Safe and Sound Daycare 2
8 Scribner Avenue
CONTACT: Danielle Mendence
PHONE: 203-642-3747
EMAIL: dmendence354@gmail.com
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 Areu
PHONE: 203-857-0306 (Fax: 203-838-2666)
EMAIL: babreu@sidcharter.org
WEBSITE: www.sidcharter.org
HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, school year

Temple Shalom Preschool
253 Richards Avenue
CONTACT: Stacey Cohen
PHONE: 203-866-0148
EMAIL: ekochdrc@templeshalomweb.org
HOURS: Full-time, 8:00 am - 6 pm
Part-time, 9:00 am - noon/2 pm

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: 203-846-6045
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

West Norwalk Nursery School
275 Richards Avenue
CONTACT: Annette 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 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

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

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A Kid’s Place
10 Elmwood Avenue
CONTACT: Francine Mercer
PHONE: 203-859-0091
EMAIL: akdirectory@gmail.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for 2 - 5 days

All Saints Catholic School Preschool
139 West Rocks Road
CONTACT: Denise Vusso
PHONE: 203-847-3881
EMAIL: dvusso@ascsc.net
WEBSITE: www.allsaintsnorwalk.com
HOURS: 7:45 am-1:45 pm with extended day option until 5:45 pm

Anna & Jack’s Treehouse
770 Connecticut Avenue
6 weeks – 5 years old, after school care up to grade 4
TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE
CONTACT: Christina and Rob Rubicco
PHONE: 914-482-2888
EMAIL: Rob@thetreehouses.org / Christina@thetreehouses.org
WEBSITE: www.annaandjacks.com
HOURS: Full-time, 6:00am – 7:30pm

Apple Tree Preschool
131 Strawberry Hill Avenue
Choose 2 - 5 days • Summer program
CONTACT: Gerry Fishwain
PHONE: 203-866-8933
EMAIL: gerriapfleeter@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.appletreeschoolct.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Part-time, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / 3:00 pm

Bright Beginnings
Early Childhood Program
517 Westport Avenue
CONTACT: Ridhita Gupta
PHONE: 203-959-7701
EMAIL: bbnorwalk@bbcpc.com
WEBSITE: www.bbccp.com
HOURS: 7:00 am – 6:30 pm

Carousel Preschool, LLC
25 France Street
CONTACT: Nicole Fagan
PHONE: 203-847-1276
EMAIL: carousel1276@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.carouselpreschool.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Children’s Playhouse Inc.
112 Bouton Street
CONTACT: Rosvita Paul
PHONE: 203-855-9494
EMAIL: tchdrenply@aol.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Children’s Playhouse Too!
31 West Avenue
CONTACT: Tasha Spaulding
PHONE: 203-696-0051
EMAIL: tchdrenply@aol.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Community Cooperative Nursery School
4 Trolley Place
CONTACT: Gina Ely
PHONE: 203-866-2184
EMAIL: info@ccnsct.org
WEBSITE: www.ccnsct.org
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Extended day until 6:00 pm for 6 weeks – 5 years

Cornerstone Early Learning Center
718 West Avenue
CONTACT: Debra Horton
PHONE: 203-831-8349
EMAIL: info@cornerstoneearlylearningctr.com
WEBSITE: www.happykidsatslc.com
HOURS: Full-time pre-school, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Extended hours, 7:30am and/or 5:30pm Full-time Toddlers, 7:30pm – 5:30pm

Ellie Lab School at Stepping Stones
Museum for Children
Mathews Park, 303 West Avenue
CONTACT: Andrea Miladin
PHONE: 203-895-8808
EMAIL: ellie@steppingstonesmuseum.org
WEBSITE: www.steppingstonesmuseum.org/ellie
HOURS: Full-time preschool, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Extended hours, 7:30am and/or 5:30pm Full-time Toddlers, 7:30pm – 5:30pm

Five Mile River Nursery School
5 Penoyer Street
CONTACT: Lauriston Avery
PHONE: 203-838-4266
EMAIL: director@fmrs.com
WEBSITE: www.fivemilerivernurseryschool.com

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 Crosswell
PHONE: 475-208-6300
EMAIL: growingseeds@bscglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Growing Seeds Child Development Center
2 Trinity Place
CONTACT: Stephanie Crosswell
PHONE: 203-831-8051
EMAIL: growingseeds@bscglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

L’Italott’s Preschool
10 Lewis Street
CONTACT: Gay Cavanagh
PHONE: 203-847-4220
EMAIL: galc531@optonline.net
WEBSITE: www.litalottspreschool.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: Donald Austin
PHONE: 475-215-8100
EMAIL: odysseyenrollment@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.odysseyct.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 3:00 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: 203-838-6159
EMAIL: nitzan@congbethel.org
WEBSITE: www.congbethel.org
HOURS: School-day program, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

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: 203-895-6804
EMAIL: nilabar@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: 203-899-2830
EMAIL: nnowens@ctcf-ct.org
WEBSITE: www.ctcfairfield.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, 8:00 am – 3:30 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 Willow Street
Jefferson Elementary School: 75 Van Buren Avenue
Kendall Elementary School: 55 Fisher Street
Naramake Elementary School: 16 King Street
CONTACT: Jamie Zyla
PHONE: 203-854-4114
EMAIL: zylaj@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: Jamie Zyla
PHONE: 203-854-4114
EMAIL: zylaj@norwalkps.org
WEBSITE: www.norwalkps.org
HOURS: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

These inclusionary programs include preschool-aged children with disabilities and typically developing peers.

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