

Brookings

Child Care Collaborative



PROJECT IMPACT REPORT

PHASE 1- INCREASE QUALITY CARE
& EARLY LEARNING



The Project Impact Report is a comprehensive document that outlines the initiatives, contributors, historical perspective and effects of Phase 1, to expand quality childcare and early learning. It serves as a tool for stakeholders, funders, and partners to understand the tangible benefits of the project and to guide future initiatives.

Founding Initiatives



**SHARING
RESOURCES TO
IMPROVE
CHILDCARE
CAPACITY AND
EARLY LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES.**

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS*

Childcare **accessibility** is a cornerstone of community well-being and economic prosperity. Ensuring that childcare services are readily available and easily accessible is not only beneficial for parents but also plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our community. **Accessibility** looks different for everyone, but some key areas are: supporting underserved demographics; inclusive learning; enabling workforce participation; and securing quality care for lifelong success.

Affordability is a key factor in ensuring that childcare services are accessible to a broad range of families within the community. BCCC aspires to leverage and coordinate existing public and private resources that exist in Brookings to secure equitable and sustainable childcare access for all children ages 0 to 5, while being **financially sustainable** for any individual contributor that is helping to administer care.



ACCESSIBILITY

AFFORDABILITY

EARLY LEARNING

QUALITY CARE



Collective efforts to create inclusive **early learning opportunities** that establish an equitable foundation for all young learners within our community. Quality researched-based curriculum to be embedded into all care and learning facilities. Literacy principles will be integrated, setting the stage for continuous academic achievement and a lasting love for reading.

Offer **quality child care** that allows families to participate in the workforce needs of the community. This includes offering continuous care during standard working hours, demonstrating reliable care with adequate staffing, and enhancing the public's awareness of the value of early learning for children.

The Brookings Child Care Collaborative aims to expand access to quality, affordable child care enabling children, families, and local businesses to thrive and the region's employers to attract and retain top talent. The significance of this support extends beyond child supervision, emphasizing the importance of quality care and early learning to lay the foundation for lifelong success among our youngest community members.

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HISTORY

COLLABORATIVE OVERVIEW

Groups to identify needs and help to address the Childcare Crisis have taken many forms since first elevated by the business community in 2018.

WORKFORCE SURVEY

Began to understand the impact childcare has on local workforce participation.

CHILDCARE SURVEY

Brookings County Child Care Survey Report identified waiting lists and a shared consensus from providers additional care is needed.

BECEC FORMATION

Brookings Early Care and Education Collaborative guided efforts to understand needs as well as barriers.

SUPPLY PLAN

Brookings Early Care and Education Collaborative identified the need for 495, birth to 5 year-old slots in Brookings.



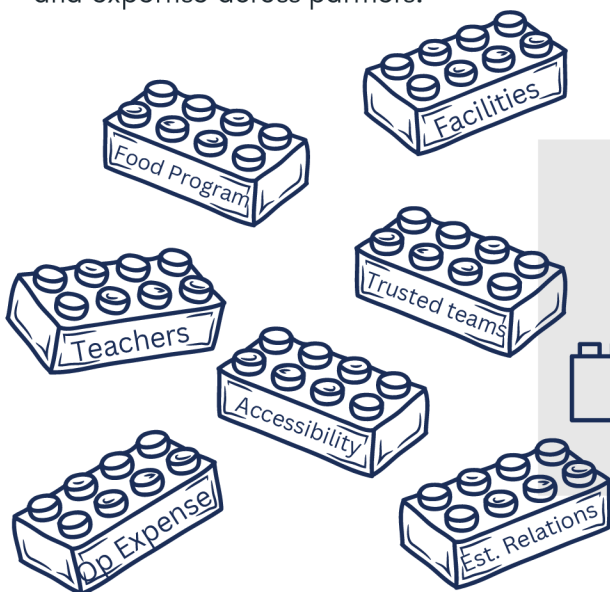
01. Identify Needs

Between 2019 and 2022, the Brookings Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) partnered with various organizations to address the growing need for childcare in the Brookings community. This effort began with the 2019 Workforce Survey Report, which examined how the childcare crisis was impacting local businesses. In 2020, the Brookings County Child Care Survey Report identified the existing childcare services. These findings led to the formation of the Brookings Early Care and Education Collaborative (BECEC) to guide efforts in determining the specific childcare needs and shortages in the area. By 2022, BECEC had completed the Brookings County Child Care Supply Plan, which identified the need for 495 slots for children aged 0-5 in Brookings and over 900 childcare slots county-wide.

