

COMMUNITY ISSUE

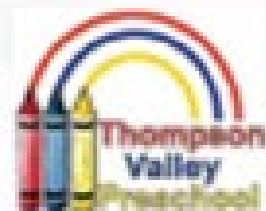
BRIEFING

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Welcome!

Childcare: The Economy & our Future

Thursday, April 13



Why Does Early Childhood Matter?

THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG HEALTH AND SUCCESS

- A child that has an affordable and quality early education program will be better prepared for kindergarten, read earlier, be more likely to graduate high school and attend college, earn a higher wage, live a healthier life and have better developed life skills.

Childcare Access in Larimer County

THE STATE OF THE SECTOR:
Access and Affordability

\$12,000 per year

The average cost Larimer County families pay per year per child for childcare, often \$16-20k for an infant.

75% shortage

in childcare access for families with infants who cannot find care. 40% with preschoolers who cannot find care.

37% of income

(based on an average median HHI of \$64,919)
Spent on childcare for a family of four with two kids under the age of 5

What we're doing about it

A solutions-oriented approach

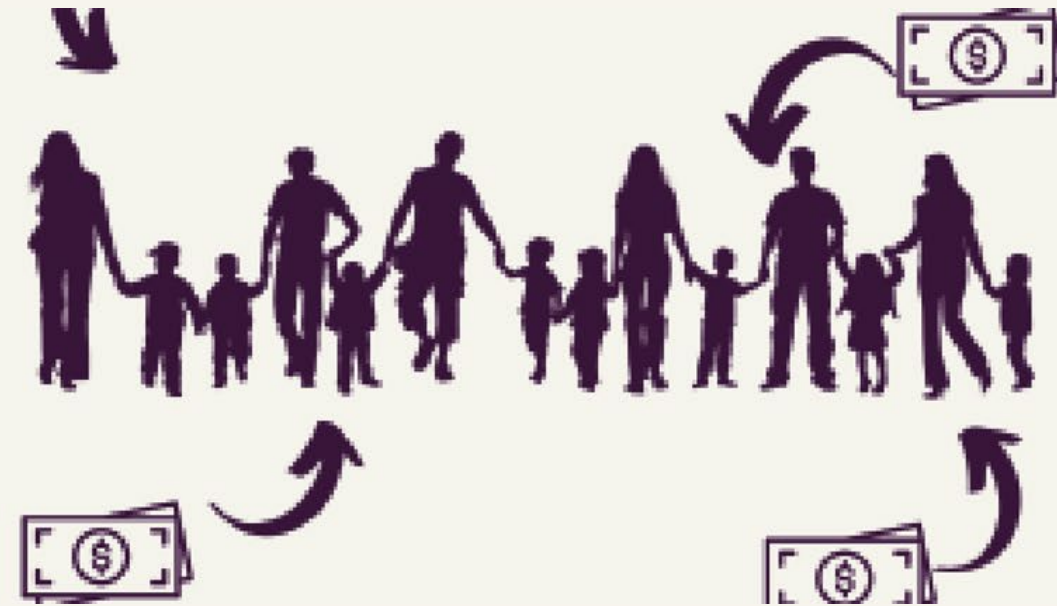
- Larimer Child Care Connect
- Larimer Child Care Fund (in partnership with United Way)
- Workforce Roadmap report
- Larimer Thrive by Five
- 2023 Ballot Initiative

How will this help?

HOW DO WE SOLVE THE ACCESS CRISIS?

Up to \$10M distributed directly to Larimer County families to offset the cost of child care tuition

*See Appendix A



Up to \$2M invested into capital projects to increase the number of programs in Larimer County through new builds and renovation of existing spaces.



Up to \$7M invested into the early childhood workforce through recruitment and retention strategies, and salary supplementation

How will this help?

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UP TO
7000
CHILDREN UNDER 5 WILL SEE
CHILDCARE TUITION OFFSETS
*MEETS APPROX 60% OF TOTAL NEED

Approx. 1000 early childhood educators will see their annual income increase



Larimer County can expect to see positive economic gains as a result of increased access to childcare



Up to 85% of ECE programs in Larimer County will receive quality improvement and workforce support



Early Childhood Council
of LARIMER COUNTY

How did we get here?

WHY IS THIS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

- Partnership with United Way to explore public funding options in 2021
- 17 member steering committee
- Public polling
- Research on other options
- Lessons learned



Questions?

