



Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Juneau, Marquette,
Sauk & Waushara Counties

MEETING AGENDA & PROGRAM

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DATE:	Monday, August 19, 2024
TIME:	9:30 AM
PLACE:	Juneau County Services Building 200 Hickory Street, Rm. 209 Mauston, WI 53948

9:00 AM	Gathering
9:30 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Certification of Open Meeting Notice 4. Adoption of Agenda 5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 6. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials 7. Update of County Issues – WCA 8. Program: <i>Childcare – Local Government Roles and Examples</i> Karl Green and Tywana German 9. Open Discussion of County Issues 10. Next Meeting – October 21, 2024; Marquette County (Roads – Discussion of pavement and longevity) 11. Adjourn <p><i>Join Zoom Meeting</i> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89137201359?pwd=yy7teznWmYFz7bWKBkTE4ZjYwFnzhL.1 <i>Meeting ID: 891 3720 1359</i> <i>Passcode: 156550</i> <i>Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</i></p> <p>Mailing Address UW-Extension, 127 E Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039</p>

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June 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Ben Wehmeier, Jefferson; Steve Nass, Jefferson; Andrew Johnson, Dodge; Morgan McArthur, Extension Sauk County; Marcie Rainbolt, WCA; Ronni Monroe, Anita Martin, Brad Cook, Columbia; Darren Schroeder, Columbia; John Jarvis, Waushara; Jeff Hoffman, Division of Extension; Dave Frohling, Dodge; Elizabeth Chilsen, Jefferson; Donna Haugom, Jefferson; Matt Zangl, Jefferson; Patricia Cicero, Jefferson; Kendell Cooper, Jefferson; Melissa New, Jefferson; Ken Borzick, Marquette.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair McCumber called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Steve Nass
3. **Meeting Certification:** Meeting met Open Meeting certification
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion/2nd Columbia/Marquette. Unanimous approval.
5. **Minutes of 4/15/2024:** Motion/2nd to approve minutes of 4/15/2024: Waushara/Dodge – unanimous approval.
6. **Visiting legislative official:** None
7. **WCA Update:** Marcie Rainbolt gave an update.
8. **Program:** Ben Wehmeier, Jefferson County Administrator, led a team presentation on Jefferson County's response to avian influenza outbreaks and their management. Included were perspectives from Planning, Zoning, GIS, Emergency Management, Emergency Management and the Health Department.
9. **Open Discussion:** None to report.
10. **Next meeting:** August 19 in Juneau County. Topic of Program – Childcare
11. **Adjournment:** Motion/2nd to adjourn: Jefferson/Waushara for adjournment @ 11:17 am

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Sauk Prairie Childcare Analysis

Understanding early learning, its impact on community & a recommended solution to expand childcare slots.



Community-Led Listening Sessions & Childcare Expansion Roadmap Conducted by:

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce - Economic Development Committee, Sauk Prairie Industry Representatives, UW Extension, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. (4-C), and Wisconsin Early Childhood Association



