

# ***Rebuild Asheville Wins K-12 Award***

## **■ Rebuild America Award for Energy Excellence in K-12 Schools – Rebuild Asheville, NC**

**Rebuild Asheville** brought together several key players and leveraged resources to create a state-of-the-art Head Start facility for pre-school children that serves as a model for other Head Start centers that are seeking to improve their programs and facilities. The newly renovated Lonnie D. Burton Head Start Child Development Center, originally a school built in the 1950s,

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provides  
comprehensive  
developmental

services for 90 children from low-income households and support services for their families.

**Vicki Heidinger** championed the cause to convert the old school building into a state-of-the-art facility that could support the center's instructional and capacity requirements. Heidinger tapped the City of Asheville for a facility, the Department of Health and Human Services for funding, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Rebuild America for energy analysis and design assistance, and The Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties for management expertise.

The Head Start Child Development Center opened its doors in June 1999.