For more info, or to get involved:

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www.ecclc.org

www.larimerthrivebyfive.org

Community Foundation Presentation

Teaching Tree Mission

Two-part mission:

- Teaching Tree provides quality, affordable, early childhood care so families can work toward self-sufficiency
- While parents work or attend school, their children receive care that prepares them for school and lifelong success



Teaching Tree Locations

Fort Collins

- 424 Pine St.
- Founded in 1970
- Licensed for 217 children, 12 classrooms
- Serve 300 children/year – 6 weeks-age 5

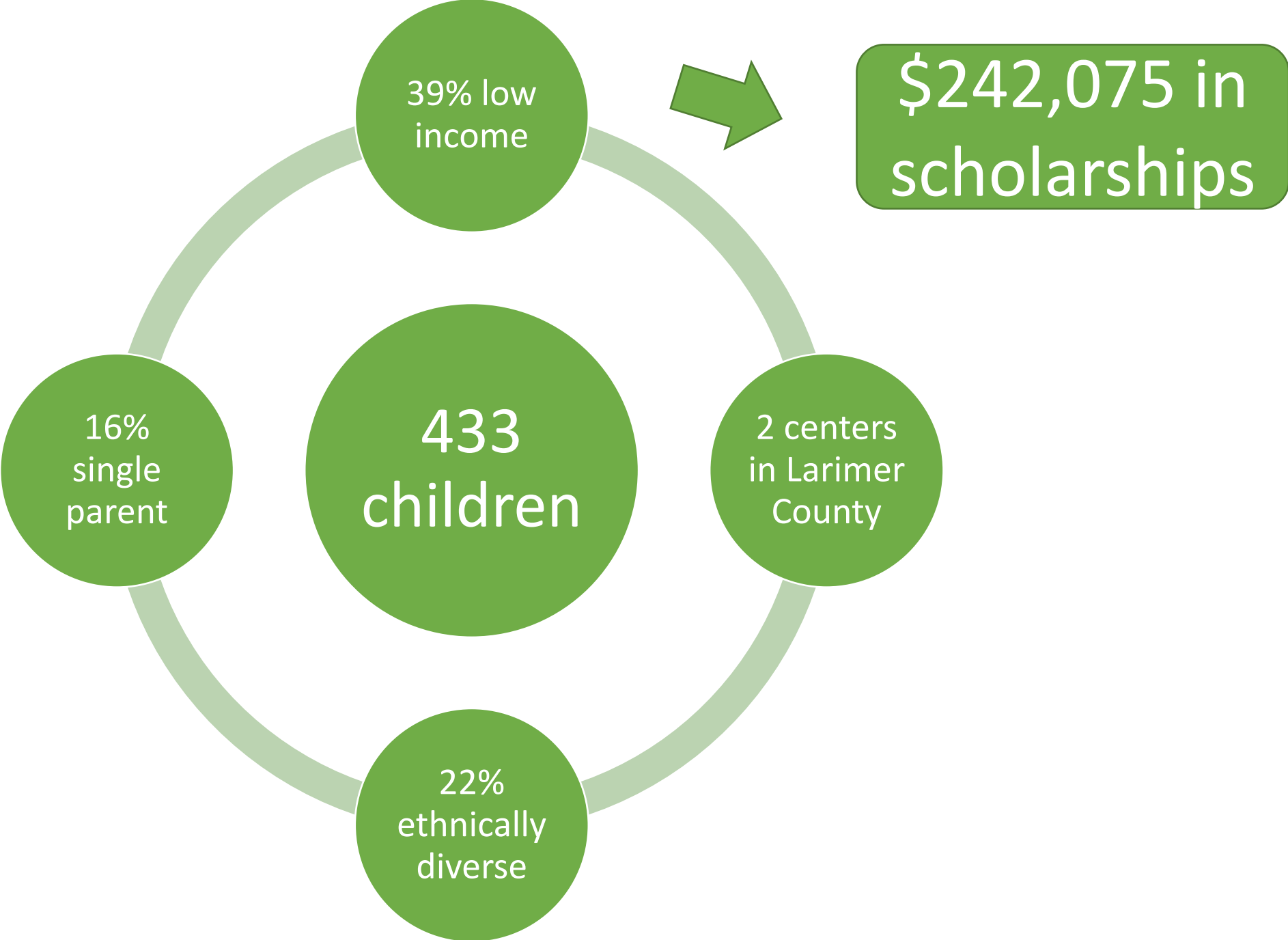


Loveland

- 2109 Maple Dr.
- Founded in 1988
- Licensed for 49 children, 3 classrooms
- Serve 100 children/year – 1 year-age 5



