



BERNICE E. LAVIN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

LEED SILVER CHILDCARE CENTER AND PARKING GARAGE ON NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CAMPUS

CLIENT Northwestern Medicine | **LOCATION** Chicago, Illinois | **SIZE** 13 stories; 45,000 sf childcare center; 500,000 sf parking for 1,100 cars

RECOGNITION

LEED Silver Certified; AIA Chicago Citation of Merit, Interior Architecture Award (2012); Chicago Building Congress Merit Award Finalist (2013)

PROJECT SCOPE

Eckenhoff Saunder's design of Northwestern Memorial Healthcare's new Bernice E. Lavin Early Childhood Education Center and parking facility references the architectural language of the health system's Streeterville campus. A roof garden serves as an educational and play space for children and is visible from the surrounding residential towers.

Sustainable design strategies include geothermal heating and cooling, maximizing daylight and greenery, and advanced temperature control and fresh air exchange. Occupying the first two floors, the childcare center's design is rooted in nature and emphasizes learning and discovery. In addition to classrooms, an atelier, and flexible learning spaces, the center features a multi-story atrium for library and music programs and two outdoor play areas. Reading niches, colorful portals into classrooms, and child-scaled elements show special consideration for children's sense of security and perspective.