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Terre Haute City Council Presentation

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Access to High-Quality & Affordable Childcare



- Childcare is a challenge in this region
- Workers want to engage in the workforce
- Families struggle to find needed services
- The American Rescue Plan Act to provide direct relief to cities and towns
- This request for ARPA funds will be used to facilitate greater engagement in the workforce

Indiana State University's Early Childhood Education Center Expansion

- ISU Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and licensed by the Department of Family and Children Services of the State of Indiana.
- The current location at Farrington and Third streets is at capacity (86)
- There is no room at that location to expand capacity
- Current waiting list of about 60-70 more children
- We maintain and support this work because the community needs it
- ISU does not make money on this effort, and often struggles to break even, but we are committed to these children and their families



University Commitment to the Project



- The Chestnut Building is a four-story, 40,000 sq. ft. brick building at 749 Chestnut Street
- Opened in 1971 to house the School of Nursing
- The current value of this building is \$9.3M
- Renovation is required to meet accreditation standards for early childhood programming
- The estimated cost to renovate the first two floors is \$6.5M
- Expanded capacity following this renovation would be approximately 145 children
- Future plans to complete the other two floors would further grow the capacity to serve more children
- We continue to pursue as many funding avenues as possible to make that happen
- ISU has already begun work with an architect on early design and cost projections to start the process

Funding Sources (in-progress)



	Source	Amount
✓	READI grant	\$1.0M
✓	Vigo County	\$3.0M
	City of Terre Haute	\$1.0M
	Lilly Endowment	\$1.5M
	Total	\$6.5M

Our Vision

- *“The data are clear. Early childhood programs that are sustained and high quality can have long-lasting impacts on children, preparing them for formal schooling and beyond with the added factor that early education paves the way for parents to be in the workforce.”* (The Brookings Institution, 2021)
- Goal: every kindergartener is ready for learning when they go to school at age 5
- PTQ is Indiana's voluntary rating system for childcare providers
- Level 4 is the highest attainable rating
- The ISU ECEC programs have been recognized for 10 consecutive years as PTQ Level 4 (preschool license)
- 5 consecutive years as PTQ level 4 (infant/toddler license)
- High quality early childhood programming matters



Comprehensive strategic plan for childcare throughout our community



- ISU is using planning dollars from a Lilly Foundation Planning Grant working with Ivy Tech and RJL Solutions to bring the community together to draft a strategic plan for ECE in the region
- A well-crafted strategic plan will provide materials for the EDC to use in attracting businesses and manufacturers to Terre Haute
- Employers looking to locate in communities always ask questions about the housing availability, schools and certainly about quality early childhood care
- Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley have so much to offer corporations who are exploring sites to develop
- High-quality, research-based childcare facilities are a must to drive this kind of development

Timeline

Proposed Tentative Timeline:

- December 2023 – all funds secured for the project
- January 2024 to March 2024 – Complete programming, schematic design, and construction documents
- February 2024 – ISU Board of Trustee approval of project
- March 2024 – ICHE approval secured
- April 2024 – State Budget Committee approvals secured
- May 2024 – Receive bids for project
- June 2024 – Begin renovation/construction
- March 2025 – Substantial Completion
- April 2025 – Owner Occupancy/Move-in
- May 2025 – Completion of project



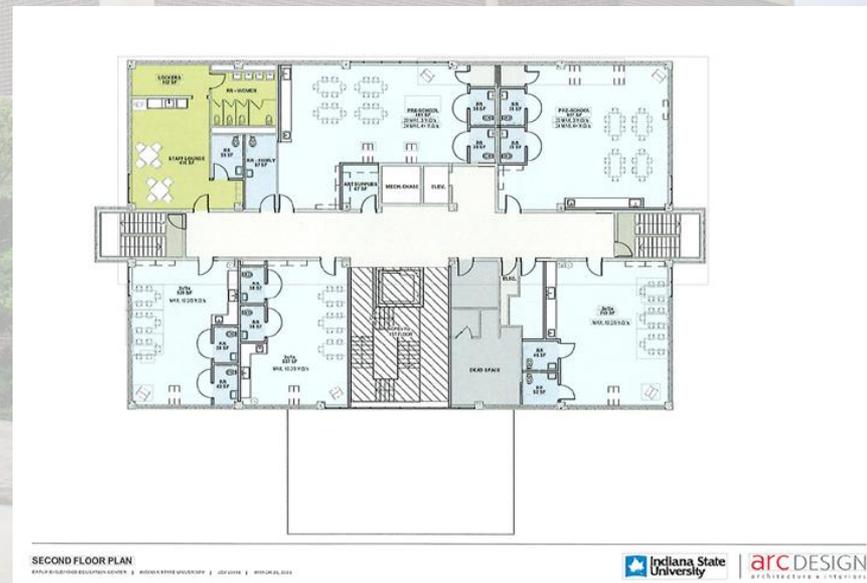
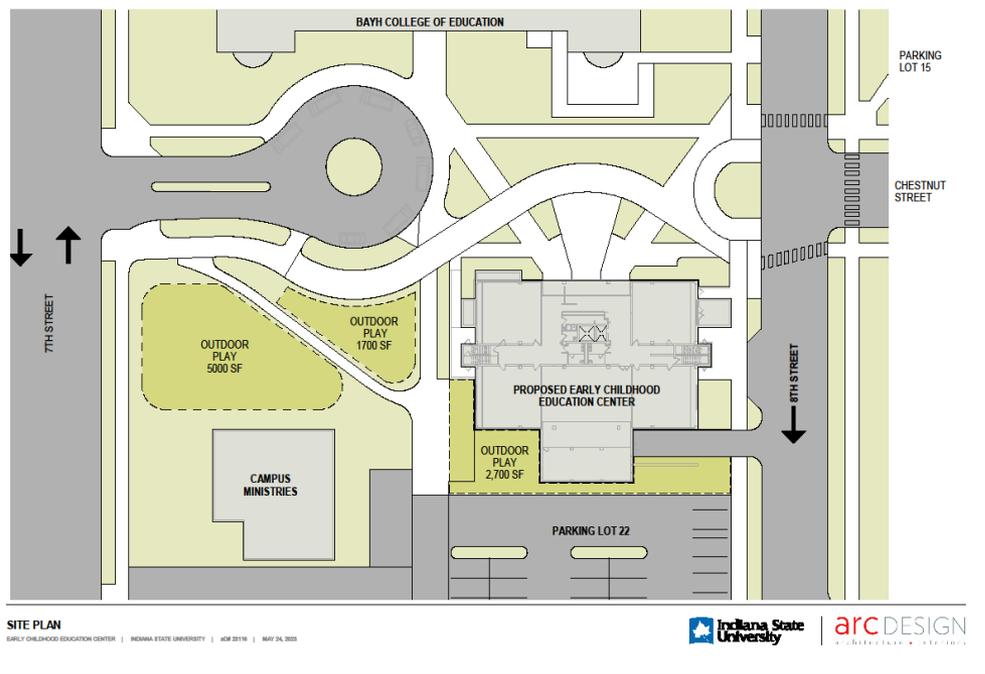
Tracking Measures



- Expand Early Childhood Education Center Capacity
- Completion of renovation project
- Completion of strategic plan

(estimated budget provided in handouts)

Proposed Location & Preliminary Designs





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