable, safe, nurturing, educational Center
 Parent – dependable safe Center
 Relatives – can resume own career, plus the natural role of “grandma”
 Employers – employees productive, reliable

“RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HIGH QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS OUR COUNTRY CAN MAKE.”



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION INVESTMENT MATTERS

Research shows that providing a high-quality education for children before they turn five yields significant medium- and long-term benefits for students.

Children in early childhood education programs are:

- **less likely to repeat a grade**
- **less likely to be identified as having special needs**
- **more prepared academically for later grades**
- **more likely to graduate from high school**
- **higher earners in the workforce**

1. McCoy DC, Yoshikawa H, Ziol-Guest KM, et al. Impacts of Early Childhood Education on Medium- and Long-Term Educational Outcomes. *Educ Res.* 2017;46(8):474-487. doi:10.3102/0013189X17737739. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30147124/> Accessed 10/5/2020

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:

7-10% ROI

“The rate of return for investment in quality early education for disadvantaged children is 7-10% per annum through better outcomes in education, health, sociability, economic productivity and reduced crime.”

James Heckman

Nobel Laureate in Economics

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LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MEETING CHILDCARE DEMAND

Job Creation

- The new center will create five new full-time positions

Workforce Creation

- Parents will join the workforce

Economic Impact

- Additional income spent in Wichita County

Workforce Enhancement

- Boost recruitment, reduce turnover, lower absenteeism, & increase productivity

KSU Needs Assessment 2018

- Most challenging: Finding reliable childcare
- For each family that has care, there are 2 families who have none

TIMELINE



State of Childcare Economic Study Jun 2019

- Estimated demand = 84
- Up to 67 people would join the workforce if they had quality childcare
- \$3.3 million impact
- **DECISION POINT:** One big center – one small center – group daycare – home daycare

Childcare Costs Summary July 2019

- Physical layout affects overall profitability-Strategic planning essential
- Community partnerships help
- **DECISION POINT:** temporary vs. permanent and school partnership

Founded Grow & Learn Childcare Center, Inc. Nov 2019

- Hired architect
- Initiated school partnership
- KDHE

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

USD 467 has agreed to lease property for \$1/year

Partnership Benefits:

- MEAL PREPARATION
- GROUNDSKEEPING
- STORM SHELTER
- ACTIVITY PARKING

NUMBER OF CHILDCARE SPOTS NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND

FIGURES ARE A COMBINATION OF CENSUS DATA AND DIGEST OF EDUCATION STATISTICS

Childcare (Home or Center)	Under 1	1 Year Old	2 Years Old	3 Years Old	4 Years Old	5 Years Old	Total
Wichita Co.	6	8	14	13	27	16	84

THE ROAD TO GROW & LEARN CHILDCARE CENTER

OPTIONS EXPLORED FROM 2017-2019

- Toured Childcare Centers in Moscow, Greensburg, and Phillipsburg
- Evaluated vacant buildings to KDHE Childcare Center Regulations
- Researched numerous temporary mobile building solutions
- USD 467 agreed to a Public Private Partnership

GROW & LEARN CHILDCARE CENTER

Our Mission is to provide quality childcare that meets the needs of each child and family in a nurturing, safe, and educational environment.

Goals:

- To enhance children's development and well-being and provide a foundation for life-long learning
- To provide dependable and affordable childcare services
- To enable families to obtain employment and attract industry to the community
- To be committed to the families we serve, providing support and encouragement

BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS

BUILDING

- 3,565 square feet
- Wood framed, Brick/Stucco exterior
- Standing seam metal roof
- Warming Kitchen
- Classroom Temperature Control and Age Appropriate Accommodations
 - Restrooms, Casework, Sinks, Cubbies

