

Safe and Sound Daycare 2 ▲❖

8 Scribner Avenue

CONTACT: Danielle Mendence

PHONE: 203-642-3747

EMAIL: babreu@sbscharter.org

WEBSITE: www.sbscharter.org

HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years

Side by Side Charter School

10 Chestnut Street

Admission is by lottery. Call for Open House dates/application

CONTACT: Beatriz Abreu

PHONE: 203-857-0306 (Fax: 203-838-2666)

EMAIL: babreu@sbscharter.org

WEBSITE: www.sbscharter.org

HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, school year

Toni's Daycare ▲

14 Parkhill Avenue

CONTACT: Toni Penna/Toni Murphy

PHONE: 203-866-0766

HOURS: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, extended hours available

Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center ▲❖

466 Main Avenue

CONTACT: Jennifer Clancy

PHONE: 203-846-6046

EMAIL: 6662@tutortime.com

HOURS: Full- and part-time, 6 weeks - 5 years old
6:30 am - 6:30 pm. Half-day rates apply to
5 hours or less per day (ie; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

United Church Nursery School +

210 Rowayton Avenue

CONTACT: Paula Keller

PHONE: 203-853-3554

WEBSITE: www.unitedchurchnurseryschool.org

HOURS: Part-time programs available for children
ages 2 - 4.

West Norwalk Nursery School

275 Richards Avenue

CONTACT: Anette Webb

PHONE: 203-853-9060

WEBSITE: www.uuc.org

HOURS: Part-time, 9:00 am - Noon or 12:15 - 3:15 pm

★ NAEYC Accreditation

NAEYC is the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The NAEYC accreditation process examines all aspects of a program - including health and safety, teacher qualifications, and administration - especially the quality of interactions between teachers and children and the nature of the child's experience.

◆ School Readiness Programs

School Readiness is a state funded subsidy program that helps families afford a quality early childcare program. Programs in Norwalk are closely monitored by the Norwalk Early Childhood Council for quality. School Readiness programs provide a quality preschool program on a sliding fee scale for 3-4 year olds whose families qualify for tuition assistance determined by family size and income.

● Head Start Programs

Head Start is a Federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in many areas such as language, literacy and social and emotional development. Head Start emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher. These programs help build relationships with families that support family well-being and many other important areas. The program is provided at no cost to qualifying families.

♥ Child Daycare Contract Funded Programs

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❖ Care 4 Kids

Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for childcare costs.
www.ctcare4kids.com

Why Preschool?

For many children, preschool is their first experience in a structured setting with teachers and groups of children. It's an opportunity to learn to share, follow instructions and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Staff at high-quality preschools will help your child learn and grow socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically through play and developmentally appropriate activities.

Finding the best option for your child takes time. Call each preschool you are considering and ask about its fees, admission policy and what they teach. Visit the preschools that you think will best meet your needs and spend time in a classroom to observe.

Things To Consider When Choosing a Preschool for Your Child

- Is it close to home or work?
- Do you need half day or a full day?
- Do you need 2-3 days a week or full time?
- Is the preschool clean and safe?
- Is there an outdoor play area?
- Are there different activity areas in the classroom?
- Are there lots of materials and books?
- Is there student work on the walls?
- What early childhood credentials do the staff have?
- Is the atmosphere friendly and fun?
- Are parents welcome to visit and observe their child?

Information adapted from: Parents.com *Why Preschool Matters*



NORWALK

Early Childhood



Norwalk Early Childhood Council

Early Care and Education Guide

For more information contact the Norwalk Early Childhood Office:
203-854-4148 or
2-1-1 Childcare Infoline
211childcare.org

Disclaimer: The information in this guide is included for your convenience only and should not be considered an endorsement or recommendation.

A Kid's Place ▲

10 Elmwood Avenue
CONTACT: Francine Mercer
PHONE: 203-899-0091
EMAIL: akpdirector@gmail.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for 12 weeks – 5 years

Apple Tree Preschool ❁

131 Strawberry Hill Avenue
Choose 2 - 5 days • Summer program
CONTACT: Gerri Flewellyn
PHONE: 203-866-8933
EMAIL: gerriappletree@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.appletreepreschoolct.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
Part-time, 9:00 am – 1:00pm / 3:00 pm

Carousel Preschool, LLC ▲★◆❁

25 France Street
CONTACT: Nicole Fagan
PHONE: 203-847-1276
EMAIL: carouselkids1234@aol.com
WEBSITE: www.carouselpreschool.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Children's Playhouse and Children's Playhouse Too!