HISTORY

02. Identify Partners

During this period, the Brookings City Council allocated \$580,000 of ARPA funds and tasking the BEDC with identifying sustainable childcare solutions. This funding and the partnerships it enabled were crucial to advancing the Brookings Child Care Collaborative's mission. The School District also spearheaded its initiative to expand early learning by including the addition of preschool facilities in planned school expansions. The Boys & Girls Club of Brookings seized the opportunity to transition its preschool program to the School District and expand services to include care for children from birth to age 2. Through these partnerships, the Brookings Child Care Collaborative was formed. Together, the School District and Boys & Girls Club will offer continuous care for up to 360 children aged birth to 5 years, from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. By working through established organizations, this model offers viability in sharing facilities, operational expenses and expertise across partners.



BEDC

Brookings City Council set aside \$580,000 in ARPA funds for childcare slot expansion and tasked BEDC to identify sustainable solutions.

SCHOOLS EXPANSION

Brookings School District added early learning classrooms to elementary school building projects.

BGC EXPANSION

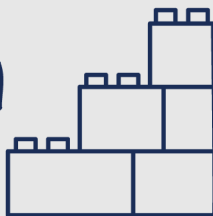
The Boys & Girls Club of Brookings accepts opportunity to transition preschool program to District and expand into birth to 2 care.

BCCC FORMATION

Brookings Child Care Collaborative formed. Between the BSD and BGC, sites will offer continuous care for up to 360 birth to 5 years aged from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

PARTNER ADDITIONS

BCCC has since added and collaborated with others in the community such as **SDSU, CMSD, the Ivy Center and more** who desire to align with the mission of sharing resources to improve childcare capacity and early learning opportunities.



PROJECT SUMMARY

PHASE 1

CAPACITY TO GROW INTO
FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT

4 | **230+**

Site Locations

4 to 5 Learners

6-6 | **130+**

Onsite Care

0 to 3 Learners

\$8,371,447

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

\$6,574,000+

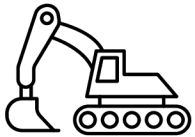
PARTNERSHIP ASSETS

\$1,197,447

GRANTS AWARDED

\$600,000+

CITY & BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS



SUMMER 2024



FALL 2024



WINTER 2024



SPRING 2025



SUMMER 2025

**SCHOOL
RENOVATIONS**

3 Elementary
schools with
early learning

**CONTINUOUS
ONSITE CARE**

BSD Pre-K (4-5)
BGC Pre-K (3)

**CLUB
RENOVATIONS**

Birth to 3 Care
areas

**BIRTH TO 2
CLUB CARE**

Up to 130 new
slots

**CONTINUUM
OF CARE**

Birth to 5 care
from 6am to 6pm

Brookings

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A LOOK @ TODAY

2024-2025 School Year

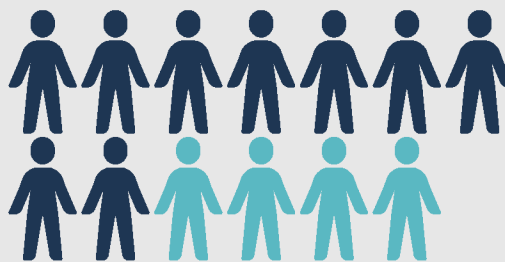
As the school year approaches, BCCC is busy putting the finishing touches on early learning operations, beginning renovations for the new birth to 3 areas at the Club, and working to secure stability into the future. Phase 1 was all about start up and the first year; Phase 2 focuses on growth into the future. As the program continues to expand, so will the need for additional partners and models of sustainability. BCCC is grateful for the large interest and support of the community.

01. Perfecting Care

This year will focus on refining the quality and consistency of care provided. As partners work together to implement new policies, curriculum, and programming, there remains much to be addressed in the day-to-day operations. The goal is to ensure that every aspect of care is seamless, well-coordinated, and fully aligned with the collaborative's commitment to excellence. This ongoing process is critical for delivering the highest standard of care to the community.

02. Business Partnerships

Community involvement plays a vital role in our efforts to expand childcare. A key objective of the Collaborative partners is to connect with families who need quality early learning and childcare services the most. To support this goal, we are exploring a scholarship investment model to help with childcare expenses, ensuring that more families have access to the care they need.



Current Availability

As the BCCC continues to expand its program, we have launched with one preschool class at each elementary school. All classes are fully enrolled for the current school year. However, there is still availability in the Continuing Education program for before, after, and non-school day care as the school year progresses. Additionally, the Boys & Girls Club will start accepting applications for birth-to-age-2 care this fall, with services beginning in 2025.

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