



(To be named*)Early Childhood Center

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- A year plus of conversations and dreaming meetings with Kay McIsaac, Coordinator of Academic Services, CCV, Newport
- A site visit to Educare Central Maine with Vermont Birth to Five and the Permanent Fund



- Location: The old Teddy Bear Factory/Numia Building in Newport, VT
- Slated to open by July 1, 2019
- Ready, Set, Grow Childcare (NEKLS)
- Newport Head Start (NorthEast Kingdom Community Action)
- Kingdom Children's Museum (Dawn Powers)
- Children's Integrated Services Early Intervention, Family Support and Coordination (NEKLS)

A Welcoming Entrance

The entrance to the center will be our first impression to the parents and children we will serve. It will be an indicator of what can be expected behind the security doors to the childcare space. We want this space to reflect a culture of a welcoming and nurturing environment. The entrance will provide comfortable places for adults to sit and connect with one another.

(Photo courtesy of Educare Central Maine)



Child Focused

The entrance to the Center will be a comfortable, colorful and vibrant space that will child focused.

(Photo courtesy of Educare Central Maine)



Enriching Outdoor Learning Space

More than just a playground .
We want to create an outdoor
space that will challenge and
engage children. This space will
encourage movement, and
offer as many opportunities as
possible for children to
connect, discover and explore
their natural environment.

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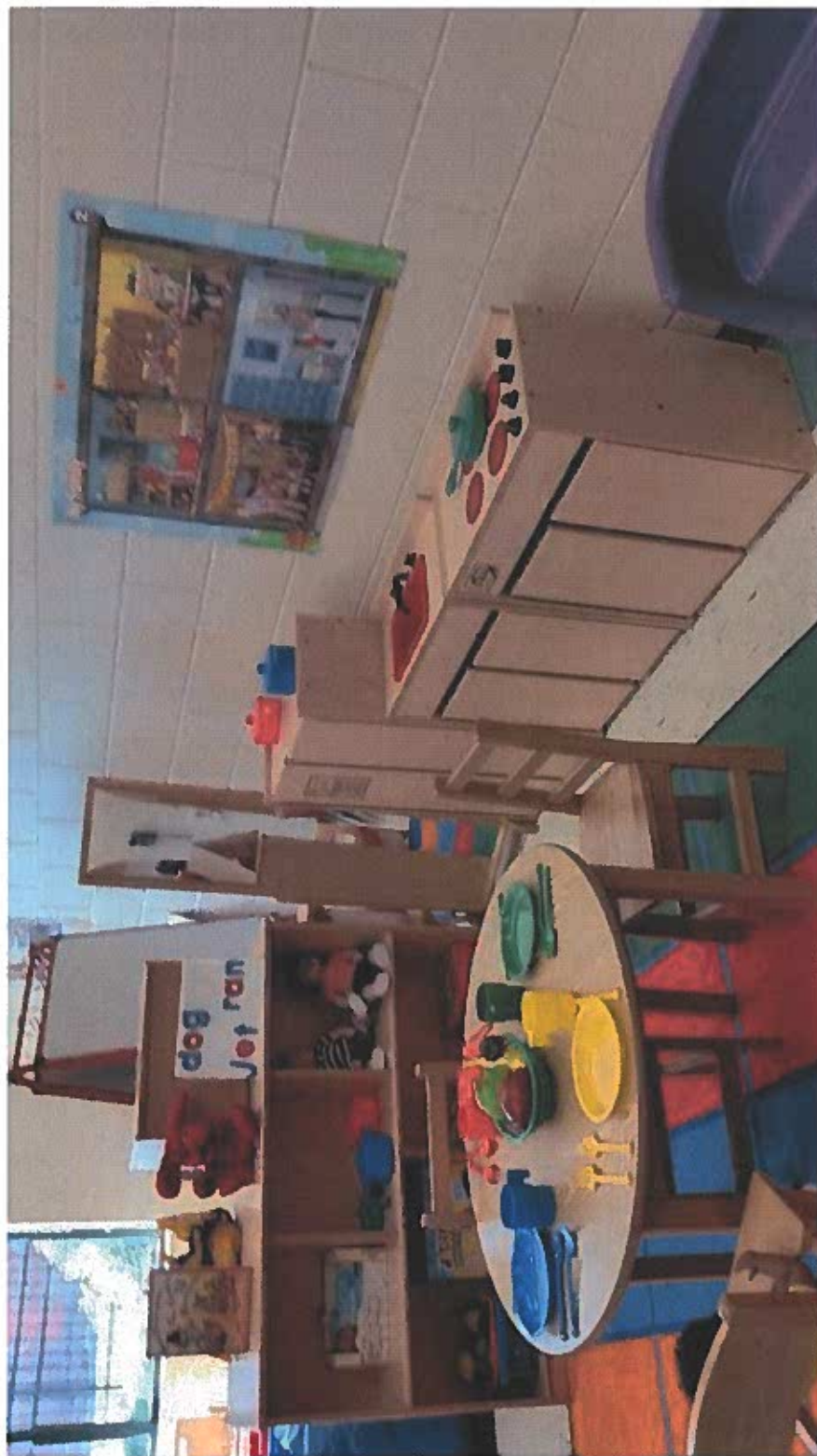


