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(OTTUMWA) Children at the Indian Hills Community College Child Development Center have new protection from the sun thanks to SHADE.

SHADE is part of the [Curt and Shonda Schilling Melanoma Foundation](#). The organization helped to purchase a new shade structure for the center's playground located at [Ottumwa Regional Health Center](#).

Research shows that one in every five children will grow up to develop skin cancer. The goal of the foundation is to eradicate melanoma through education, prevention, detection and promotion.

"Part of the Curt and Shonda Schilling Melanoma Foundation is to provide education, specifically to children, on the importance of protecting their skin from the sun's harmful rays. You know with the little Indian summer we had last week, it's already been put to good use," Ottumwa Regional Health Foundation President Chad Wolbers said.

Shonda Schilling, founder of the SHADE Foundation is a skin cancer survivor. Her husband is Boston Red Sox pitcher, Curt Schilling.

--[Ben Lawson](#), Reporting