

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Critchlow Adkins Children's Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Mautz	Talbot County Delegation	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Talbot County	\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Critchlow Adkins Children's Center, including Cordova Site expansion		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Senator Johnny Mautz		Johnny.mautz@senate.state.md.us
Cristy Morrell		410-822-8061
		christopher.adams@house.state.md.us
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (CACC) is a nonprofit, education-based childcare provider dedicated to providing financially accessible childcare in a nurturing, diverse, safe, and enriching environment. Founded in 1970, CACCs 5 sites serve 350+ children annually from Talbot and surrounding counties in its preschool, preK-5th grade before- and after-school care, and summer camp programs. All of CACC's sites are licensed and accredited by the MD State Department of Education and have earned an EXCELS - Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School-Age Care Check Level 5 rating. CACC provides approximately \$60,000 in tuition assistance each year to 45% of its families. CACC has an annual economic impact of \$2.2M in Talbot County and \$3.7M regionally. *Letters of support available from DLS for review.</p>		

**11. Description and Purpose of Project** (Limit length to visible area)

CACCs Cordova Site is located in the Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) Chapel District Elementary. This site serves 20, 3-year-olds in a classroom CACC built in 1999 and 30 school-age children in its before- and after-school program located in the schools cafeteria. We provide care for approximately 55+ children annually in our school year and summer programs. TCPS will begin renovations of this school in June 2024. This presents Critchlow with the opportunity to build 2 dedicated classrooms for its before- and after-care program, eliminating the need to utilize the schools cafeteria and the space issues associated with our program being located there. This new space will include 2 classrooms, a site directors office, workroom, and playground and increase the number of children CACC can serve from 55+ to 95+ annually. Currently, there are 101 children on our waitlist at this site.

*Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.*

**12. Estimated Capital Costs**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$1,212,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	\$1,312,000

**13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)**

Individual Donations	\$200,000
Pledged Donations	\$100,000
Mid-Shore Community Foundation (requested)	\$100,000
Talbot County Council (requested)	\$300,000
Rural Maryland Council (will request)	\$112,000
Legislative Bond Initiative (requesting)	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	\$1,312,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
July 2023	February 2024	June 2024	June 2025
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
300000.00	55	95	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
None			
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Easton Day Care Center, Inc. 133 N. Washington St. Easton, MD 21601		11430 Cordova Rd Cordova MD 21625	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Alexis Kramer	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	(410) 822-1988		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Ewing Dietz Fountain & Kaludis 16 S Washington St, Easton, MD 21601		N/A	

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
5	7	181000.00	264000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A			
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
Talbot County Public Schools	99 years	yes	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	0		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	N/A		
<b>New GSF</b>	3000		

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

N/A

**28. Comments**

Need: The lack of licensed high-quality childcare in the state of Maryland, particularly affecting the rural Mid-Shore counties, is a serious problem affecting families and businesses alike. The public's concern about this issue has been expressed repeatedly in the Office of the Comptroller Maryland 2023 State of the Economy Report. This is the case in Cordova where other than CACC, there are only 4 home childcare providers. At this time, CACC has 101 children on its Cordova Site waitlist.

Blueprint for Maryland's Future: One of Pillar 1 initiatives is that by FY27, 50% of pre-k slots will be provided by high-quality private providers. High quality means having an EXCELS 5 rating, which CACC does. With this project, CACC is positioned to assist TCPS in providing a high-quality mixed-delivery pre-K system and provide additional slots for extended daycare.

Access to high-quality childcare plays an important role in promoting family stability and closing the achievement gap between children from low-income families and those from middle- to high-income families. This is crucial in preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. Over 55% of the families at the Cordova site are low- to moderate-income making access to CACC programs essential to our families and community.

There is a direct correlation between high-quality childcare and the health and safety of children. Accredited programs require teachers to have the necessary educational and safety training to ensure children receive the best possible care. When licensed childcare providers are not available, parents must place their children in unlicensed care. There have been recent incidents where children in these situations have been diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels due to exposure while in unlicensed care potentially causing long-term health issues and negatively impacting their educational and economic futures.

History: CACC has a long-standing partnership with Talbot County Public Schools, with all of its sites located on TCPS properties. This partnership makes Critchlow's programs convenient and accessible for families.

Issues with CACC's Before- and After-Care Program: During the school year, CACC's program runs from 6:45-8:30am and 2:30-5:30pm. Each morning, CACC teachers must set up activities before students arrive and then clean up once they leave for class. In the afternoon, the process is repeated. Operating in this manner is challenging. The school often schedules programming in the cafeteria, requiring our staff and students to move to other locations in the school. The school principal has requested that we no longer use the cafeteria due to the school's growing need for this space.

CACC is a small organization without the capacity to mount a capital campaign. This Bond Bill would significantly help in ensuring the success of this shovel ready project and increase the number of children in our community who have access to high-quality, educational childcare and summer camp programs. We are committed to raising the additional funds needed for this project.