Classrooms

- (2) Infant Rooms: age 6 weeks – 24 mos.
(16 infants)
- (2) Toddler Rooms: age 24 mos. – 36 mos.
(16 toddlers)
- (2) Pre-school Rooms: age 3 – 4/5 years
(40 three to five year olds)
- (1) Before and After school care age 5 – 12yrs.
(access for 26 school aged children – exploring a partnership with the Newport City Recreation Dept.)



Infant Room photo courtesy of Head Start



Pre-School classroom
photo courtesy of Head Start

Head Start and Ready, Set, Grow Collaboration

Blended model having Head Start children and Ready, Set, Grow Childcare children in the same classroom, blending staffing and funding to create a sustainable model.



Additional Rooms

- Nursing Room for parents who need to come in and nurse their infant.
- Private meeting space for area professionals to meet 1:1 with a parent and/or child
- Observation/viewing for all classrooms to support the area students in Early Education programs at the local Career Center and Colleges.
- Teacher Resource Room
- Commercial Kitchen (exploring partnership with Umbrella's Cornucopia culinary workforce training as the food provider for Ready Set Grow)
- Parent Resource Room/Parent Education Room

Parent Resource Room

- Space for parent(s) to meet with an adult education provider to increase their basic skills or earn a high school diploma.
- Computer/internet and printer access to research information, perform job search, or complete homework.
- Parent meetings

(Photo courtesy of Educare Central Maine)



Offices

- NEKLS/ Children Integrated Services
 - Early Intervention
 - Family Support
 - Regional Coordination
- NEKCA
 - Head Start
- NEKLS/ Ready, Set, Grow Childcare

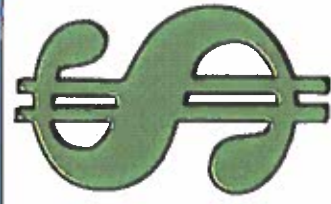
Kingdom Children's Museum

(photo courtesy of Chicago's Children's Museum)



Timeline

Sept/Oct 2018	Collaborating Partners (Team) meet to discuss space needs of each program. Begin gathering information to share with Project Manager to assist in Floor Plan design
Nov 2018	Team works with the Project Manager to create Floor Plan based on identified needs
Dec 2018	Team finalizes draft of Floor Plan with Project Manager
Jan 2019	Team meets with Project Manager and Landlord to review Floor Plan and plan next steps re: permitting (Fire, Waste Water and Zoning) Timeline is updated
Feb 2019	Floor Plan is finalized and permits are submitted, Childcare Licensure process is begun, estimated costs for renovations and remodeling are calculated, Bid Requests are prepared and released, Project funding gap is identified, sources to fill gap are pursued
Mar –Apr 2019	Contracts for services are awarded. Once permits are secured, remodeling and renovations begin
Apr-Jun 2019	Remodeling/renovations continue, Staff hired and on boarded
July 1, 2019	Center opens



Cost of the Project

Projected Cost of the Project: \$450,000 - \$500,000

(Cost estimated based on preliminary gathering of estimates by Project Manager)

Secured Funding to Date \$294,000

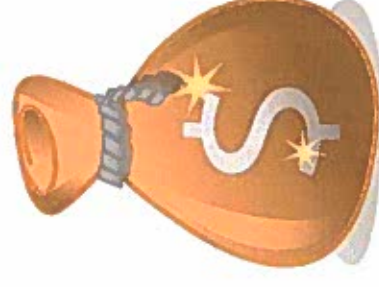
NEKCA Head Start Grant \$249,000

NEKLS Make Way for Kids Grant \$45,000

Unsecured Funding to Date \$156,000 - \$206,000

Potential Sources

- North Country Hospital
- Other Local Employers
- Children's Development Division
- Private Philanthropists
- Other Private Donors
- Banks and Financial Lenders
- Additional Grants



Our Ask...

- Help us to identify opportunities for additional funding to support the project
- Share this project with others
- Come to our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in July of 2019!



