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Childcare Improvement Initiative

Address energy burden on childcare centers to reduce operating expenses and utilize efficient electrification to create a healthier environment for care providers and children.

Phase I Goals

- Identifying financing mechanisms to lower upfront costs and pairing them with federal incentives
- Targeted outreach and education to inform business owners of the cost savings potential and improved health impacts
- Conducting a screening level building stock analysis to identify opportunities based on fuel use, energy justice mapping, and potential improvements