

# Design—

## *Sample Initial Program for Architects*

### Kidango Specifications for New Construction/Remodel

#### ALL NEW FACILITIES

# of children @ 35 sq. ft = indoor required space, unencumbered. Areas not used by children do not count. Crib sleeping areas do not count. A good rule of thumb is to use 50 sq. ft. and this will allow for the subtractions.

# of children @ 75 sq. ft = outdoor play space required

need 1 toilet for every 15 preschool children

need 1 hand washing sink for every 15 children

need 1 toilet for every 5 potty training toddlers

need a separate hand washing after diapering sink for adults

need separate food prep sink

need separate boy and girl bathrooms for school age

Outdoor lights controlled by photo sensor

All signs, equipment, doors, fixtures to meet ADA requirements, regardless of local regulations or OSA/ORS regulations

Children's bathrooms to have child size fixtures, including one that is ADA accessible

Vinyl flooring in food prep areas, bathrooms and "wet areas"

Gates and doors that close automatically

Drop off and pick up for parents, driveway or 15 minute parking

Janitors closet, including dump sink

#### MODULAR DESIGN

On grade

Overhangs, front and back doors

Locate HVAC to keep away from children inside and outside

Locate telephones and alarm systems during design phase

## INFANT CLASSROOM—IDEAL BATHROOM

Two child size toilets and two children's sinks, can share toilet paper, paper towels and soap

Storage space for extra toilet paper, paper towels and hand soap

One diaper changing area that is arm's length to an adult hand washing sink

- stairs for toddlers to use to access mat on table
- open storage overhead that only adults can reach—for disinfectant spray bottles, wipes, extra diapers
- mat must be 2" thick and sides 4" above mat for a total of 6"
- holder for rolls of exam paper to pull over mat
- covered trash container for used diapers, foot operated, non-flammable

Visual supervision possible between classroom and bathroom, no door needed

Gate at door or ½ door to limit access

Accessible from classroom and outdoor play area

## STORAGE/UTILITY ROOM

Washer and dryer

Storage for cleaning supplies, extra toilet paper, paper towels and hand soap

Storage for toys, art supplies, items used infrequently or seasonally

Locking door

## FOOD PREP AREA

Refrigerator (with lock)

Hand washing sink (not the same one used for diapering), with garbage disposal

Storage area for formula, baby food in jars, bottles, utensils

Storage area for snack and breakfast foods, paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic ware, serving utensils and dishes

Counter space for a microwave, a toaster and a blender

Stove/oven optional

Dishwasher

Hot water

## OFFICE/STAFF LOUNGE

Locking file cabinet

Desk and chair

Locking closet/storage for staff personal items, hanging storage for coats  
Storage for teachers' supplies  
Counter with electrical for coffee pot, microwave, and small refrigerator

## PLAYGROUNDS

Must meet CPSC, ASTM, ADA and all local and state regulations  
Accessible play structure with resilient surface  
Meet NAEYC standards, be developmentally appropriate  
Permanent shade structure or large trees  
Non-toxic landscape  
Accessible path of travel from classroom  
Drinking faucet with sink  
Water access for hose  
Electrical outlet  
Storage shed for outdoor equipment (bye bye buggies, trikes, wagons, sand toys, etc.)

## IDEAL TRAINING ROOM

Carpeted, controllable natural light  
Direct entrance to training room from parking area, not through child care center  
Kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher, double sink with garbage disposal

- Locking storage areas for paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic ware, serving utensils and dishes and other supplies like coffee
- Coffeemakers (built in—optional)
- Counter space for a microwave, a toaster and a blender
- Stove/oven not required, but nice

TV/VCR permanently mounted with ability to limit access  
Locking storage for tables and chairs  
Locking storage for easels, pads, supplies, overhead projector, slide projector  
Walls that will not be harmed by tape, or a trim strip to tape things to or with built in clips  
Write on/wipe off boards on several walls  
Projection screen, sound system/PA  
Large clock  
Electrical outlets around the room  
Sign that slides to say “Room in Use-Room Available,” frame to hold room use schedule