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Desert Status

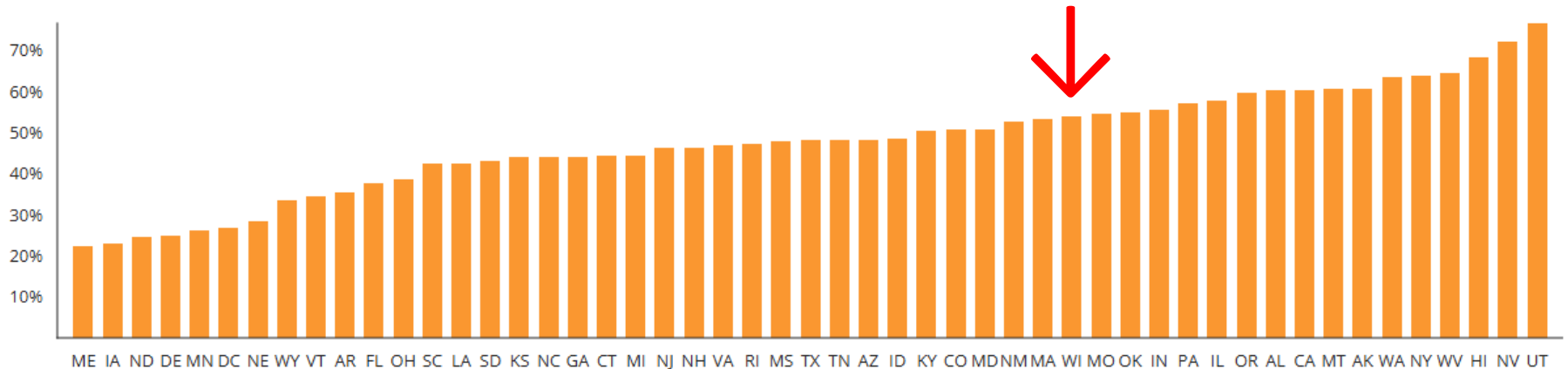
Where does your community fall?

- Childcare gaps result in massive economic losses for community.
- Childcare issues are significantly affecting parents' job decisions.
- Sauk Prairie is in Desert Status...Is Your Community?

Desert Status

is defined as a community with greater than 50 children under age 5 that contain either no childcare providers, or so few that there are more than 3x as many children than licensed childcare slots.

Share of people in child care deserts, by state



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Let's Talk Childcare - Why Employers/Municipal Leaders Should Care

● ○ CHILD CARE AS INFRASTRUCTURE



Research says...

83%
.....

Agree that child care should be a part of economic development policy

82%
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Recognize a lack of affordable, quality, accessible care reduces worker productivity

58%
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Acknowledge an inadequate supply of child care in their community

67%
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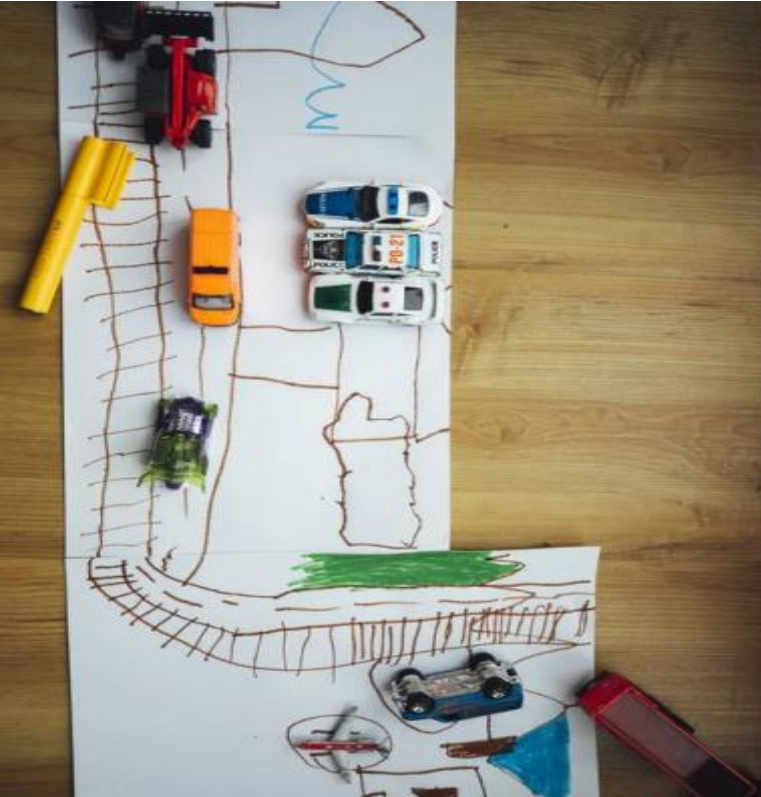
Feel that businesses' ability to attract and retain workers is hurt by a lack of quality child care



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LONG-RANGE PLANNING
keeps families in the community

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Housing
Transportation
Schools
Parks
Child Care



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SOLUTIONS

- Link affordable housing with child care
- Public/Private employers sponsor on- or near- site child care
- Develop child care consortium for employers to participate in
- Employers pay to reserve spots in current or future child care programs
- Shared services approach to new child care developments
- Community reframes child care as supporting city infrastructure and works with local organizations to redevelop child care facilities
- Include child care in CDBG funding



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What others are doing...

