



Friona DAY CARE CENTER strategic plan 2023



City of Friona DAY CARE PROJECT

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vision

To create a center of care and service that enriches lives and builds community for all of Friona.

Mission

To create positive leisure, cultural and educational experiences which enhance the quality of life for all those living, working, and visiting Friona by:

- Providing a broad range of programs in arts, recreation, enrichment and life-long learning;
- Helping to increase the workforce that helps promote economic development for the community; and
- Building community through collaboration and celebration.

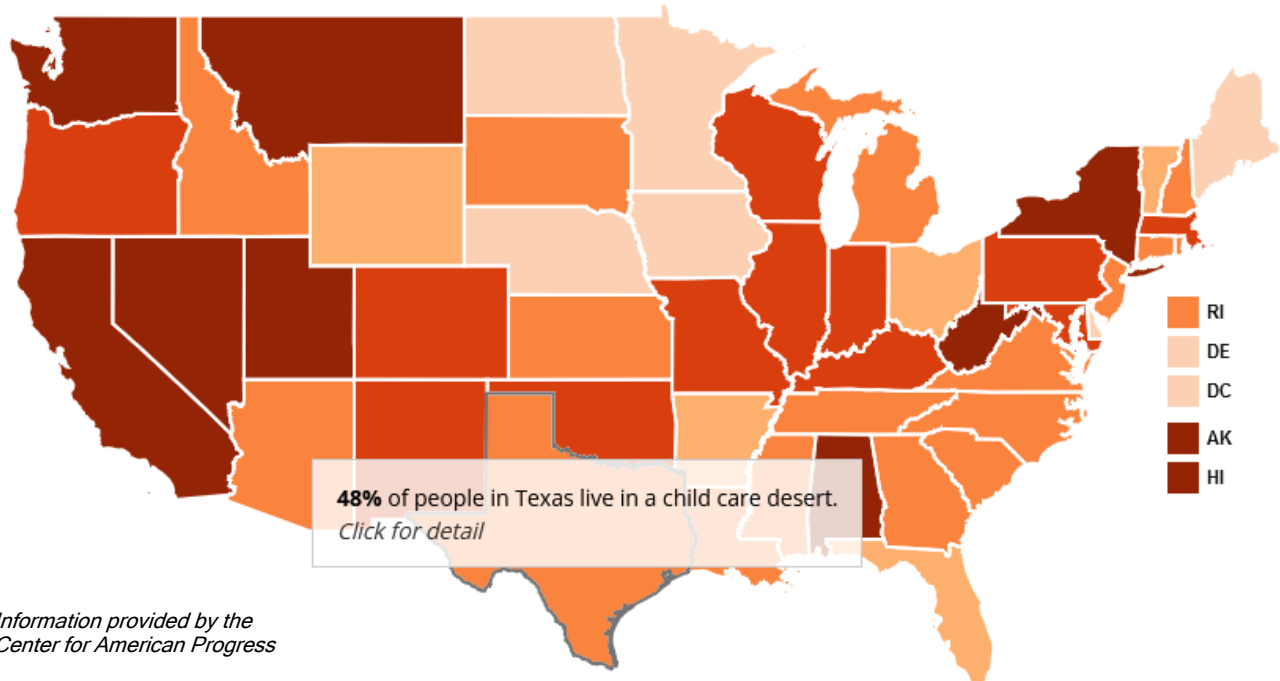
Values

In accomplishing our Vision, the Friona Community Center will be:

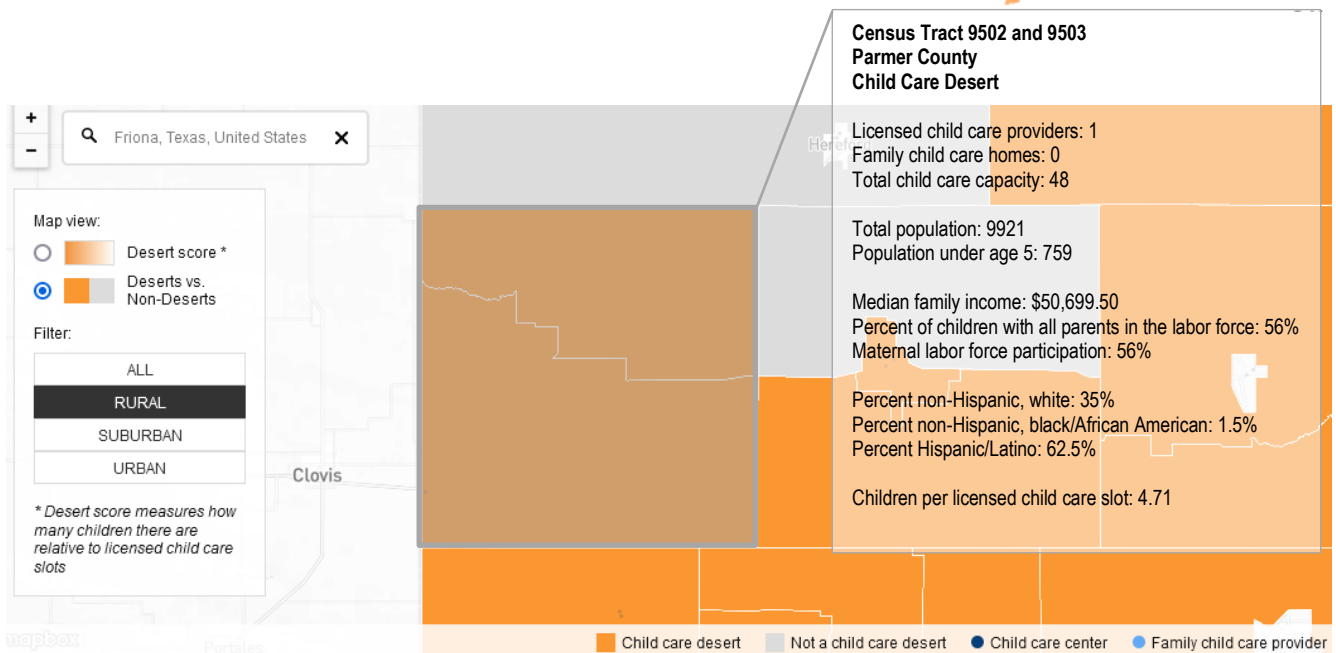
- A resource that supports and nurtures its constituents, patrons, volunteers, board and staff;
- A welcoming community resource committed to improving citizens' quality of life in Friona;
- An active partner with other organizations;
- An accepting and open resource; and
- A responsible and accountable steward of public funds and community resources

INTRODUCTION OF PROJECT NEEDS

The City of Friona has a goal to solve the “daycare desert” issue in our community. A Child Care Desert is defined in the Texas Labor Code as an area where the number of children younger than six years of age who have working parents is at least three times greater than the capacity of licensed child care providers in that area. There are currently no public/private child care facilities in Friona.



Information provided by the Center for American Progress

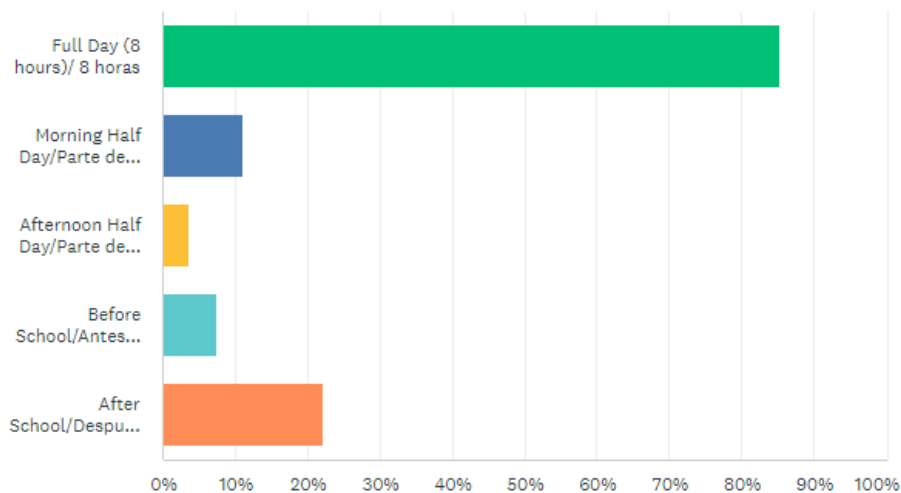


PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

We have residents that would have the ability to return to the workforce with childcare providers available. The City of Friona solicited a daycare survey and the results were helpful in determining the myriad of daycare needs for the community. One of the asks from the survey solicited input on the time of day needed for day care services. The results are outlined in the graph below.

