

Luverne Childcare Center

Childcare is an essential part of economic development and a critical part of the social infrastructure of a healthy community.

- Employers are having difficulty attracting and retaining staff due to lack of daycare
- In-home daycare providers in Rock County are declining rapidly
 - 56 providers (662 slots) in 2016
 - 37 providers (572 slots) in 2019
 - 28 providers (336 slots) in 2022
- Young families are choosing to live in Brandon, SD and Sioux Falls, SD where they can find more childcare options

Local leaders are committed to facilitating the creation of a local childcare center that will serve the needs of Luverne and Rock County.

- Private sector alone is unable to acquire or build a childcare center based on costs, local rates, and wages
- City of Luverne acquired a 30,000-sf facility which is well-suited to be repurposed as a childcare center
 - Local resources alone cannot support the significant investment needed for one-time capital investment for renovation
- \$3,477,946 in state funds is requested for acquisition, renovation, furnishing, and equipping a facility in which to provide childcare services for Luverne and Rock County

The City of Luverne is committed to supporting the on-going operations once the center is established to ensure the sustainability and success of the center

- City will sign a management contract with a non-profit; lease building for \$1/year
- Non-profit will acquire childcare license and carry out daily operations to offer childcare services
- City and non-profit will partner with local businesses and organizations to help support the center to address a critical need for childcare