2022 Statistics

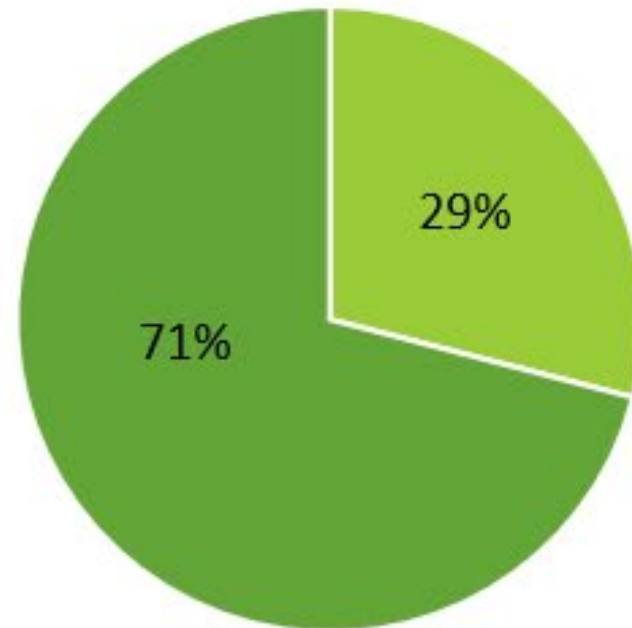


Sliding Fee Matters

Single parent making \$13.65 per hour

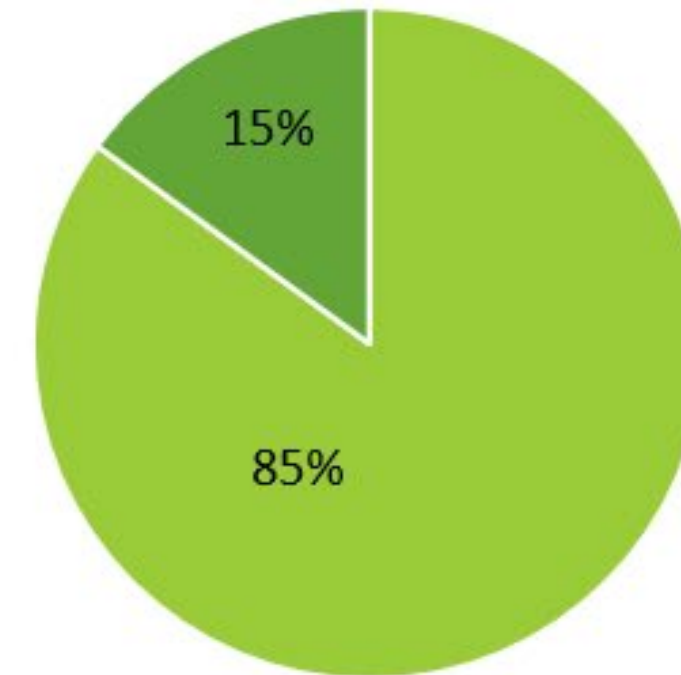
Full Pay Tuition:

