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Chileda Institute is a Residential Care Center located on the south side of La Crosse. Our residential program cares for nearly 40 children with significant cognitive and behavioral needs in a home and school environment.

Although our campus is a reflection of efficient use of space, including home, educational and recreational spaces, we have identified a need. We need for an outdoor gathering area for parents who come to Chileda to visit with their children. Many of our children have such significant behavioral needs that parents do not take them off campus, but visit on campus. With limited outdoor areas and the requirements of confidentiality under HIPAA, a small 33'x43' area was identified in which we could put swinging benches and picnic tables for families to have private visits. The area requires fencing as our students do not have the ability to reliably remain in the area simply by asking them to. Although most are teenagers, cognitively they may be on a preschool level and may quickly run into hazardous areas, such as the parking lot or street, without considering the danger. Even with visual and verbal prompts, fencing is necessary to provide for their safety.

The fence will be tan in color to match the building.

Thank you for your consideration of this important family play space.

Sincerely,

Ruth M. Wiseman

President & Chief Executive Officer





BARON/BARON WITH MIDRAIL

Heights. 3', 4', 5' & 6' (5' & 6' include midrail) Picket Style: 7/8" x 3"

Picket Spacing, 2-15/16"





