

Children First Enterprises



Children First, a small early education and out-of-school time program in Granby, outgrew their existing program space. The original building was less than 1,000 square feet and was crowded, cramped and cluttered. There was no space for play when weather kept the children indoors and no quiet, private place for staff to work or meet with parents.

After attending one of the CIF's "Building Stronger Centers" trainings, Children First worked closely with the CIF to plan the expansion and renovation project. Children First purchased the original site, including approximately 3.5 acres of the surrounding meadowland and wetlands, and built a 5,000 square foot addition.

The bigger, brighter indoor space features an indoor active play area, bathrooms right off the classrooms, activity areas for different kinds of play and staff office and conference space. The outdoor play space, called the "Big Backyard" offers the children the opportunity to reconnect with nature in an engaging and inspirational way.

# Children Served	120
# Slots Improved	?
# Slots Added	40
# Employees	18
Total Project Cost	\$1,700,000
Size of Program Space	6,000 square ft.
Time to Complete	3 years
Sources of Funds	Children's Investment Fund Grant and Loan Bank USDA Rural Housing Service



For more information about Children First, visit their website:
www.childrenfirstofgranby.org.