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# Construction Update: Critical Care Building

*For our Avondale neighbors and community partners*

## What's Happening Onsite

### Interior Construction Progress

- Construction is quickly progressing on each floor of the building from the bottom floor of the Emergency Department to the top floor of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit.

### Diversity is our Strength

- For the third consecutive year, Forbes magazine has Recognized Cincinnati Children's as a "Best Employer for Diversity" on its annual list. Cincinnati Children's ranked #40 out of 250 organizations—a big improvement over #63 last year. Cincinnati Children's is ranked sixth in the state and the highest ranked children's hospital in the country. "We have to continue to make progress, not because of rankings but because it's the right way to serve our patients and families, support our workforce and our community," said **Nerissa Morris**, senior vice president and Chief Human Resources Officer.
- The Critical Care Building project has surpassed diversity goals for on-the-job personnel with a total of 27 percent. Our goal was 25 percent.
  - Spent 32 percent of the overall contracts with diverse businesses. Our goal was 30 percent.
  - Hired 23 residents of the uptown area for full-time careers. 10 additional participants have enrolled in, and are on track to complete, the workforce development program.



Preparations for drywall work continues with the installation of plywood in the ED.

## Key Dates

**Winter 2020-Summer 2021**  
Interior work

**Summer 2021**  
Move-in/training

**Fall 2021**  
New building opens

## Learn the Construction Trade

Thanks to the Uptown Workforce Development Initiative (UWDI), 27 residents of the Uptown and surrounding areas have been hired for full-time careers in construction and other fields. Fourteen more participants have enrolled in and are on track to finish the program, which teaches basic construction skills. For more information, contact Stanley Warrenhuffman at 513-532-5165 or [swarrenhuffman@eastersealsgc.org](mailto:swarrenhuffman@eastersealsgc.org).

*Reminder: Per the City of Cincinnati, construction activities can begin as early as 4 a.m. to help reduce traffic congestion and ensure the safety of the community. Thank you for your patience.*

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