

# Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation: Child care survey and initiative

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**OSHKOSH (January 14, 2022)** - [Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation](#), along with surrounding counties - Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, and Winnebago- are partnering with the [University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Services](#) to identify the child care needs of area employees.

This collaborative, regional effort will encompass a number of businesses, using a cross-categorical approach to ensure all industries are surveyed. Through environmental scans and independent research and gathering, it has been identified that a major inhibitor for workforce able to return to employment is finding child care providers. In some areas, providers are only operating at 50% capacity because of the lack of child care workers, while other areas have a deficiency of facilities.

Data collection has begun and will continue through the end of January. Data collected will be analyzed and data sets distributed to each respective county for use and future implementation as well as providing supporting evidence for grant applications. Each county looks forward to bringing creative solutions to its respective residents through this proactive initiative.

The businesses chosen to be part of this study were sent the [survey link](#) ([bit.ly/3nvD7Gg](https://bit.ly/3nvD7Gg)) and hard copies of the survey to share with employees. If you have questions on this survey, please contact Tricia Rathermel at [tricia.rathermel@greateroshkosh.com](mailto:tricia.rathermel@greateroshkosh.com)



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