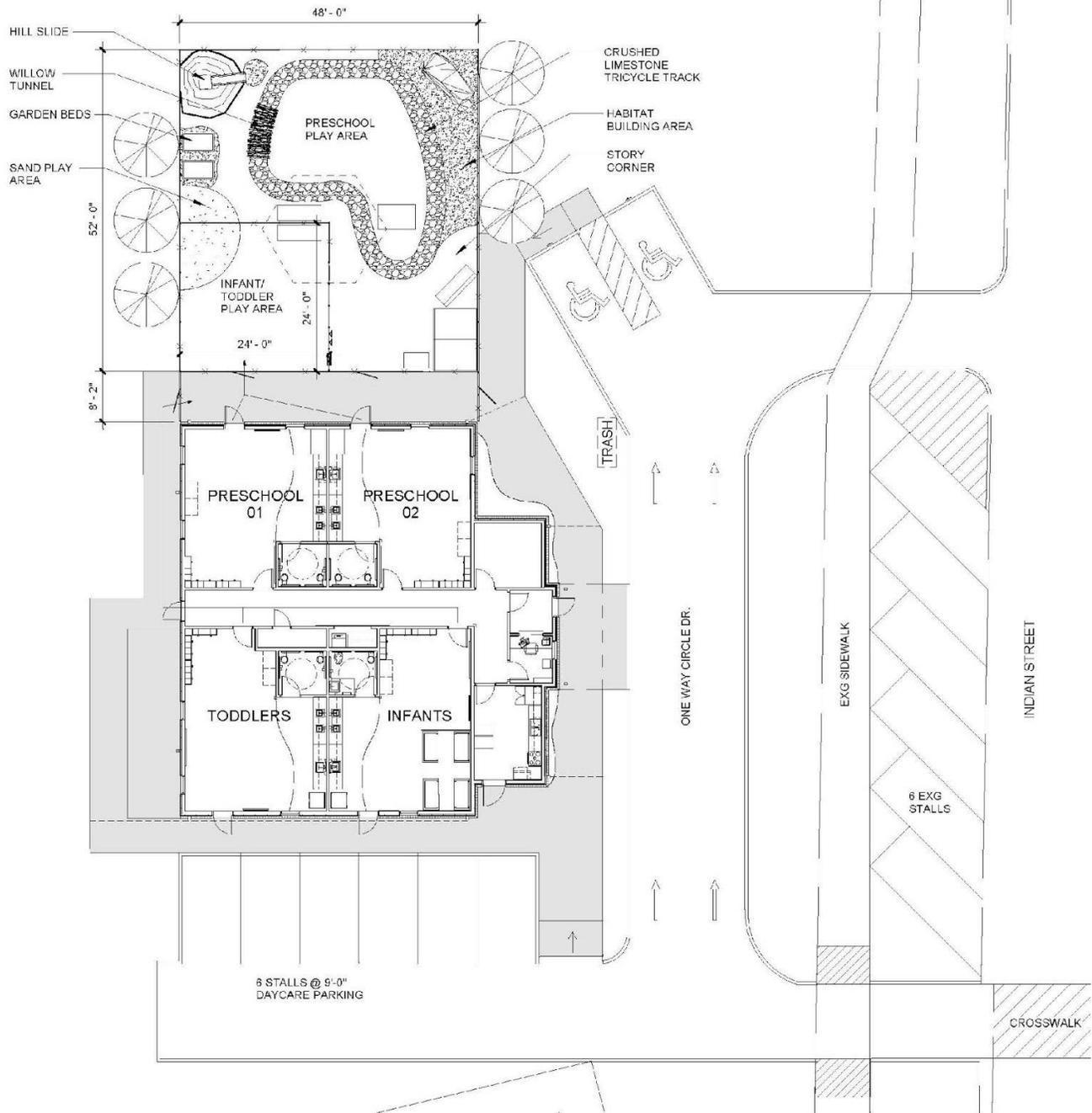
PARKING

- 6 staff parking spaces
- 2 Handicap parking spaces
- Circle drive for parent drop off and pickup
- 6 additional parking spaces across the street

