



# Sector Profile

## Child Care and Early Education

**IFF supports nonprofit child care centers serving low-income communities by offering affordable real estate financing and consulting to help increase capacity. And, since making its first loan to a child care center in 1990, IFF has helped increase capacity in its 5-state region by over 4,500 slots.**

### IFF Child Care Borrowers and Clients (Representative List)

- Alton Day Care and Learning Center
- Before and After School Enrichment, Inc.
- Bethel Educational Services
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- Center for Children's Services
- Chicago Child Care Society
- Chicago Commons Association
- Child Care Network of Evanston
- Christopher House
- Concordia Place
- Daisy's Resource and Development Center
- East Moline Citizens for a Community Center—Aldridge Child Development Center
- Erie Neighborhood House
- Ezzard Charles School
- Gads Hill Center
- Good Shepherd Center
- Henry Booth House
- Howard Area Community Center
- Jane Addams Hull House Association
- Jellybean Learning Center
- Just Kids Child Care Inc.
- Kids in Need
- Lake County Family YMCA
- Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House
- Lifelink
- Little Bear Child Development Center
- Little Bo-Peep Child Care Center
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- Neighborhood House Association
- North Avenue Day Nursery
- One Hope United
- PUKA Preschool
- The Sinai Family Life Center
- Skip-A-Long Child Development Services
- Stepping Stones Child Development Center, Inc.
- Tots 'n' Tales Preschool
- Two Rivers Head Start
- Wee Care Christian Learning Center
- YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral



**"With IFF representing our vision and our interests, we were able to develop an effective design, and manage construction and costs for this large project. Thanks to IFF, construction was completed on time and under budget."**

Pastor Nicholas Zook  
 Concordia Place President



**"IFF gave us a chance when local banks didn't want to take the risk. With five years of excellent payment history, we were able to refinance locally. Due to licensing regulations, we would have been closed years ago, if it had not been for IFF's help."**

Runell Graff  
 PUKA Executive Director

### Community Impact

*as of September 30, 2010*

|                                     | Loan Program   | Real Estate Services |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Total number of loans               | 135 loans      | —                    |
| Total loan volume                   | \$36.8 million | —                    |
| Child care slots created            | 4,649          | 3,875                |
| Renovated/constructed space (sq ft) | 820,107        | 529,068              |



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**As a stakeholder in the child care and early education sector, IFF joins other advocates to support funding and policy initiatives that improve the operating environment for nonprofit child care and early education providers.**

**At IFF, our public policy initiatives and research are grounded in the belief that the nonprofit sector is one of the most powerful instruments of change in our society. Strengthen nonprofits, we believe, and you strengthen the communities they serve.**

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|   | <p><b>Assets, Gaps, and a Way Forward: Reports on Early Childhood Care and Education</b></p> <p>This report series was completed by IFF's Building Blocks program to strengthen local early care and education capacity in 11 Illinois community areas.</p> |   | <p><b>Moving Towards A System</b></p> <p>This report on the Statewide Early Childhood Needs Assessment presents findings on the highest-need communities and in each area of care and education assessed.</p>               |
|  | <p><b>By Any Measure: A Report to the Community on IFF's Work in the Field of Nonprofit Child Care in Illinois</b></p> <p>A detailed report of IFF's leadership role in the area of research, planning, financing, and design of child care facilities.</p> |  | <p><b>The Building Blocks of Design: A Handbook for Early Childhood Development Facilities</b></p> <p>A guide and reference tool for early childhood development providers who want to improve or expand their centers.</p> |

**For full copies of the above studies and more, visit us online at [iff.org/early-care-and-education](http://iff.org/early-care-and-education)**

Founded in 1988, IFF is a nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI) committed to strengthening nonprofits and their communities through affordable financing, real estate consulting, research, and public policy.

It serves nonprofits in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

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