



### About Summer Place Early Childhood Center of the Northward

Innovative Education Programs of Newark was awarded the task by the City of Newark, New Jersey, to provide educational service for three- and four year-olds in struggling Newark neighborhoods.

### Why

Both cost and timing were a factor. The city operates on a tight budget under significant political pressure and the project was not considered a core responsibility of local government. The host neighborhood also had significant doubts. Consequently, the project had to be done very well, become a showpiece and be available at the beginning of the rapidly approaching school year. Various delays meant construction schedules would leave no room for error. Beside the political considerations, the building's mechanical systems had to satisfy a need to simultaneously heat part of the building while cooling other, sometimes adjacent, rooms.

### Solution

I-R Mobile Modular was chosen to manage the project. They chose Whitley to build the complex facility. Ground breaking was delayed until the end of June, but within four months Newark had a beautiful 23,000sf school that the neighborhood embraced. It is a showpiece both inside and outside contributing to a swelling of community pride. The building also came in under budget and on time. Whitley installed a sophisticated boiler chiller system at the factory in Indiana. This system allows each classroom space to be individually climate controlled to the occupant's comfort level.

