

New Teton County Childcare Centers to be Designed by Ward + Blake

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Ward + Blake Architects to Design Teton County Childcare Centers

Three locations in Jackson will help ease town's shortage of infant, toddler care



Jackson, Wyoming – Teton County has awarded Ward + Blake Architects the contract for three new childcare facilities in Jackson, each of which will be open to children ranging from infants to pre-kindergarten age. The first facility, located in the Rafter J subdivision, will be built in several phases and will ultimately accommodate 250 children. The second facility – to be constructed at 555 E. Broadway Avenue – will serve 125 children, with plans to eventually add a new playground, parking and drop-off area. The existing Children's Learning Center at 105 Mercill Avenue is the site for the third facility, which will accommodate 125 children plus a new office space for the CLC staff.

“We're excited to have the opportunity to assist the community in helping to resolve a major daycare shortage crisis,” says Ken Mahood, senior project manager for Ward + Blake. “We look forward to designing spaces for experiential learning that will engage children and help them understand the world around them as they grow.” The firm will be collaborating on the project with nationally recognized childcare design consultant Woody Arthur of D.W. Arthur Associates Architects of Boston.

The award-winning firm of Ward + Blake and its partners Tom Ward and Mitch Blake have designed a number of commercial and institutional projects in and around Wyoming, from the environmentally friendly headquarters of the Nature Conservancy in Lander to the

mixed-use Shervin Building in downtown Jackson to the Teton County Fire Department's new Administration Building. Ward + Blake's use of a "New West" architectural vocabulary epitomizes the growing Western Modernism movement. The firm's residential and commercial designs capture the authentic independent spirit of the West, while taking regional design in a fresh and modern direction.

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