

San Bernardino Investment Playbook

Project Details: Institute for Child Development and Family Relations – Downtown

The Institute for Child Development and Family Relations – Downtown (ICDFR – Downtown) will serve as a community hub committed to the well-being of parents, children, and families in the San Bernardino community through a combination of education, direct services, and research. This centrally located, transit-accessible facility will support delivery and expansion of the ICDFR Science of Parenting parent education program, offer child assessments and cognitive training through its Family Assessment Center in order to identify children with learning needs and enhance their success in school, and offer in-person courses and certificate programs for professionals who serve children and families in San Bernardino. The ICDFR – Downtown will also house the Child and Families Research Center, which will conduct and support community-university partnership-based research on child development, parenting, work-family balance, child mental health, and family well-being.

To further extend its capacity, the ICDFR – Downtown will leverage existing relationships with community agencies and funding partners such as First 5 of San Bernardino County, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Children’s Network, Child Care Resource Center, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, and the Making Hope Happen Foundation. Working in collaboration with community partners, it will serve as a Family Resource Hub for parents and families, offering afterschool programming with developmentally appropriate activities, educational events, and access to child and family resources in the community.

RATIONALE

CSUSB’s ICDFR uses a combination of education, direct services, and research to support healthy outcomes for San Bernardino children, parents, and families. Though ICDFR plays an important role in the community, its current location on the CSUSB campus can pose a challenge to families with limited transportation options. A more centrally located, transit-accessible facility will allow more San Bernardino families to take advantage of ICDFR resources and programs. Moreover, a downtown location will foster stronger connections between the ICDFR and the community-based organizations and public agencies that serve San Bernardino children and families.

OBJECTIVES

- Improve the long-term health and well-being of San Bernardino residents
- Support healthy development and enhance school readiness and academic success among San Bernardino children and youth
- Develop the workforce that will serve children and families in the future

COST

\$12M	Facilities construction
\$7.5M	Operations (five years)
\$1M	Startup costs

\$20.5M TOTAL

POTENTIAL FUNDING

State

State general fund

Other

Philanthropic support

LEAD ORGANIZATION

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