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANS	ZONING	PLANNING PRACTICES
Child care is a specific goal for municipal planning	Zoning ordinances changed to allow child care in office zones	Fast track permits for child care programs
New residential or commercial projects require a child care needs assessment	Child care facility opened in office park	Step-by-step child care permit guides developed

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Where do I begin?

Convene, listen, envision & encourage...

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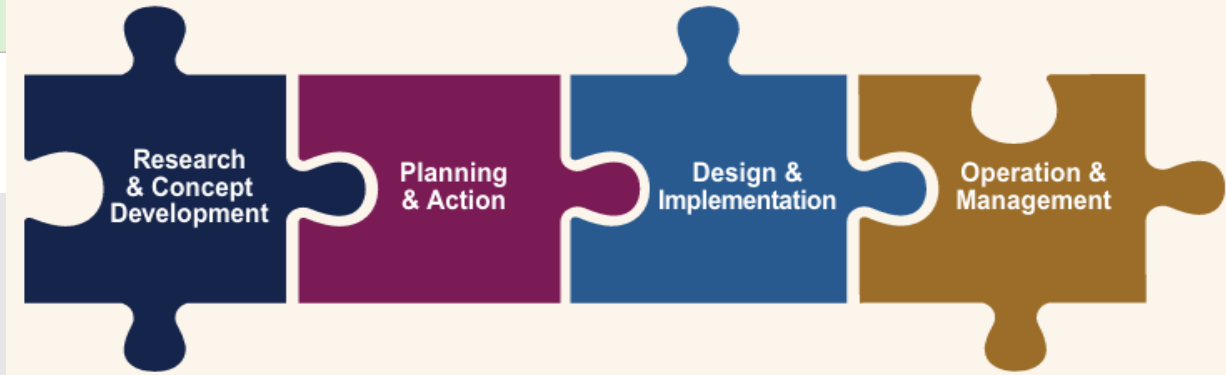
Shared Services - developing child care in spaces where infrastructure already exists, (i.g. hospitals, large business)

Public/Private partnerships with various funders and school district contributing to the costs of facility.

Community Partnerships

Affordable housing developments include both a small child care center and a residential unit for family child care.

Stipends offered to those currently offering FFN care or illegal care to become regulated and further their education



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...Bringing the community out of childcare desert status through collaboration.

VISION

The goal of the Community Approach to early learning services (infants to age five) is to achieve emotional, educational, societal, and medical well-being of all children and families.

This approach blends funding of public and private resources to distribute learning programs and resources community-wide more efficiently, and offers many benefits to children, families, schools, and communities.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BENEFITS

According to the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI), this model:

- Strengthens the school district's ability to plan entrance into kindergarten.
- Improves preparation of children into public schools
- Increases contact between school districts and parents of young children
- Helps school districts understand the needs and challenges of early childhood programs
- Increases accessibility of special services
- Ensure Access to Integrated, Inclusive Programs
- Enables school districts to design unique programs that fit their communities.



"The first five years are the most critical in the development of a child's brain. During these early years, children begin to develop their cognitive, social, emotional, and language skills and start to relate to and interact with the world around them. From birth to age three, children grow and learn at the most intense rate; these are the years when children are learning how to learn" - ICW Early Childhood Report 2010



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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Achieving a world-class education system in community begins with high-quality early learning opportunities for children birth to age five. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has developed an Early Childhood Education Initiative that will focus on early learning as an investment in workforce development.

