

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

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 – 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 program that helps families afford a high-quality early childcare program. Programs are closely monitored by the Norwalk Early Childhood Council. The programs provide a preschool program on a sliding fee scale for children 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 by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. 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

Child Daycare is a state funded subsidy program that helps families afford a quality early childcare program. Programs are closely monitored by the Norwalk Early Childhood Council. The programs provide a high-quality toddler and preschool program on a sliding fee scale for children whose families qualify for tuition assistance determined by family size and income.

❁ Care 4 Kids

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

❖ NEASC Accreditation

New England Association of Schools and Colleges is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization. Accreditation attests to a school's high quality and integrity.

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

All Saints Catholic School Preschool ❖

139 West Rocks Road

CONTACT: Denise Vuoso

PHONE: 203-847-3881

EMAIL: dvuoso@ascsc.net

WEBSITE: www.allsaintsnorwalk.com

HOURS: 7:45 am-1:45 pm with extended day option until 5:45pm

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

Bright Beginnings

Early Childhood Program ▲❖

517 Westport Avenue

CONTACT: Bess Morrell, Director

PHONE: 203-939-1700

EMAIL: bbnorwalk@bbecp.com

WEBSITE: www.bbepc.com

HOURS: 7:00 am – 6:30 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.ccnsct.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.fivemilervernurseryschool.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 SantaLucia

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)

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.

▲ Infant/Toddler

+ Toddler

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