

# Early Childhood Education Center Working Group

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Faculty Senate Meeting - October 3, 2022



# Background and Need

- Multiple early childhood education initiatives over the years. Current initiative builds on previous efforts.
- Tucson has 3x as many children as childcare slots and 5x as many children as high quality slots.\*
- Greater need because of COVID and reduction in local community providers.
- Senior leaders requested a working group and approved funding for a feasibility study.
- Priorities: Affordability, Proximity, Faculty Research, and Student Learning Opportunities

\* Tanoue, Kara & deBlois, Madeleine & Daws, John & Walsh, Michele. (2017).  
Child Care and Early Education Accessibility in Tucson.



# Working Group Members

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# Feasibility Study Timeline – Fall 2022

<b>July</b>	Working group finalized comprehensive child care survey
<b>Aug</b>	Survey sent to campus 1,219 respondents: 23% students; 21% faculty; 56% staff
<b>Sept/Oct</b>	Survey analysis, market research, stakeholder interviews, space considerations
<b>Nov/Dec</b>	Final report & recommendations