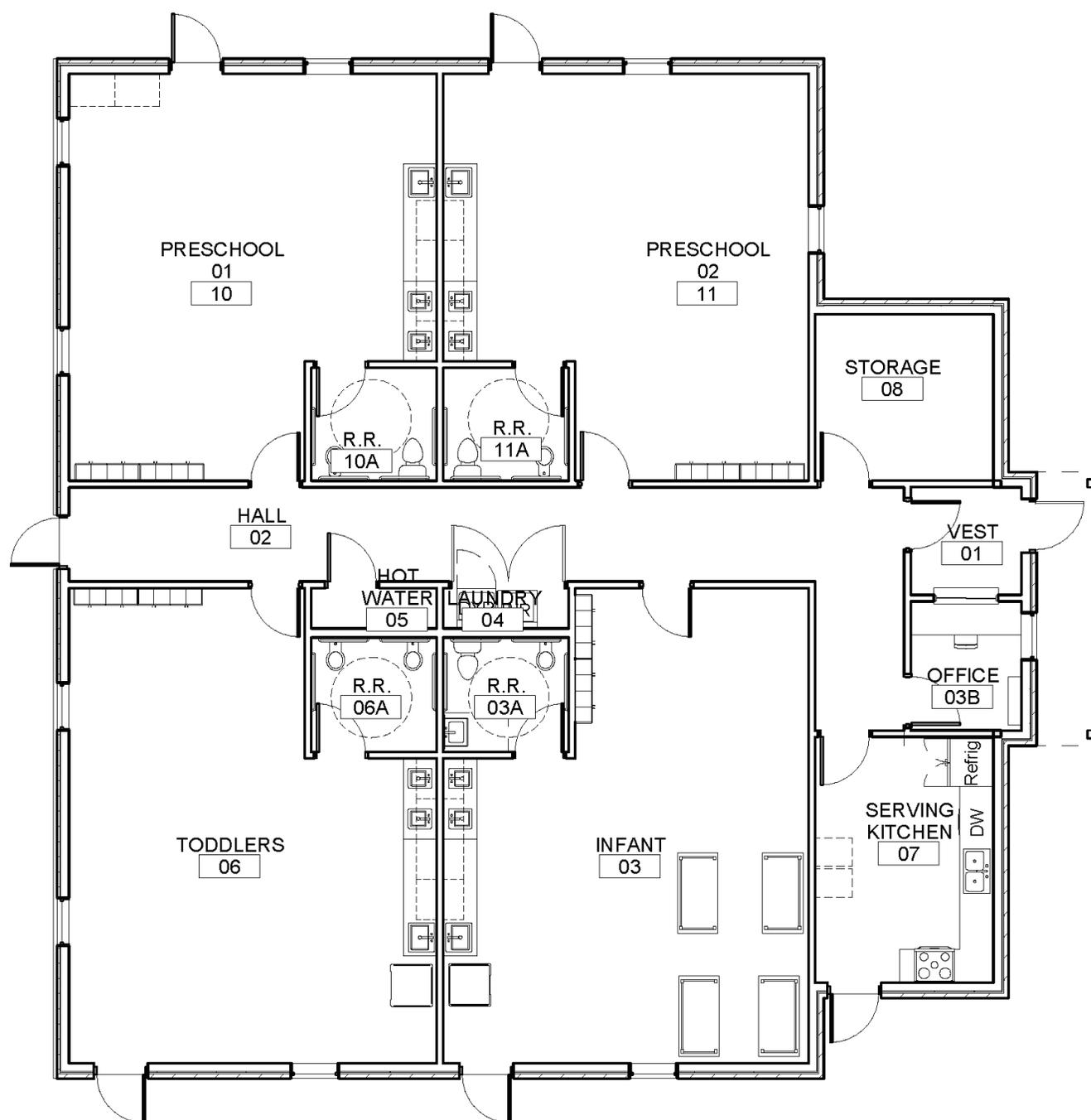
PLAYGROUND

- 1,980 sq ft Preschool playground
- 500 sq ft Toddlers playground
- 6-foot chain link fence with gate access
- Ground Covering is a mix of hard, soft, and natural grass surfaces

SITE PLAN



FLOOR PLAN



Infant Room: 1 Staff and 3 Children

Toddler Room: 2 Staff and 10 Children

Preschool Room: 1 Staff and 10 Children

Preschool Room: 1 Staff and 12 Children

Office: 1 Director

TOTAL: 6 Staff and 35 Children

KDHE STAFF TO CHILD RATIO

Infant (2 weeks to 12 Mos.): 1 to 3

Toddlers: (12 Mos. to 2 ½ Yrs): 1 to 5

2 ½ years to School Age: 1 to 10

3 years to School Age: 1 to 12

*Minimum of 35 sq ft of open floor space per child

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST



■ COSTS

- \$878,700 Building Project (Architect Est)
- \$ 22,325 Playground
- \$ 60,000 Inventory Furn/Equip
- \$963,700 Subtotal Building Costs
- \$150,000 Operating Expenses

