

**How will the Child Care Center Operate?** The Child Care Center will operate as a non-profit entity (Kiddie Cats Child Care & Learning Center) governed by a Board of Directors.

**How is the school system integrated with this program?** The Humboldt Community School District will provide advice about curriculum, basic site needs and will allow the Child Care Center use of its media center, library, cafeteria, playground (when appropriate) and other amenities available from the school. Mirroring the Child Care Center curriculum with that of the School will help ensure the children in the Center are receiving quality educational activities and lessons.

**Who will be in charge, make final decisions?** The Center will be under the daily supervision of the Center Director who will report directly to the Board of Directors or a Board Committee if necessary.

**What will be startup/ongoing expenses?** Startup costs-include furniture, fixtures and equipment of approximately \$200,000.

**How will it be financed?** The project costs, including FF&E, are expected to be approximately \$2 million. \$500,000 will be financed through USDA Rural Development with the remaining being fundraised locally.

**How much and how long will fundraising be needed?** The fundraising goal is \$1.5 million for startup and construction, but annual fundraising efforts (on a smaller scale) will be conducted to assist with operating expenses.

**How does it cash flow and why is it a sound investment?** The Center will cash flow at capacity based upon the number of children serviced. This is a sound investment largely due to the structure. The Center is owned and operated by a non-profit and will operate with no debt service allowing all revenue to be applied toward operating expenses.

**What is the responsibility of local public entities?** The City of Humboldt, the City of Dakota City, Humboldt County, Humboldt County Memorial Hospital and Humboldt Community School District will enter into a 28E agreement to service the debt on the \$500,000 USDA loan. Beyond that, there is no further obligation.

**Any costs to citizens?** Beyond private donation requests, no additional cost to the citizens in the form of additional tax levies.

**How will the project be presented to public who have no personal use for the facility, but may be asked to contribute?** This is a COMMUNITY project and community donations are vital for the success of the Center. This project is needed for a variety of reasons, including the communities' sustainability and business growth and sustainability. Regardless of personal use, the facility aims to provide an amenity the communities need to ensure future growth. For these reasons, individuals without a direct need may still be asked to contribute financially.

**Any perks or incentives/recognition in return for investment from private donors?** Please see the Sponsorship Levels in this packet.

**Is there a design in place for the center?** Yes, a Board Committee has been formed and been working with the architects to draft a plan that will be presented for bid in late summer.

**What is the projected timeline for start of project to finish?** The timeline allows for the project to be bid in the summer, with construction beginning in the fall and a projected open date of March 2017.

**What is the expected and maximum enrollment and what ages?** The Center can service approximately 110 children from ages 0+.

**What will be the anticipated hours of operation?** While not finalized it is projected that the Center operate from 6AM-6PM Monday-Friday.

**What are the rates structures?** The rates will be established by the Board of Directors once a final design is approved by the Board.

**Can a family "hold" a spot for a child or an upcoming birth, or a summer when child care isn't needed?** No, not without being charged for the spot as if the child were present. Due to demand, spots cannot be held or reserved without paying for the spot as required for the occupied spots.

**Do charges apply if a child does not come due to sickness or time away for vacations, etc.?** The Board will develop a sickness and vacation policy allowing children a specific number of absences annually in which parents would not be required to pay.

**Will there be a sick room available for children of parents who cannot take time away from work?** No, a sick room is not being planned for the facility.

**Will there be a waiting list?** Yes, a waiting list will be established and maintained as the Center operates.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS