

CHILDREN'S BEACH HOUSE

LEWES, DELAWARE

Children's Beach House is an expansive +/- 22,000 sf building, with a mission to help Delaware's under-resourced children with speech and language disabilities. Children's Beach House services include early childhood education programs, summer and weekend residential camps, and after school programs. The building is also used for 'Greater Good Events', an on-site catering and events service whose proceeds support Children's Beach House programs.

Children's Beach House chose to rely on Gillis Gilkerson when it came time to replace the building's windows. Focusing on the ocean-side of the building, the project included the replacement of 139 windows and 19 doors. The project was broken into four distinct phases, with each phase requiring careful site logistics and client communication to ensure a successful project outcome.

The occupied renovation hosted children, teachers and staff, with children often at play both indoors and out. Communication with staff ensured carefully coordinated movement of children from rooms slated to undergo work. A designated, fenced area secured on-site storage and work areas from both theft and children playing outside. Storage pods were loaded in a first-in, last-out order - protecting fragile materials from unnecessary handling and the elements.

The project was led by Gillis Gilkerson Project Manager David Erickson and Superintendent Greg Fitzpatrick. Work started in August 2025 and was completed in May 2026, ahead of the busy summer season.



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