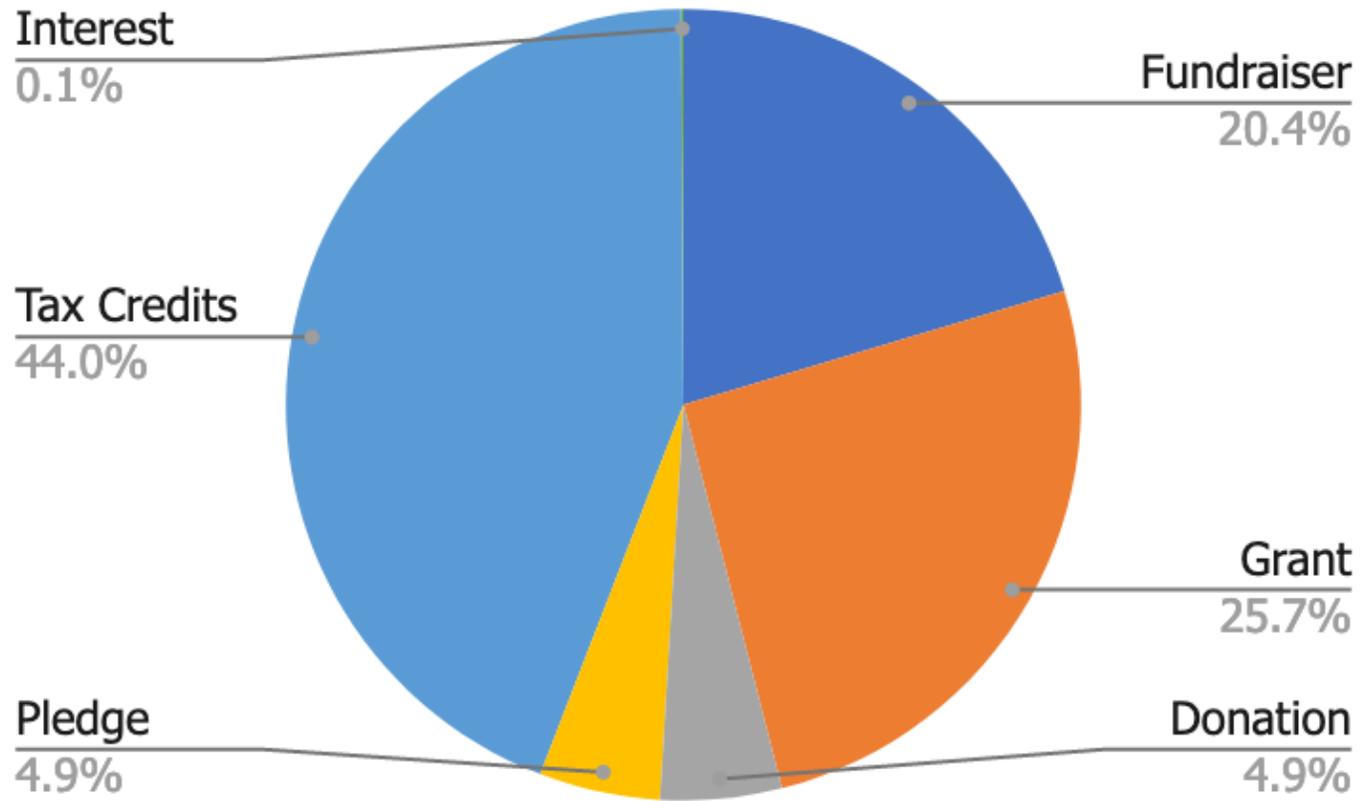
TOTAL ESTIMATED START-UP COST:
\$1,113,700

■ FUNDING Available

- \$471,846 Building Project (Architect Est)
- \$ 16,436 Playground
- \$ 38,374 Inventory Furn/Equip
- \$526,656 Subtotal Approved Funding
- \$ 84,712 Operating Funding

TOTAL ESTIMATED START-UP FUNDS:
\$611,368

With increase in construction costs the amount of the projected went up about \$400,000.



Funding Type	Amount
Fundraiser	\$ 127,629.83
Grant	\$ 160,772.00
Donation	\$ 30,882.50
Pledge	\$ 30,875.00
Tax Credits	\$ 276,000.00
Interest	\$ 630.58
Total	\$ 626,789.91

TIMELINE

Fundraising
2021-22

Contractor
Negotiations
Mar-May 2021

Groundbreaking
June-Aug 2021

Construction
June-Dec 2021

Grand Opening
Jan 3, 2022

- WHEATLAND 0% \$200,000
- PLEDGES \$200,000
- MABEE FDN \$146,400
- KS KCIF \$250,000
- DOWNING FDN \$150,000



Funding Avenues

Business Donors (local farmers, banks, large feedyards)

Grants

Community Service Tax Credits

Local Nonprofits

Community Foundations

BlueCross BlueShield Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Initiative

Kansas Dept of Commerce

Land O' Lakes

Local Utility Companies



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to be part of this conversation and helping to find a solution to the childcare issue in our communities!!