



ELEVATE ENERGY
Smarter energy use for all

Energy and Water Efficiency Program for Nonprofit Childcare Centers

Elevate Energy helps nonprofit childcare centers cut operating costs by implementing energy and water-saving improvements. As a nonprofit organization with experience helping thousands of building owners save money and energy, we make it as easy as possible to improve your facility. Organizations we work with save thousands of dollars on operating costs, redirecting valuable resources toward serving their children and communities.

What to Expect

1. Free Building Analysis

Elevate Energy will conduct an on-site analysis of your facility. This involves gathering information on how the building is used (hours of operation, etc.), past utility bills, and a walk-through of the building structure, systems, and equipment. This is free and non-committal.

2. Energy Use Report

After reviewing your current energy and water use, Elevate Energy will provide a custom report with a menu of recommendations for improvement options. We will work with you to review and prioritize the most cost-effective efficiency opportunities for your facility, along with any beneficial health and safety recommendations. You, as the childcare provider, will decide if you want to move forward or not, and what improvements you'd like to have completed at your facility. This report is free!

3. Financing and Incentives

Elevate Energy will help childcare centers think about their options to pay for changes or upgrades. These financing options may include utility rebates, potential grant dollars, and affordable, flexible financing through IFF. Elevate will help with the paperwork and the application process to make it easy for you to get the help you need to pay for building upgrades.

4. Construction Management and Oversight

If you need construction changes, Elevate Energy will help throughout the construction process – from finding qualified contractors, to reviewing bids, monitoring installation, and ensuring quality control. We will then provide annual savings reports after the improvements are complete, that show how much money you saved by making changes to your energy use!



Benefits

- Reduce utility costs
- Free assessment and report on how to save money by cutting your energy and water use
- Increase comfort, health, and safety for your staff and children
- Put financial savings back to your mission and organization
- Free support and help from highly-qualified energy experts

Apply today

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Success Story: Little City Foundation

Little City Foundation is a 22-building campus that provides around-the-clock care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Elevate Energy worked with Little City Foundation to conduct a free energy analysis, review the results, and develop a plan that worked within the organization's budget and timeframe. To address their high energy usage, Elevate helped Little City complete a lighting retrofit and leverage a combination of utility incentives and funding resources, creating a quick and manageable project for Little City – It will take less than one year for the energy cost savings to pay for the initial investment in energy efficient lighting improvements they chose to install. By reducing operating costs, Little City Foundation can now direct more funds toward the important services and programs they provide to those in need.

"Implementing energy efficiency upgrades across Little City's campus has the potential to save us tens of thousands of dollars each year – dollars that we can use to continue and improve upon the programming and supportive services we offer clients and their families"

-Shawn Jeffers, Executive Director



Costs & Resources Leveraged:

Total Project Cost	\$82,829
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost	\$29,180
ComEd Smart Ideas for Your Business Rebate	\$23,535
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant	\$30,115
Annual Energy Cost Savings	\$36,054
Payback period before incentives	2 years, 4 months
Payback period after incentives	10 months
Annual electricity savings	360,540 kWh

Eligibility

Elevate Energy offers free technical assistance to help childcare centers update their facilities. This program is available to:

- Nonprofit Childcare Centers (501c3)
- Located in ComEd service territory
- Own their building or pay their own utility bills