Adopting this model ensures that Sauk Prairie Riverway businesses can assist in impacting the workforce pipeline by:

- Helping drive the national debate about early learning education policies and programs with the WI Department of Instruction and elected state and federal leaders.
- Develop an early childhood education business network to exchange best practices on policies, programs and partnerships with our local district and state education leadership entities.
- Collaborate with the local and state chambers that are active and interested in investing in our earliest learners, tomorrow's workers.

PROPOSAL

1. Identify the need in the community as it relates to early learning childcare slots.

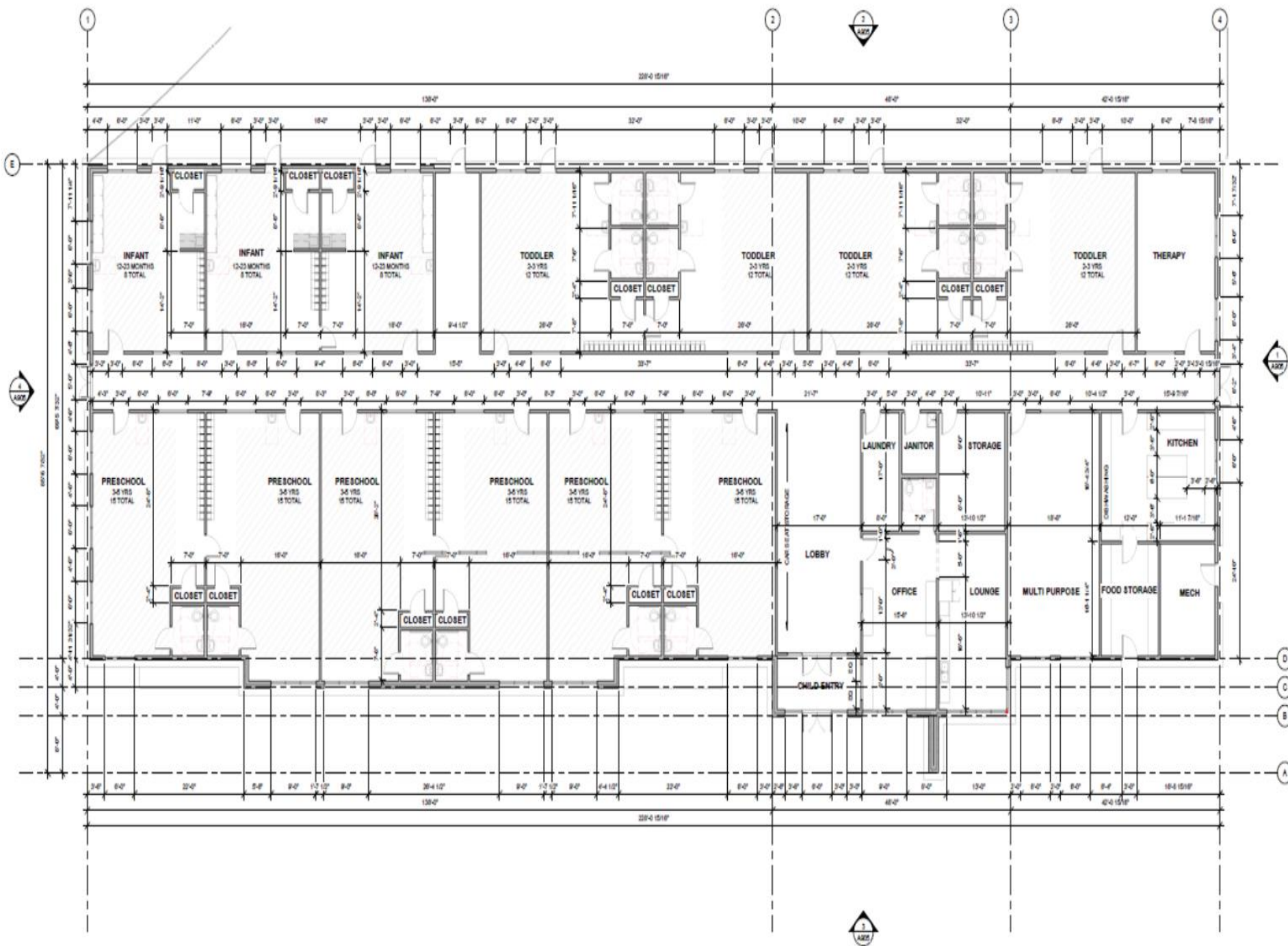
- ✓ The Sauk Prairie Riverway community has been identified as a childcare desert, with 500 additional slots needed in the community.
- ✓ The need for childcare slots under the Wisconsin Shares Subsidy is needed in the community.