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112 Bouton Street and 31 West Avenue
CONTACT: Rovitta Paul
PHONE: 203-855-9440
EMAIL: tchidrenply@aol.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Community Cooperative Nursery School +★

4 Trolley Place
CONTACT: Tracy King/Dana Gorman
PHONE: 203-866-2184
EMAIL: info@ccnsct.org
WEBSITE: www.ccnsc.org
HOURS: Part-time programs available for children ages 2 – 4.

Cornerstone Early Learning Center ▲❁

718 West Avenue
CONTACT: Debra Horton
PHONE: 203-831-8349
EMAIL: CELC718@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: www.happykidsatcelc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Extended day until 6:00 pm for 6 weeks – 5 years

ELLI Lab School at Stepping Stones

Museum for Children +★◆❤❁
Mathews Park, 303 West Avenue
CONTACT: Sarra Johnson
PHONE: 203-899-8808
EMAIL: elli@steppingstonesmuseum.org
WEBSITE: www.steppingstonesmuseum.org/elli
HOURS: Full-time Preschool, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm,
extended hours available 7:30 am and/or 6:00 pm.
Full-time Toddlers: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Five Mile River Nursery School +★

5 Pennoyer Street
CONTACT: Lauriston Avery
PHONE: 203-838-4266
EMAIL: director@fmrns.com
WEBSITE: www.fivemilerrivernurseryschool.com
HOURS: Part-time programs available for children ages 2 – 4.

Greater Norwalk Head Start ▲●

165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)
11 Ingalls Avenue (Nathaniel Ely Center)
PHONE: 203-791-5095 (Ben Franklin)
203-791-5090 (Ely)
HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,
extended hours available

Growing Seeds at Ben Franklin +❤❁

165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)
CONTACT: Stephanie Crowell
PHONE: 475-208-6300
EMAIL: growingseeds@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Growing Seeds Child Development Center +★◆❤❁

2 Trinity Place
CONTACT: Stephanie Crowell
PHONE: 203-857-0708
EMAIL: growingseeds@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

L'il Critters Preschool ▲★◆❁

10 Lewis Street
CONTACT: Gay Cavanagh
PHONE: 203-847-4220
EMAIL: galc531@optonline.net
WEBSITE: www.lilcritterspreschool.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for 2 – 4 years,
8:00 am – 5:00 pm for infants and toddlers
Part-time, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Maritime Odyssey Preschool +★◆❤❁

Nathaniel Ely Center
11 Ingalls Avenue
CONTACT: Gayon Mills Austin
PHONE: 203-354-5593
EMAIL: Odysseystinfo@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.odysseyst.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

The Marvin Children's Center ★◆❁

60 Gregory Boulevard
CONTACT: Maria Iacono-Maldonado
PHONE: 203-854-6781
EMAIL: marv@brighthorizons.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Children and seniors interact regularly.

Nitzan Nursery School +

109 East Avenue
CONTACT: Amy Santa Lucia
PHONE: 203-838-6019
EMAIL: nitzan@congbethel.org
WEBSITE: www.congbethel.org
HOURS: Part- and full-time programs available
for children ages 18 months – 4 years.

Norwalk Community College

Child Development Lab School ▲★◆❁

188 Richards Avenue
Families can enroll for 2, 3 or 5 days a week.
CONTACT: Nicole La Bar
PHONE: 203-857-6804
EMAIL: nlabar@norwalk.edu
WEBSITE: www.norwalk.edu/cdls
HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – Noon
(School Readiness 3:00 pm)

Room to Grow ★◆❁

208 East Avenue
CONTACT: Nancy Cook Owens
PHONE: 203-831-8200
EMAIL: nowens@ccfc-ct.org
WEBSITE: www.ccfairfield.org
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Programs follow the Norwalk Public Schools calendar.

Brookside Montessori Preschool

382 Highland Avenue
CONTACT: Marge Faugno
PHONE: 203-899-2830
EMAIL: faugnom@norwalkps.org
HOURS: Full school day, 8:55 am – 3:25 pm, M-F
This is a program for Brookside families interested
in a Montessori education for their child.

ELLI Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms ★◆❁

Fox Run Elementary School: 228 Fillow Street
Jefferson Elementary School: 75 Van Buren Avenue
Kendall Elementary School: 55 Fillow Street
Naramake Elementary School: 16 King Street
CONTACT: Evelyn Martinez
PHONE: 203-854-4113
EMAIL: martinezev@norwalkps.org
WEBSITE: www.norwalkps.org
HOURS: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Norwalk Early Childhood Center ◆

11 Allen Road
CONTACT: Jocelyn Smith
PHONE: 203-945-0320
EMAIL: smithjoc@norwalkps.org
HOURS: Part-day
CONTACT: Evelyn Martinez
PHONE: 203-854-4113
EMAIL: martinezev@norwalkps.org
HOURS: School-day program, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
These inclusionary programs include preschool-aged
children with disabilities and typically developing peers.