What time of day does your family need daycare services? (Choose all that apply):¿Que parte del dia necesita necesita cuidado de niños?

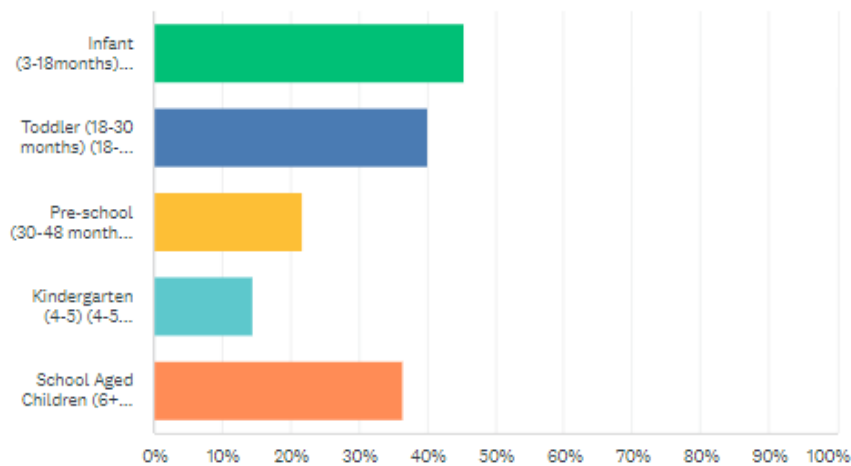
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The City of Friona were also able to see the ages of the children that need care in our community. The results are outlined in the graph below.

What ages would you need care for? (Choose all that apply):¿Que edad son sus hijos que necesitan servicios de preescolar/cuidado infantil?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5



PROJECT GOAL

Each facility would be able to care for 32 children at each location and allowing parent(s) to get back in the workforce. We plan on one of the buildings being used for infant care and the other location as a preparation to school.

TIMELINE

Once the funds are awarded, we would need approximately 4-6 months to complete construction, inspections as well as allow the childcare business to complete licensing and marketing.

BUILDING DETAILS

We have two buildings that are city owned and are currently vacant:

1. Redeemer Center is located at 1304 Virginia Ave, Friona, Texas 79035.
2. Girl Scout Hut is located at 704 Ashland Ave, Friona, Texas 79035.

The health inspector and the building inspector from the City of Hereford came and walked the buildings with us and made a list of items that would need to get repaired or added in order for them to be functional for daycare services.

The City gave that list of requirements to the Vazquez Brothers and they were able to give us a quote for each building and what would need to be done.



Old Girl Scout Building (The Louisa Wilson House) at 704 Ashland



Redeemer Center at 1304 Virginia

Potential daycare service interest

Nancy Munoz the owner of Little Angels in Hereford reached out to us saying that she had been wanting to expand her daycare services to Friona. We toured the two buildings with her and she said they would both work. She is currently working on getting grants for playground equipment and additional supplies needed.

Project details

The City of Friona is also working on a request for information for the community in order to give everyone the opportunity to submit their plan and can be presented to the Friona City Council.

We plan on doing upkeep to the buildings and making sure that they are in working order in order to benefit this project. Council has reviewed a sample lease agreement between the City of Friona and chosen daycare business.

Friona City Manager Leander Davila has been wanting to help open a daycare for quite some time and thought that the Girl Scout Hut would be a perfect building for a daycare. He reached out to Sharon Rector, who was the person that was in charge of the Girl Scout Hut. She fell in love with the idea of the building still serving women empowerment.