



### **The New Building – A Community Asset**

Washburn's new behavioral health facility will be designed to assure an welcoming environment for children and to support their critical healing work. The combination of it being a children's mental health facility, an environmentally sound facility, and a facility that incorporates the best evidence regarding a healing environment will make this facility unique locally and nationally. Most importantly, it will help meet the needs of our community's children for decades to come.

### **The new Washburn facility will:**

- Allow research on the impact of healing environments to improve children's mental health outcomes
- Enable continued growth as Washburn responds to the increasing need to serve more children and their families
- Enhance Washburn's capacity to attract and retain leading child clinicians by providing an environment that supports their critical work
- Strengthen Washburn's training capacity
- Classroom space with size and design that supports the treatment of very challenging young children in a day treatment setting
- A gross motor area (small gym) of adequate size and with appropriate equipment to enable children served at Washburn to get necessary exercise and learn to use their bodies in healthy ways
- An outside playground with green space and activity equipment that will enable young children to both relax when necessary and learn to play appropriately with other children in an active environment
- Therapy offices of an appropriate size, with natural light, materials, and equipment that support the therapy that is provided
- An entrance and lobby that is child friendly and welcoming for children and their families who are often feeling uncertain, fearful, or anxious about coming for help at Washburn
- Offices, lounges and communal work areas that engage some of the community's leading child clinicians who are doing very stressful work and which support collegial work with their co-workers
- Training spaces and observation areas that enhance the training experiences of Washburn's child clinicians
- Sufficient meeting rooms with capacity for larger meetings/training of other child serving professionals with whom Washburn works
- Adequate parking for agency employees, trainees, clients and community professionals attending meetings at Washburn
- An environment that meets high environmental standards and assures a healthy environment for children and a healthy workplace