

MISSION AND VISION

The Leo Augusta Children's Academy of Blooming Prairie will provide a much-needed children's development and care facility within the heart of the underserved southeastern Minnesota rural area. The initiative is supported in part by a gift of commercial buildings, land, and a monetary donation from Craig & Robyn Kruckeberg, and family.

The Academy's name stems from Craig's parents' middle names, Lorraine Augusta and Delmond Leo Kruckeberg. Craig and Robyn, their parents, and broader family have been rural Minnesota businesspeople for generations. As working families, they themselves experienced gaps in childcare. They recognize the value that these additional resources will bring to the surrounding communities, supporting continued workforce growth and participation.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE

Recruiting and retaining new businesses, employees, and families

Enabling parents to be more productive and less absent at work

Strengthening and feeding the pipeline for a skilled future workforce

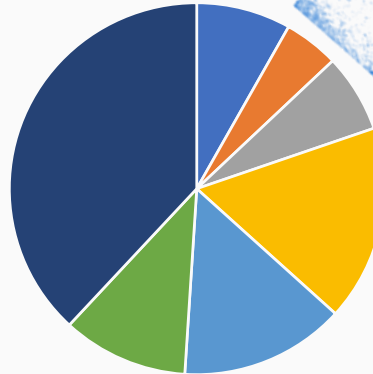
THE CONNECTION IS CLEAR

When our children thrive, so do our communities. Investing in early care and education is not only the right thing to do for our youngest citizens, but the best thing to do for our economic growth and prosperity.

THE NEED

AGES OF CHILDREN NEEDING CARE
99 respondents, 2018 BP Survey

- Infant
- 1 Year
- 2 Years
- 3 Years
- 4 Years
- 5 Years
- School Age



Blooming Prairie has limited childcare availability with 13 Family Child Care providers, many of which are considered as at-risk for retirement or return to the mainstream workforce. In absence of available openings, many families are faced with the decision to take their child(ren) out of town for care.



THE FACILITY

The LACA business preparations are in full swing and we can't share all the details with you! We are looking forward to building a facility that will have the ability to provide care and support to more than 100 children.

The completed facility will include over 18,000 square feet of building and land renovations occupying over 3 acres. The academy is planned to open its doors in early 2022.

"If employees can't find quality care for their children, they won't work for you. They won't move to your community, or they'll be forced to move away, or they might have to consider quitting their job to stay home with their children because they have no other option."

KRIS BEVELL

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