



Milford Childhood

LEARNING CENTER



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WHY MILFORD?

ONLY 2 INFANT SPOTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE



CURRENT CAPACITY

= 50% childcare access gap

Current childcare access in Milford:

- Based on recent data, there are an estimated **71 children** ages 0-6, with all parents working outside the home, without access to licensed childcare. Within these spots, there are only **2 infant spots** for children 6 weeks - 18 months of age. The waitlist for these spots exceeds the rate of infancy.
- Seward County as a whole has an estimated **303 child gap**.



As our community and county grow, the childcare crisis continues to worsen.

Early Childhood Impact:

- **The first three years of life are critical for a child's development.**
- Children in Milford deserve stimulating, nurturing, safe, and educational facilities to attend that help ensure future success.



Economic Impact:

- Lack of access to childcare causes businesses to struggle to recruit and retain employees.
- This causes a **\$4.3m economic impact** on Seward County annually.



Families are choosing to live elsewhere where quality childcare is available.

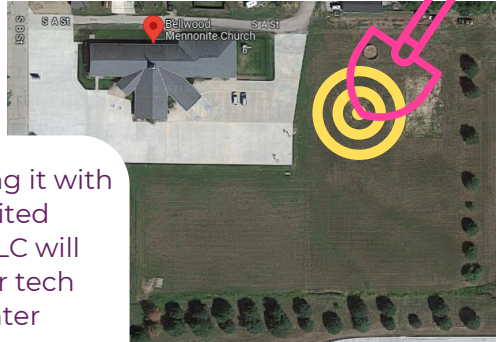
Adequate childcare creates an overflow of prosperity that will trickle to families, businesses, the community, Seward County, and the entire state of Nebraska.

THE MCLC PLAN

The Milford Childhood Learning Center plans to open a new childcare center to address the gap in access to care.

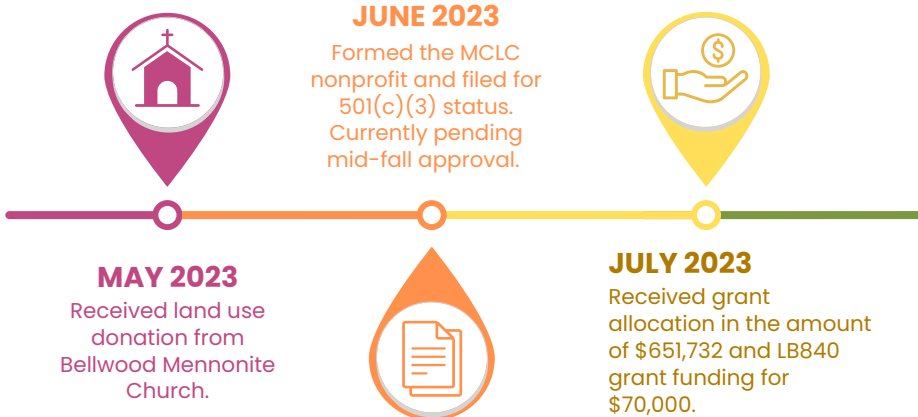
LOCATION

Bellwood Mennonite Church has generously leased use of their land to build the childcare center in hopes of pairing it with their Montessori-accredited preschool program. MCLC will modify the SCC modular tech home as a childcare center once completed.



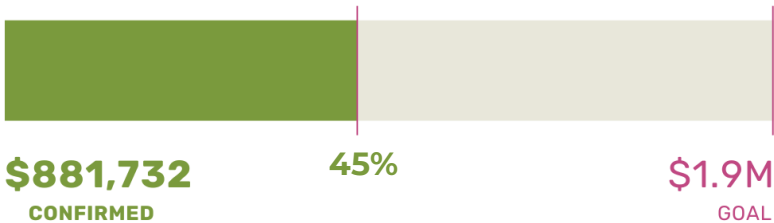
GRANT FUNDING

The MCLC applied for and was awarded a \$651k furnishment grant for childcare expansion from DHHS. ***Put simply; the state will pay for all the items inside if the community builds the structure on the outside.***



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our goal of \$1.9 million supports a fully built, furnished, and operational childcare center.



COMMUNITY INVESTORS

Your financial investment in the Milford Childhood Learning Center will help provide access to quality childcare for families in Milford.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Engaging in positive and informative conversations with other community members creates momentum and helps educate others on this deeply impactful solution. **Please contact MCLC to learn more about becoming a community advocate.**



COMMUNITY INVESTORS

The MCLC has currently obtained \$881,732* in funding through grants and private community donations, 45% of the entire capital campaign goal.

**As of August 14, 2023. Check the MCLC website for updates.*

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Gifts of \$2,500 or greater will be recognized collectively through a donor recognition platform and be displayed prominently at the new center.

- **Goldenrod Sponsor Gifts over \$50,000**
- **Emerald Sponsor Gifts over \$25,000**
- **Sapphire Sponsor Gifts over \$10,000**
- **Violet Sponsor Gifts over \$5,000**
- **Magenta Sponsor Gifts over \$2,500**

Make check payable to:

Milford Childhood Learning Center
521 First Street, PO Box 10, Milford, NE 68405

*We encourage donations **over \$1,000** to be made via check or transfer to abate credit card processing fees. MCLC has accounts at both Farmers & Merchants Bank and Jones Bank.*

MCLC has a pending 501(c)(3) application; once approved, all **current and future donations will qualify for tax deductibility. All donors will be notified of application results via email.*



FAQ

Who is a part of the MCLC team?

Voting Board Members include:

- Katie Spohn
- Tim Springer
- Dr. Brandon Henley

Visit [MilfordChildhood.com/About](https://www.MilfordChildhood.com/About) for more MCLC team members.

What are your strategies for staffing the center?

The MCLC has a nonprofit business structure. This allows for two staffing strategies:

- The organization will not pay taxes on net earnings, resulting in greater resources for wages.
- The MCLC does not have an 'owner.' All revenues are reinvested into the center.

Our goal for net earnings is to benefit providers, parents, and children.

I am in need of childcare. Are there openings?

Enrollment will open once we reach specific donor milestone goals. Families interested in enrolling at the center can visit www.MilfordChildhood.com/Family and complete a family discovery form.

How many children will the new center hold?

We plan to accommodate 35+ children. MCLC is prioritizing increasing access to infant care in Milford.

Things seem like they are moving fast. Why?

Grant funding has dictated the timeline. The \$651k grant requires us to become licensed and operational by December 31, 2023.





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