2. Identify a location to serve the maximum number of students, while maintaining quality standards for children, and improving wages & benefits for workers.

- ✓ Six locations were reviewed, and it was determined that a 12,000 sq. ft. new building is needed to maximize the number of students and to generate revenue to accommodate early learning workers salary & benefit needs.
- ✓ The building will allow for state licensure of 162 student occupancy, with 24 (Infant to age 2), 48 (Toddlers 2 & 3), 60 (Preschool 3s), 30 (Preschool 4s). In year one, we budget 80% occupancy, serving 129 students with 16 (Infant to age 2), 46 (Toddlers 2 & 3), 46 (Preschool 3s), and 21 (Preschool 4s).
- ✓ Develop an annual operating budget to ensure that the village-owned building and the school district-operated center will not cost the residents of Sauk Prairie additional tax dollars. A \$2,019,984 annual budget was drafted and supports the services needed in year-one to accommodate 129 students and 27 workers. (see pg. 6) A year two and beyond budget of \$2,315,520 was developed and will support a 95% occupancy rate in future years serving 153 students and 30 workers. (see pg. 6) The budget developed does offer liveable wages, healthcare, and retirement benefits to workers in the range of \$17 - \$30/hr.



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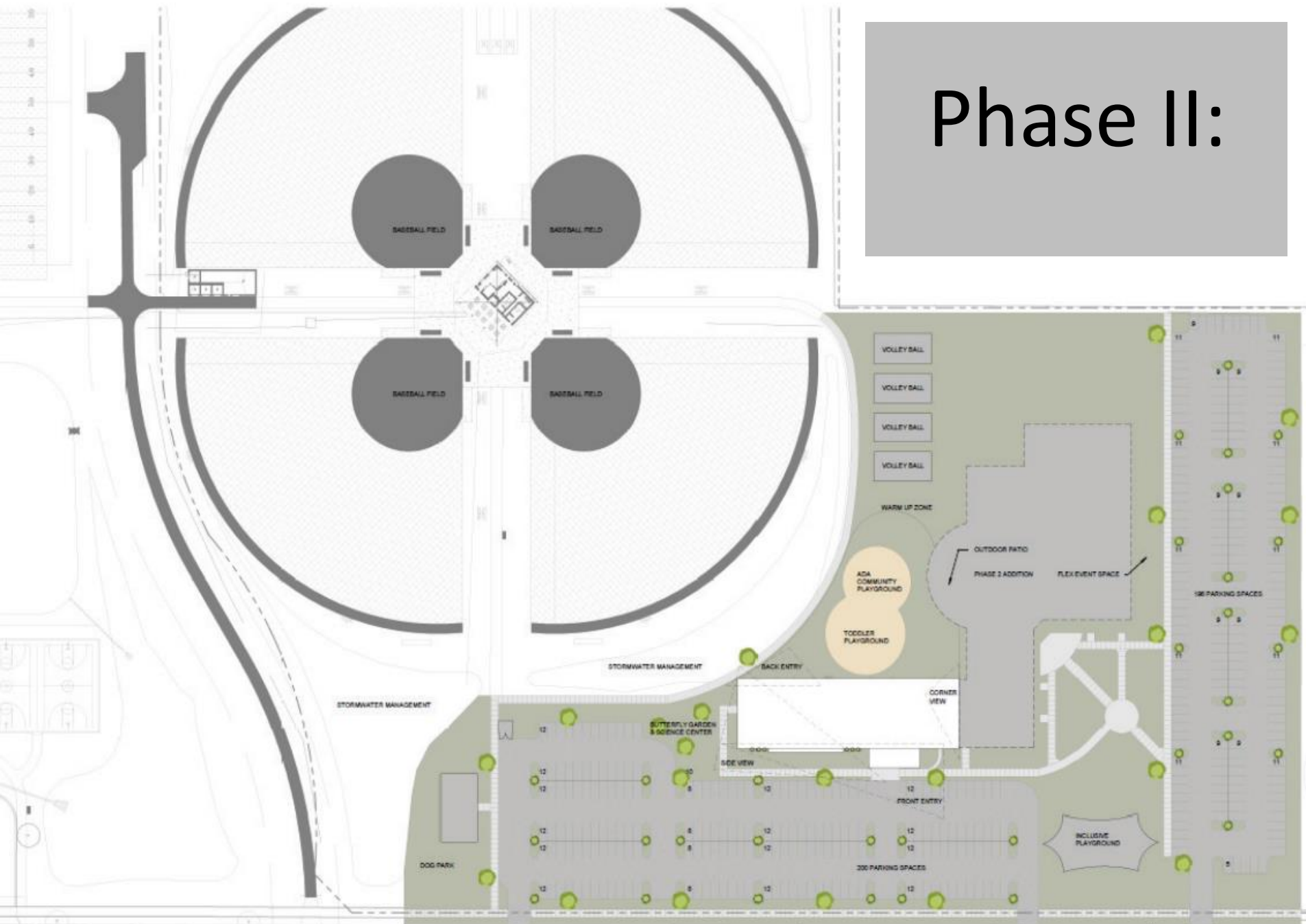


