



EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

So Many Choices

There are many things to consider when choosing an early care and education program for their child. Programs are public or private, for-profit or non-profit, and differ regarding hours, fees, program options and staffing.

No matter what program your child attends, quality early care and education helps develop children's ability to learn, in addition to providing a safe, fun and nurturing environment.

FOR HELP CHOOSING THE BEST PROGRAM FOR YOUR CHILD:
Dial 2-1-1 or call 1-800-505-1000 or go to: www.211childcare.org

Early Care and Education (ECE) Overview

CENTER BASED PROGRAMS

- Also called child care, daycare, preschool, nursery school or group child care.
- These programs provide ECE to 7 or more children in a classroom setting.
- Children under age three are in groups of 8 or less with at least one adult for every 4 children.
- Children over three are in groups of 20 or less with at least one adult for every 10 children.

LICENSED HOME BASED PROGRAMS

- ECE provided in the licensed provider's home, sometimes called family child care.
- Providers care for up to 6 full-time children and 3 school-aged children. Providers care for only two children under age two, unless the provider has an assistant.
- Some providers offer very flexible hours.

CARE PROVIDED BY A RELATIVE, BABYSITTER OR NANNY

- This type of care is currently not monitored by state or local officials.

LICENSING

- Center and home based programs are required to be licensed; public and parochial schools programs are exempt from licensing.
- For Child Care Licensing information call the CT Office of Early Childhood 1-800-282-6063.

ACCREDITATION

- Several national organizations offer accreditation to child care providers.
- Accreditation guidelines are generally stricter than those for licensing.
- Accreditation is voluntary and not required by state law.

Hamden Center Based Early Childhood Programs

Information on family child care can be found at www.211childcare.org, 1-800-505-1000. The child care program information in this brochure is not a recommendation or endorsement of any program.

- ▲ 6 weeks – 5 years
- 3 – 5 years
- \$ Sliding scale
- ❖ Care4Kids
- ★ NAEYC accredited
- ✓ School year only (all others have full year programs)

Alphabet Academy ▲❖

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Carrot Patch Early Learning Center ▲❖

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carrotpatchkids@gmail.com
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Cuddle Time Daycare Center ▲❖

700 Hartford Turnpike
Hamden, CT 06517
Maria Anthony: (203) 230-8449
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Duck Pond Day Care ▲❖

84 Washington Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
Karen Carrano: (203) 281-3825
hamden@duckponddaycare.com
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Hamden Hall Early Learning Program ●\$

1108 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT 06517
Keith Kaliszewski: (203) 752-2610
kkaliszewski@hamdenhall.org
www.hamdenhall.org

Hamden Public Schools

Hamden High Nursery School ●✓
2040 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514
Michelle Kachmarck:
(203) 407-2040 x1123
mkachmarck@hamden.org

Hamden Public Schools

Integrated Pre-K Special Ed ●\$✓
35 Hillfield Road
Hamden, CT 06518
Judith Antignani: (203) 407-2010
jantignani@hamden.org
www.hamden.org

Hamden Public Schools

Preschool Program ●\$❖★
Nancy Carangelo: (203) 407-2254
ncarangelo@hamden.org

Alice Peck School
35 Hillfield Road
Hamden, CT 06518

Church Street
95 Church Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Dunbar Hill
315 Lane Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Helen Street
285 Helen Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Harmony Kids ▲❖

1315 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514
Anika Hunte: (203) 230-9191
ahunte.hamdenhk@gmail.com
www.harmony-kids.com

Harris and Tucker School, Small World Inc. ❖

(infants & toddlers)
403 Newhall Street
Hamden, CT 06517
Karen Tucker: (203) 787-9489
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harrisandtuckerschool.org

Harris and Tucker School ▲❖

412 Newhall Street
Hamden, CT 06517
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Kinder Care Learning Center ▲❖★

3025 Dixwell Avenue
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Melissa Quiambao: (203) 248-8262
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www.KinderCare.com

K'tanim Nursery School at Temple Beth

Sholom ❖★✓ (ages 2 to 5)
1809 Whitney Avenue
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Sheryl Sadinsky: (203) 288-7748
sher930@snet.net
www.tbshamden.com

Mishkan Israel Nursery School & Day Care ▲❖

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Susan Nason: (203) 288-2375
sperry@cmihamden.org
www.cmihamden.org

Oakwood Child Care Center ▲❖

495 Benham Street
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oakwoodchildcarecenter@gmail.com

Over the Rainbow ▲❖

310 Broadway
Hamden, CT 06518
Jamie Moran: (203) 287-0345
www.overtherainbowkids.com

Sacred Heart Nursery & Kindergarten ●❖

261 Benham Street
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St. Rita Day Care Center ▲❖

30 Gillies Road
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St. Rita PreK ●❖✓

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stritaschool.org

St. Stephen PreK [4 year olds] ✓

418 Ridge Road
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Shining Stars Child Care, LLC ▲❖

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Sleeping Giant Day Care, Inc. ●\$❖★

11 Pine Street
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Spring Glen Church Nursery School ●✓

1825 Whitney Avenue
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Sunshine Preschool ▲\$❖

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Tender Care Learning Center ▲❖★

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The Smart Start Preschool & Learning Center ▲❖

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Whitneyville Innovative Learning Center ●❖✓

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Young Hearts Day Care Center ▲❖

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