

Gambal House - Driggs



We received \$1,170,000 from Idaho Workforce Development Council Child Care Expansion Grant in March, 2023. Teton Regional Economic Coalition agreed to be our grant administrator and manage the finances.

- Teton Valley is a Child care desert. It is estimated that there are enough slots for about 20% of our 0-5 year olds.**
- In 2022, a generous community member donated a 4,000 square foot house, with the hope that it could be repurposed rather than put in the landfill.**
- Land in the valley is extremely expensive, but the Collaborative worked hard to convince our school district to accept the home as a donation to be placed on their land in downtown Driggs. The site has an existing playground and parking lot.**

Progress and updates

- **Our General Contractor has donated his labor as in-kind, as well as our Mayor, who has worked very hard on this project since its inception.**
- **Construction took almost exactly a year, and has included all new plumbing, electrical, new roof trusses, and a new roof, wall of which were not planned expenses.**
- **GC estimates that we will have spent \$275-300/sq foot versus \$600 for a new build!**
- **We have contracted an established child care business out of a neighboring community who is thrilled to be expanding and serve our community.**
- **We started fall of 2025 for school district and local working families.**

Structure needed to be cut into three pieces for the move



- Specialty moving company cut and prepared the structure for the move, which took two full days.
- The move was 12 miles on rural roads and a highway, one of which didn't open until June due to snow
- Route needed work to correct the massive dips in the road!
- Power company moved power lines for transport



