

How old does my child have to be to enroll?

- ◆ Children must be at least 3 years old by January 1st to enroll in a pre-k program.
- ◆ Infants must be at least 6 weeks old for group care.
- ◆ Some providers may require infants to be older.

How do I enroll my child?

- ◆ To enroll in a community-based program, parents must inquire with each program.
- ◆ An application for NHPS Head Start or School Readiness begins with an appointment at the Pre-K Registration Office at 80 Hamilton Street.
- ◆ The Magnet Schools have a separate application process. Applications become available in January, are due in February and selections are made in March. For more information visit the New Haven Public Schools website at www.newhavenmagnetschools.com

When should I start looking for a Pre-K?

- ◆ January is the time to begin calling community pre-k programs to visit & complete the School Readiness application.
- ◆ NHPS School Readiness or Head Start registration office can be contacted in April.

How much will it cost?

- ◆ The State-funded School Readiness program requires parents pay a fee. The fee is based on parent income, family size and is set by the State. In some cases, parents pay no fees.
- ◆ Head Start school day programs are free.
- ◆ Magnet pre-k programs are free.

How can I get a list of programs or find more info?

Visit these website or call...

www.nhps.net

www.211childcare.org or call 211

www.NHECC.org or call School Readiness 203-497-7048

Family Childcare

- Services offered in the provider's home.
- Providers can care for up to 6 full time children & 3 school aged children
- Providers can care for only 2 children under the age of two years, unless the provider has an assistant
- Some providers offer flexible hours
- For names of family child care providers near you, call 1-800-505-1000 or visit the Infoline website www.211childcare.org

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Licensing The Office of Early Childhood's Child Care Licensing Unit is responsible for licensing, monitoring and following up on complaints for all family child care homes and center-based programs. Licensing sets health and safety standards and basic requirements for programs, classrooms and teaching staff.

Center-based early care and education

- ◆ Provide services to 7 or more children.
- ◆ Children under age 3 years must be in groups of 8 or less children with at least one adult for every four children.
- ◆ Children ages 3-5 years in groups no larger than 20 children with at least one adult for every 10 children.
- ◆ Programs in public or private elementary schools are exempt from licensing, all others must be licensed.

Accreditation

- ◆ Several national organizations offer accreditation to early care and education programs.
- ◆ Accreditation guidelines expand on licensing requirements and are generally stricter than licensing.
- ◆ Accreditation is voluntary and not required by law.
- ◆ NAFCC-National Association of Family Child Care accredits family child care homes.
- ◆ NAEYC- National Association for the Education of Young Children accredits centers.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs must be in compliance with the Head Start Performance Standards.



Guide to Early Care and Education Programs in New Haven

This Guide was developed to help parents with children age 6 weeks to 5 years find a quality program that meets the needs of their family. Programs can have many different names- child care, preschool, family childcare, Head Start, and School Readiness to name a few. Some are free, some charge a parent fee and the hours of service vary. It can be confusing!

The New Haven Early Childhood Council, in partnership with New Haven Public Schools and the City of New Haven, created this Guide to help parents navigate through the terms and the many options available in our city.

The NHECC mission is: All New Haven children, birth to age 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.

For more info, visit the website www.nhecc.org



New Haven School Change
NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pre-K, Day Care, Head Start, Magnet, School Readiness...

What's the difference?

Questions Parents Frequently Ask

What's in a name? Here's a brief guide of the terms used to describe early care and education programs for children age 6 weeks to 5 years.

- The names noted above are used to describe programs for children ages three to five years of age
- The length of day can be 3 hours to 10 hours
- Most programs require children come 5 days a week and some may offer a 2 or 3 day a week option
- Programs may be operated by a non-profit community organization, a for-profit owner, or a public institution such as a public school or college

Early Head Start is a program for low income families with children age 6 weeks to 3 years.

- Lulac Head Start (203-836-5850) and United Way of Greater New Haven (203-691-4227) have lists of openings in the city
- Early Head Start is in centers & family childcare homes
- Program is free to families who qualify.

Head Start is a program for low income families with children age 3 and 4 years.

- Lulac Head Start & NHPS offer Head Start
- Program is free to families who qualify.

School Readiness is a pre-k program for children ages 3 and 4 years.

- School Readiness is offered in many community programs and New Haven Public Schools
- Fees for school readiness spaces are based on a sliding fee scale set by the State of Connecticut

Magnet Pre-K classrooms are for children ages 3 and 4

- Magnet pre-k space guarantees a kindergarten space in the same school.
- Magnet spaces are free.

Head Start & School Readiness Funded Programs

Bethesda Nursery School ♦\$•A
305 St. Ronan St. (203) 787-5439
www.bethesdanurseryschool.org

**Catholic Charities
Centro San Jose** ♦\$•A
290 Grand Ave. (203) 777-5068
www.ccaoh.org

**Catholic Charities
Child Develop Center** ♦\$•A
790 Grand Ave. (203) 772-1131
www.ccaoh.org

**Creating Kids
CT Children's Museum** ▲♦\$•A
22 Wall St. (203) 562-5437
www.connecticutchildrensmuseum.org

**Early Learning Center
Gateway Community College** ♦\$•A
20 Church St. (203) 285-2131
www.gatewayct.edu

**Elizabeth Celotto Child Care
Center** ▲\$•A#
181 Mitchell Dr. (203) 497-7455
Serve teen parents only
www.parentingstudents.org

**Farnam Neighborhood House
Nursery School** ♦\$•A
162 Fillmore St. (203) 562-9194
www.farnamcommunity.org

Friends Ctr for Children ▲♦\$•A
227 East. Grand Ave. (203) 468-1966
www.friendscenterforchildren.org

