



Childcare Program & Facility Assessment The University of Texas at Tyler - University Academy

In support of UT Tyler’s expansive School of Medicine and regional growth of the UT Health East Texas system, the UTT Academy recognized the dire need to provide early learning to the University community while maintaining exceptional quality.

UTT intends to repurpose an existing facility to serve as their child development center. To analyze its viability, the Academy sought the expert guidance of VCM to perform a Program & Facility Assessment.

The assessment included a market survey, defined key program goals, and sought to maximize classroom space within the facility. Through interviews, facility tours, and rigorous test fits, VCM developed a report with recommendations that support successful implementation of a UTT childcare program.

The new center represents an opportunity to connect with nature, both on the interior and the exterior. The large outdoor play areas are adequate to support both traditional play equipment and nature-based outdoor learning elements, such as vegetable gardens, climbing tree stumps, and bioswales.

The assessment was completed in just 4 weeks to support their aggressive schedule to open in Fall 2024.

Services

- Program Needs Assessment
- Childcare Market Survey
- Salary Assessment
- Definition of Program Goals & Mission
- Site Due-Diligence
- Facility Review & Analysis
- Program Test Fits
- Space Requirements

Tyler, Texas

Owner

UTT University Academy

Dates

Assessment: Spring 2023

Program Opening

(Anticipated): Fall 2024





Leona Child Development Center The University of Texas at Austin

In response to the critical need for additional on-campus child care capacity and replacement of outdated facilities, the Leona Child Development Center responded to these needs by incorporating innovative learning models, including a sustainable and nature-focused environment serving 200 children.

As the design team project manager, Erin Kozuh successfully coordinated the design team's efforts with the building users, numerous university departments, public utility providers, and the City of Austin.

Atypical from most UT Austin projects, the new center required tie-ins to public utilities, easement releases, and permitting, which required a high-level of coordination and guidance.

Due to the spike in material costs in 2020/2021, cost-control was the most challenging effort for this project. We led the team through multiple in-depth value-engineering efforts to successfully mitigate the impact.

The project was completed in April of 2023.

Services*

Program Management
Quality Management
Permit Coordination
Site due-diligence

Austin, Texas

Owner

UT Austin

AE: BGK Architects

Delivery Method: CMAR
Flintco

Dates

2020-2023

Total Program Cost:

~\$10M

*Program Management Services provided under the employment of others



Comal Child Development Center The University of Texas at Austin

Karel Kozuh served as Assistant Project Manager and Assistant Superintendent for the Construction Manager-at-Risk on this state-of-the-art child development center.

Through close coordination with the client and aggressive cost savings efforts, including subcontractor negotiation and constructability guidance, the construction team was able to develop and deliver an in-budget GMP.

This project was completed on-time and under-budget and represents a great facility for generations of little Texans.

Services*

Program Management
Quality Management
Risk Mitigation
Logistics & Coordination

Austin, Texas

Owner

UT Austin

AE: PBS&J Architects

Delivery Method: CMAR
HS&A

Dates

2005-2006

Total Program Cost:
~\$3M



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