- Total income: \$28,392
- Full pay infant childcare: \$20,280



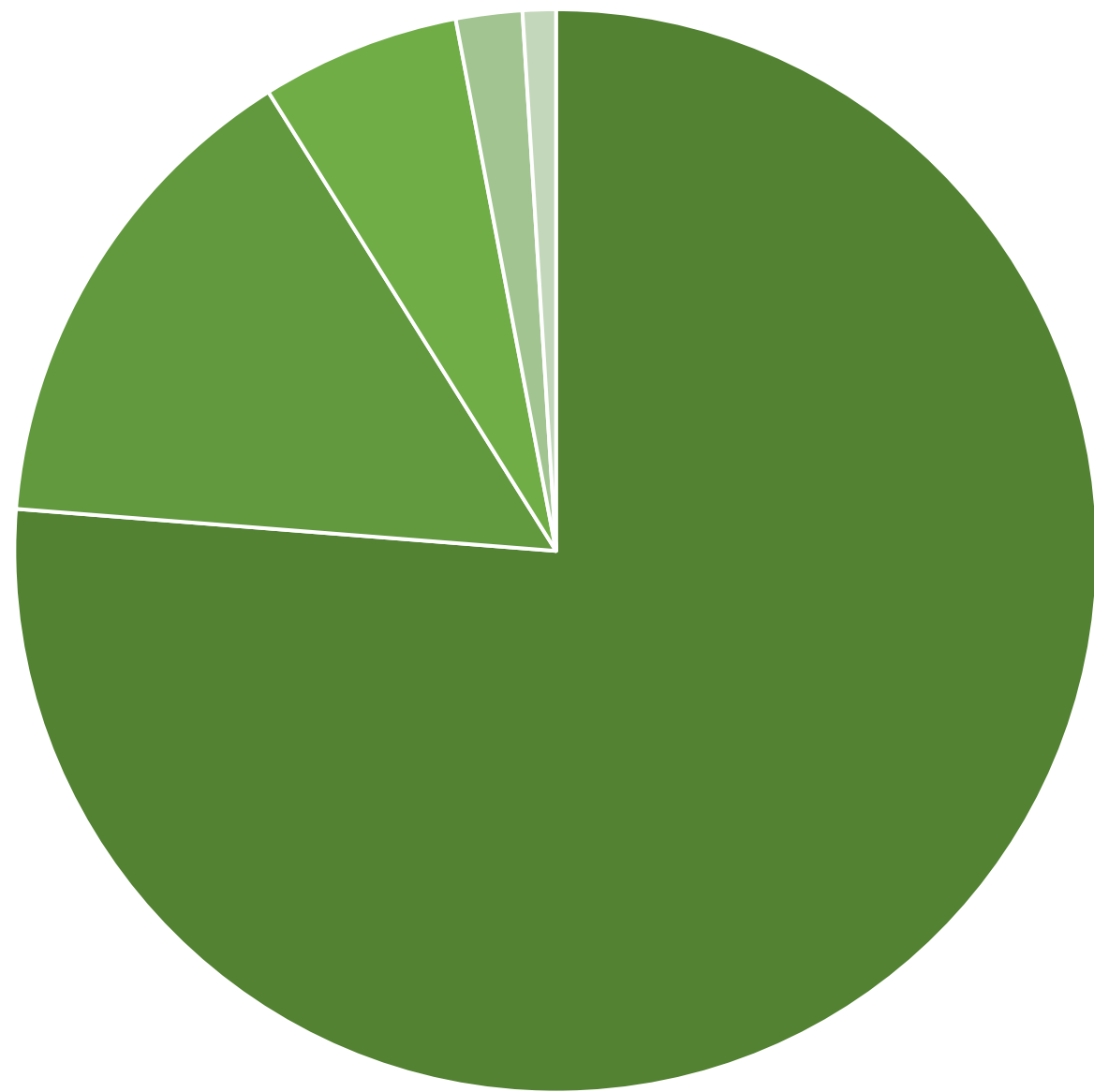
Discount Tuition:

