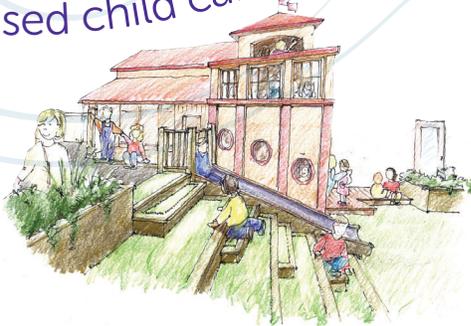




Products & Services

for licensed child care centers & non-profit organizations



FUNDING: Rhode Island Child Care Facilities Fund offers three different funding products to assist you in making your facility dreams come true:

- **FACILITY PLANNING GRANTS:** A limited and competitive pool of funds exists to make grants to qualified organizations so that they can secure professional services to plan for and assess the feasibility of both indoor and outdoor facility projects. Qualified services might include things such as architectural services, engineering studies, and environmental surveys.
- **RECOVERABLE GRANTS:** To cover pre-development costs, such as an option on a site, architectural drawings, environmental and engineering review, legal and project management fees, the RICCF makes "recoverable grants" that function like zero-interest loans. The amount of recoverable grant funds provided will vary based on the size and needs of the project and may range from \$10,000 - \$100,000.
- **LOANS:** Offered at low interest rates, with flexible terms, loans ranging from \$50,000 - \$3 million are made to eligible organizations for the construction and renovation of child care facilities.

HOW TO PROCEED:

Contact us by phone or e-mail to discuss the next steps in applying for technical assistance services or funding of any kind. After learning more about your facility priorities and needs our staff will guide you in the next steps of the application process. Priority for all services and funding is given to centers that enroll a high percentage of children receiving DHS child care subsidy and that have a demonstrated commitment to high quality, including active participation in the BrightStars system.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: RICCF staff and consultants are available to provide technical assistance to qualified organizations that are undertaking facility renovation and construction projects. Our staff and consultants cannot take the place of your architect and real estate development team, but can offer assistance in helping you navigate the steps in the real estate development process and can help connect you to resources that will support you and your real estate team through the often complicated process of designing and constructing a child care facility. In addition, for centers serving large numbers of high needs children, limited assistance is available to help with organizing and improving the overall learning environment in existing facilities.

TRAINING AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Visit our website www.rilisc.org for information on upcoming training events and currently available resources.



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Resource Guides & Tools for Rhode Island Child Care Centers



LISC's Rhode Island Child Care Facilities Fund has developed a series of "how-to" guides to assist organizations that are planning to renovate, construct or improve their facilities. Contact RICCF for your copies or download them today at www.rilisc.org.



VOLUME 1 on **Child Care Center Facilities Development & Financing** identifies all of the steps in the real estate development and financing process, and helps child care providers and their development partners overcome the hurdles that every project faces.



VOLUME 2 on **Child Care Center Design** highlights the important connection between well-designed space and high quality programming, and helps child care providers and their architects plan an effective space for young children.



VOLUME 3 on **Child Care Center Equipment & Furnishings** will help child care providers and others select and arrange classroom furniture and equipment to create a child-safe and child-friendly, functional and attractive learning environment.



VOLUME 4 on **Child Care Center Playgrounds** will help with the planning of a child care center's outdoor space to achieve a successful environment for young children. It suggests equipment and materials that support a range of activities that children can enjoy outdoors.



Greening Early Childhood Centers. helps organizations understand best practices in green design, specifically for children's environments. It includes information on simple changes that centers can make today.



Creating Quality School-Age Child Care Space reflects best practices in the design and improvement of after-school environments for children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Visit www.rilisc.org and enter your email to sign up for the RICCF eNews which is filled with helpful tips and information about newly available resources. Please select "Child Care List" when you subscribe.



As a companion piece to the resource guides, RICCF developed a **Child Care Center Physical Environment Checklist** as a tool to help centers assess the quality of their indoor and outdoor physical environment. This comprehensive tool allows center staff, parents, and board members to review all of the different functional areas in the space, rate the quality, and take next steps to address space-related issues.



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