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Late in February, our Early Learning Center (ELC) in Silverdale, Washington, sustained a massive flood damaging most of the interior of the child care center. As a result, the children of the ELC were displaced from this location.

The management teams at Martha & Mary quickly responded to accommodate the children and families by inviting the majority of the ELC children into our new Child Care and Learning Center in Poulsbo. We then worked to quickly re-open the Child Care Center on Front Street in Poulsbo to accommodate the remaining infants and children. Fresh paint, a good cleaning, some minor repairs and plenty of elbow grease were all that were needed to bring this building back into service. Washington State licensing and life safety inspections were expedited to allow us to re-open this building.

To date, refurbishment of the ELC is the focus for our facilities management team. Additionally, we have opted to pursue other repairs outside of the flood damage. With the ELC closed for flood damage repairs, we are taking this opportunity to complete additional work or repairs at the center unrelated to the flood. Taking this time now to make repairs, will reduce further disruptions of care and service in the future.

We are pleased to report that almost all of our ELC families chose to follow us to Poulsbo and we look forward to reuniting with those who could not make the trip north in the next few months. The love and support of our families has been more than we hoped for. Entrusting us with their children and making this swift and somewhat seamless transition together is a testament to the confidence and satisfaction our families have in our care. Thank you!

While enduring the flood, displacing our families, children and our staff is not ideal, we are striving to make the best of the situation. We are grateful to everyone for their continued love and support. Our facilities management team and children's services staff deserve an extra shout out for their dedication and drive to make these improvements and changes happen as expediently and as smooth as possible. Thank you all!

If you have any questions regarding our ELC progress, please contact our Children's Services Administrator at 360.394.4058.

The CCLC is seeking to hire more qualified teachers to join our child care teams.

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