- Total income: \$28,392
- Discount tuition: \$4,080



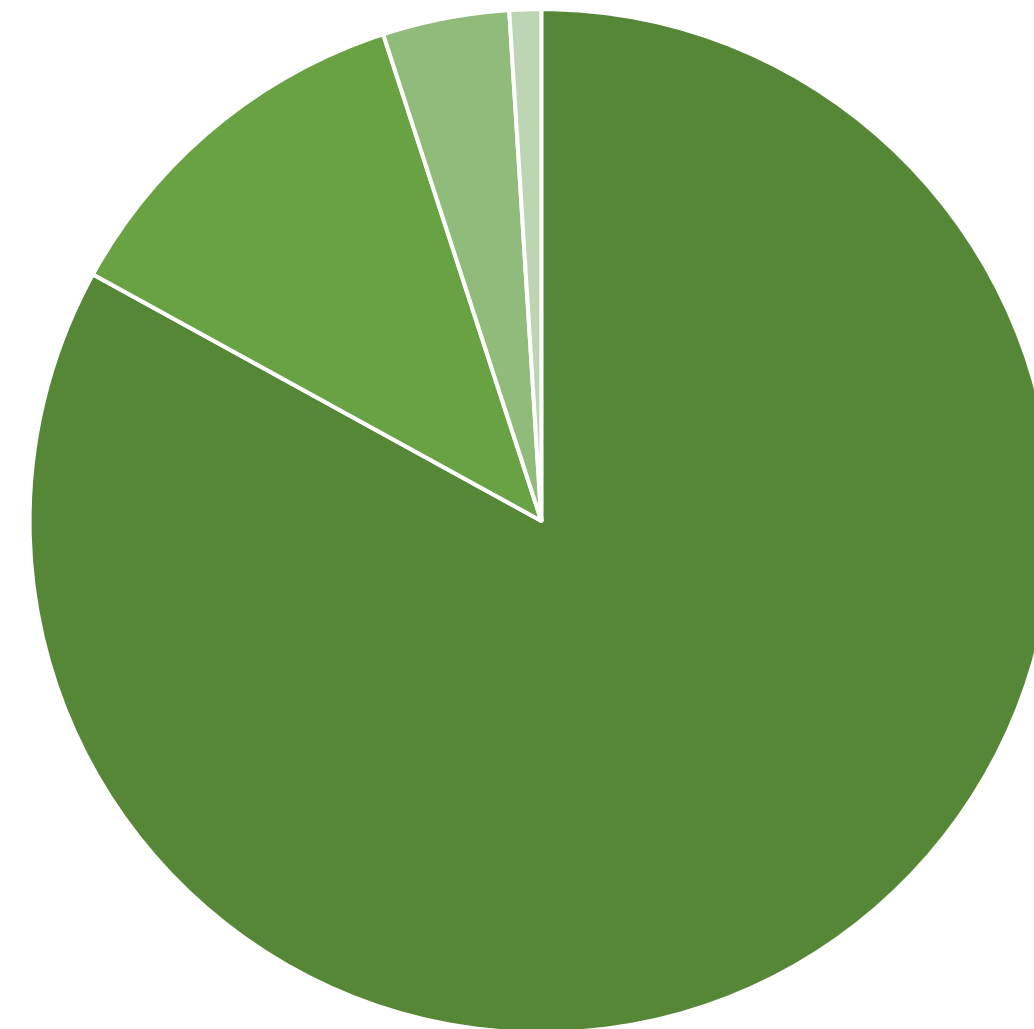
Teaching Tree Budget

2022 Sources of Income



■ Program Revenue ■ Govt. Funding ■ Grants ■ Fundraising/Investment ■ Other

Program Expense



■ Payroll ■ Program ■ Facility ■ Marketing

Workforce Opportunities

- Paid internships through Larimer County workforce services
- Practicum student host site through Aims CC, Front Range CC, UNC & CSU
- Partnership with PSD high school students



Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF LARIMER COUNTY

Our Mission & History

- Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.
- BGCLC began as a single teen center in Fort Collins in 1986
- Affiliation with Boys & Girls Clubs of America in 1989
- 15 Clubs in Larimer County, serving nearly 2,500 youth every year
 - Fort Collins: 2 Clubs
 - Wellington: 2 Clubs
 - Loveland: 10 Clubs
 - Estes Park: 1 Club



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Our Focus

- Affordability - Clubs are the most affordable options in Larimer County, \$20 per year/ per child
- Accessibility - Clubs are located where they are needed most and are open daily after school from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during summer and school breaks
- Safe Environment - Clubs are safe & fun spaces for ALL youth and offer opportunities for learning, growing friendships and self-confidence and creating a sense of belonging
- Summer program runs for 9 weeks from June - August, Monday-Friday 7:30am-6:00pm.



Our Programming

- Academics: Reading, STEM, Math, Tutoring, Engineering
- Healthy Lifestyles: gym, sports, athletics
- Technology: coding, typing, internet safety
- Art (Visual & Performing): painting, drawing, theater
- Workforce Readiness (12+): resume writing, soft-skill development – Summer of Discovery
- Social-emotional: problem solving, resiliency building, mentoring
- Behavioral health team onsite – 1:1 counseling, group learning, family resource support, staff trainings
- Youth of the Year Competition



New Child Care Campus in Loveland

- First campus in Larimer County to provide multiple child care providers and family-serving partners in one location
- United Way of Larimer County, Teaching Tree, and Early Childhood Council of Larimer County and BGCLC
- Youth between the ages of 0-18 can receive childcare and youth development, including mental health services and social-emotional learning programs
- At capacity, will serve 350 children per day and provide wrap-around services for local families in need
- BGCLC will complete purchase in May; renovations to begin in summer 2023, with a tentative opening date in early 2024



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QUESTIONS?



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BRIEFING



Next Month:

Immigration Today

How does Northern Colorado support our Newest Residents

Thursday, May 11

Featuring:

Community Dreamer Fund
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