Leila Day Nursery ♦\$•A
100 Cold Spring St. (203) 624-1374
www.leiladay.org

**Lulac Head Start
Faye Miller Center** ▲♦\$•A
250 Cedar St. (203) 836-5850
www.lulacheadStart.org

**Lulac Head Start
Mill River Center** ▲♦\$•A
375 James St. (203) 836-5850
www.lulacheadStart.org

Lulac Crossroads Center ▲♦\$•A
54 E Ramsdell St. (203) 836-5850
www.lulacheadStart.org

**Montessori School
on Edgewood** ▲♦\$•A
230 Edgewood Ave. (203) 772-3210
www.montessori-nh.org

The Little Schoolhouse ▲♦\$•A
1440 Whalley Ave. (203) 389-6372

Morning Glory Early Learning Ctr
♦\$•A
1859 Chapel St. (203) 389-4148
www.mgelc.com

MG Parmelee Center ▲♦\$•A
49 Parmelee Ave. (203) 789-9902
www.mgelc.com

New Haven Public Schools School Readiness (203) 946-8446 www.nhps.net

Bishop Woods ♦\$•A#
1481 Quinpiac Ave.

Columbus Family Academy ♦\$•A#
255 Blatchley Ave.

Troup ♦\$•A#
259 Edgewood Ave.

East Rock School ♦\$•A#
133 Nash St.

Hill Central ♦\$•A#
140 DeWitt St.

Nathan Hale ♦\$•A#
480 Townsend Ave.

Wexler Grant ♦\$•A#
55 Foote St.

New Haven Public School Head Start (203) 946-6950 www.nhps.net

Early Childhood Learning Center ♦#
495 Blake St.

Fair Haven School ♦#
164 Grand Ave.

Helene Grant ♦#
540 Ella Grasso Blvd.

Jepson School ♦#
15 Lexington Ave.

John Martinez School Head Start ♦#
100 James St.

Lincoln Bassett ♦#
130 Bassett St.

Truman School ♦#
114 Truman St.

Zigler ♦#
81 Olive St.

St. Andrews Childcare Center ▲♦\$•A
1230 Townsend Ave. (203) 469-9000

St. Aedan Pre K ♦\$•A
351 McKinley Ave. (203) 387-5693
www.st.aedan-brendanschool.org

St. Francis St. Rose PreK ♦\$•A
423 Ferry St. (203) 777-5352
www.st.franceschool.org

United Community ♦\$•A
323 Temple St. (203) 782-0141
www.unitednewhaven.org

Westville Community Nursery
♦\$•A#
3 Tour Ave. (203) 387-6660
www.wcnisplay2learn.org/

Yale-NH Hosp. DC Center ▲♦\$•A
20 York St.

(203) 688-5247 / (203) 688-3810
www.yale.edu/hronline/daycare/
childcarecenters/ynhh.html

**Yale New Haven Hospital -
Saint Raphael Campus** ▲♦\$•A
1450 Chapel St. (203) 789-3673

Yale-Calvin Hill ♦\$•A
150 Highland St. (203) 764-9350
www.calvinhilldaycare.org

Yale-E. B. Jackson ▲♦\$•A
405 Canner St. #1 (203) 764-9416
www.ebjchildcare.org

Yale-Phyllis Bodel ▲♦\$•A
367 Cedar St. (203) 785-3829
www.bodelchildcare.org

YMCA - Childcare ♦\$•A
52 Howe St. (203) 776-9622
www.cccymca.org/locations/new-haven

Non-Funded Sites

**Neighborhood Music School
Preschool & Toddler Program** ▲♦#
100 Audubon St. (203) 624-5189
www.neighborhoodmusicschool.org

Children's Preschool ♦•A
608 Whitney Ave. (203) 777-2491
www.thechildrenspreschool.com

Kindercare Learning Center ▲♦•
555 Long Wharf Dr. (203) 865-0020
www.kindercare.com

Kiddie Korner Day Care ♦•
795 Grand Ave. (203) 865-4270

Advance Child Care Center ♦•
65 Kensington St. (203) 562-1916

**Hope Child Development
Center** ▲♦•
1 Long Wharf Dr. (203) 865-4673
www.hopefornewhaven.org

**Bumble Bee Academy &
Preschool** ▲♦•
514 Orchard St. (203) 404-0443

**The Heritage of Parents
Daycare Center** ▲♦•
1399 State St. (203) 789-0052

**Little Sprouts Learning Center &
Day Care** ▲♦
515 Middletown Ave. (203) 624-5439

The Nest at Alphabet Academy
▲♦•
350 Canner St. (203) 436-2378
www.TheAlphabetAcademy.com

The F.A.I.T.H. Center ▲♦
165 Sheffield Ave. (203) 823-9555

Creative M.E. ▲♦•
410 Blake St. (203) 772-1436

**First Step Child Care & Learning
Center** ▲♦•
126 Grand Ave. (203) 889-1307

**First Step Childcare / Christian
Academy** ▲♦•
95 Hamilton St. (203) 889-1307

**Centro Renacer Child Care
Learning** ▲♦\$•
672 Congress Ave. (203) 996-7143

**Yale Law School
Early Learning Center** ▲A
127 Wall St. (203) 432-7640
www.yale.edu/hronline/daycare/
childcarecenters/law.html

▲ = 6 weeks - 3 years
♦ = 3-5 years
\$ = Sliding Fee Scale
• = Care4Kids
A = NAEYC Accredited
= School Year Only