Culver Community Park

Village owned park – phase I...



Phase II:



Phase 2: Future Amenities



- 12,000 sq. ft. Childcare Center to Serve 160 children; Wisconsin Subsidy Eligible, Sauk Prairie School District will operate the center, being the FIRST School District in Sauk and surrounding counties to offer public education for Infants to Grade 12.
- 12,000 sq. ft. Inclusive Playground to serve residents, visitors and students of the childcare center.
- Parking Lot, 251 stalls
- Four Baseball / Softball Fields, Lighted, Turf Infield
- Four Sand Volleyball Courts
- Concession Building & Equipment
- Security Cameras & Lighting for Phase 2
- Maintenance & Operations Equipment



Fundraising & Timeline:

Total Project Cost (Phase 1 & Phase 2) | \$22,797,455
Total Raised to Date | Including Grants | \$14,686,811, or 64%

\$8 Million Total Dollars Needed to Complete Park & Childcare Center...How Can You Help?

Strategy:

- 60 - day fundraising campaign to finalize fundraising for \$8 million.
- 3-year payout terms | \$2.66 million per year / # of Donors
- Any additional grants will be credited back to outstanding pledge amounts.

Timeline:

- Childcare Center Operational Summer 2025
- Field Space Fall 2025

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RESOURCES



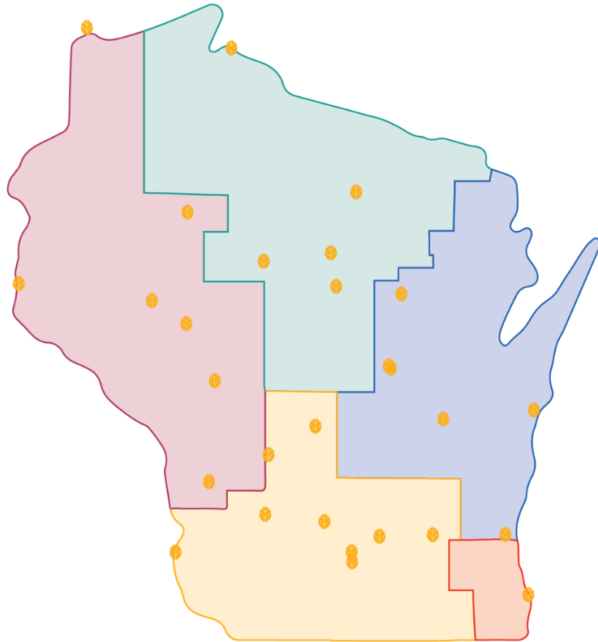
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RESOURCES:

