



Cabool Second Baptist Daycare

Expansion Efforts Update

April 2019

Cabool Second Baptist Daycare (CSBD) has been working to take steps toward expanding services for the past several years. In April 2019, CSBD and the City of Cabool were able to work together to complete necessary septic updates to begin the processes for expanding the overall center capacity. The daycare's current capacity is 54 children. CSBD is at full capacity with an extensive waiting list that children are being added to weekly. The expansion efforts would prepare the center to go through the necessary repairs and inspections to be licensed for additional children and the ability to serve many families in the community and surrounding areas.

Often we are asked about a timeline for completion. There are many factors that contribute to potential expansion and there is no set date for completion, although we are making every effort to expedite processes. CSBD operates as a ministry of Cabool Second Baptist Church (CSBC). Our non-profit center relies on our partnership with Cabool Second Baptist Church, as well as donations in addition to tuition, to be able to meet operating expenses in a program this large. Cabool Second Baptist Church will begin a siding project on the building that should be completed early in the summer. Once the siding project is completed and internal upgrades and repairs are made to daycare use spaces, the daycare will be able to request additional inspections from health and sanitation, the fire marshal and licensing. Once the inspections are completed, the goal would be to add children immediately while maintaining approved, state regulated staff-to-child ratios. The center is required to maintain staff-to-child ratios that are consistent with state regulations to ensure supervision and safety.

Individuals who are interested in more information about the center or the enrollment expansion efforts may contact Rebecca Smotherman, Daycare Director, at 417-962-3608 or by email at director.csbcd@gmail.com. Families who are interested in being added to the daycare waiting list may do so by visiting www.csbcdaycare.com and clicking on **Waiting List**.