

# Choices Children's Academy Grant Proposal

Prepared for

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## **About Us**

Choices Children's Academy (CCA) is a nonprofit daycare founded in 2010 owned and operated by CHOICES Network Systems, Inc. consisting of Advisory Board Members from the educational arena and the community whom are entrusted to form policies necessary for the day-to-day operation of the Academy.

## **Mission Statement**

Choices Children's Academy (CCA) provides a Christian based daycare and VPK academy whose mission is to provide quality education in an environment which fosters a child's natural love of learning, promotes peaceful interactions, and cultivates respect for self, others, community, and the world. Our vision is to unlock the potential in each child to become an adult of peace and understanding. We encourage and assist children to reach their full potential by recognizing individual learning styles, temperaments, and multiple intelligences of children and tailor learning to each child. Christian character training is the number one goal along with academic greatness. Teachers are trained to follow specific classroom procedures, which provide an orderly, organized classroom enabling students to learn, interact, and be the best they can be. The curriculum used is centered on Biblical Principles.

## **Philosophy/Vision**

We believe that children, their families and society all benefit from a high-quality experience in the child's early years; and there is a critical link between their childhood experiences and later successes in life. Our teachers encourage the children to develop their individual interests and strengths through the purposeful utilization of diverse materials, experiences and environments. We strive to integrate families and the community into our activities to fully engage all facets of childhood learning. Children's Academy is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where the children's potential can be fully realized. We achieve this by fulfilling not only the child's basic needs, but also offering them the gifts of respect, acceptance, and love.

## Goals

Our goals are:

- To prepare children to become strong learners with critical thinking skills.
- For the children to feel safe and loved while at school.
- For the parents to have full confidence in the care and education of their children.
- To instill confidence in the children to promote their learning.
- For the children to be well-prepared for later schooling.
- For the children to positively contribute to their communities as youth and as adults.

## Statement of Need

At Choices Children's Academy (CCA) we need financial support to obtain the proper resources to update the facility to a modern, green facility and have economical materials that will add in saving cost that can be spent on education and not on maintenance and expenses. Things along the lines of impact windows roof and adding a modern kitchen. In addition; to updating safety equipment and technology that will assist in keeping our children safe.

1. Our financial ask is \$104,780.00
2. Proposed Program Updates for CHOICES Academy:
  - a. Updating of facility safety
  - b. Cost efficient building improvements to lower monthly/yearly expenses that takes funds away from the program
  - c. Adding state-of-the-art technology to assist in advanced educational teaching

**The Reason:** these mandatory changes is to provide at-risk and lower to middle class youth modern and vast education, which is offered to youth in wealthy areas.

**The Benefit:** to provide resources to help this demographic have a higher chance of success in education and a fulfilled life.

## CHOICES Children's Academy Proposed Cost Sheet

Itemized Cost (\$)

<b>Area</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Total Item</b>
<b>Classrooms</b>	<i>Instruction Touch Screen Whiteboard</i>	6	\$1,250.00	\$7,500.00
<b>Classrooms</b>	<i>Instructors Computers</i>	6	\$800.00	\$4,800.00
<b>Classrooms</b>	<i>Ergonomic Student Chairs 4 Pack</i>	20	\$150.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Classrooms</b>	<i>Safety Flooring Toddler</i>	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>Computer Lab</b>	<i>Monitors/ Computers</i>	20	\$800.00	\$16,000.00
<b>Facility</b>	<i>IT Network</i>	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Facility</b>	<i>Fire Sprinkler/ Smoke/ Co2 System</i>	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
<b>Facility</b>	<i>Security ID Machine &amp; Software</i>	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<b>Facility</b>	<i>Security Cameras Pack of 8</i>	2	\$450.00	\$900.00
<b>Facility</b>	<i>Security Camera Monitor and Equipment</i>	1	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<b>Bathroom</b>	<i>Materials &amp; Installation</i>	6	\$4,000.00	\$24,000.00
<b>Kitchen</b>	<i>Temp Monitoring Industry Fridge/ Oven</i>	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>Kitchen</b>	<i>Materials &amp; Installation</i>	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
<b>Playground</b>	<i>Safety Upgrades/ Sun Protection Canopies</i>	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<i>Electrical Rewiring/ Harness/ Splicing</i>	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$80,600.00</b>
<b>Unexpected Costs (add 30% estimated)</b>				<b>\$24,180.00</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>\$104,780.00</b>

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