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
Review communities who received DREAM UP! Grants and learn from them – there are unique solutions out there.



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City of Sun Prairie
City of Viroqua
Dodge County
Rusk County
Marathon County
Richland County
Waupaca County

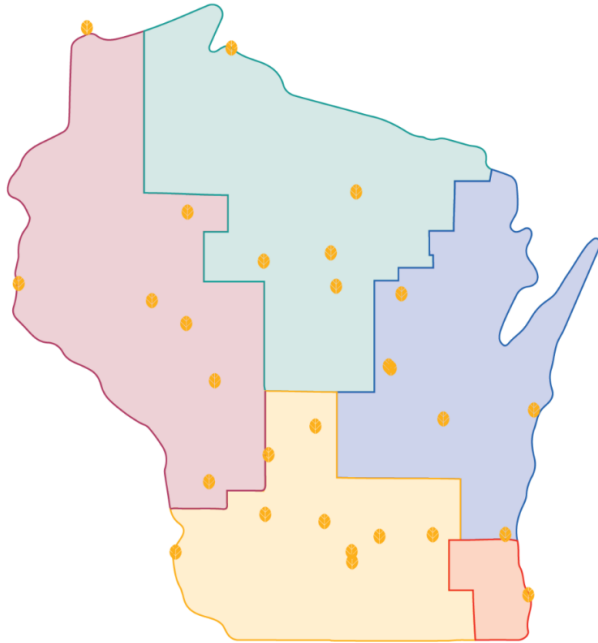
City of Oshkosh
City of Superior
City of Waupaca
Jackson County
Sauk Prairie
Manitowoc County
Lincoln County
Winnebago County



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RESOURCES:

Department of Administration (CDBG) program:

The Community Development Block Grant program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency.

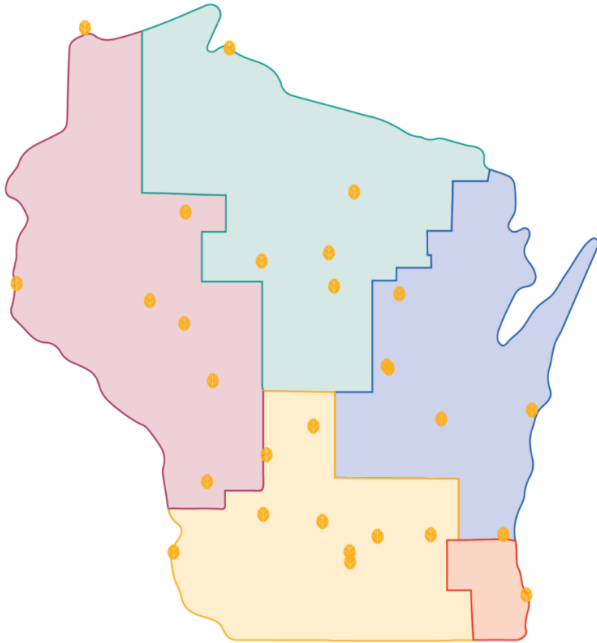
Could you serve students who are greater than 51% LMI?
If so, this can open market rate slots for higher income earning families while expanding overall childcare slots.



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RESOURCES:

Rural Development Funding for communities with less than 50,000 populations, with priority given to those communities with <20,000.

- Low Interest Loans
- Longer loan terms



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THANK YOU!
Q&A



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